

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2019**

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Physician Assistant Committee was called to order at 2:13 p.m. by Tamara Dolphens, PA-C, Chairperson, in the Licensure Unit LU 1 Meeting Room, 1st Floor of the Nebraska State Office Building, located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Agenda was sent to the Board members and other interested parties and was posted on the bulletin board on the 1st floor of the NSOB prior to the meeting. The following members answered the initial roll call:

Tamara Dolphens, PA-C, Chairperson
David Hoelting, MD, Vice-Chair
Tom Bassett, Secretary
Michael Bittles, MD
Kathleen Tonkin, PA-C

Absent: None

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened. Present from the Department was Jesse Cushman, Program Manager; Jan Gadeken-Harris, Health Licensing Coordinator; Anna Harrison, Compliance Monitor; Lisa Anderson, Assistant Attorney General; Kathleen Krueger, Investigator, Department of Investigations.

Dolphens announced that there is a copy of all the public documents being reviewed at this meeting available in the meeting room pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Hoelting moved, seconded by Bassett, to adopt the agenda as presented. Voting aye: Bassett, Bittles, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bassett moved, seconded by Hoelting, to approve the meeting minutes of August 03, 2018 as written. Voting aye: Bassett, Bittles, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF THE METHOD BY WHICH THIS BODY WILL GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE OF ITS MEETINGS

Harris explained that the Board needs to inform the public each year the method by which the Board will provide notice of their meetings. In the past, the Board had chosen to post meeting agendas on the Bulletin Board at the Nebraska State Office Building, to e-mail agendas to the interested parties list, and to post agendas on the Department's website. Hoelting moved, seconded by Bassett, to continue the same method that the Department has been using to provide public notice of this Board's meetings by posting meeting agendas at the Nebraska State Office Building, by e-mailing agendas to the interested parties list, and by posting agendas on the Department's website. Voting aye: Bassett, Bittles, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS – CLOSED SESSION

Hoelting moved, seconded by Bittles, to go into closed session at 2:15 p.m. for the purpose of review and discussion of investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Voting aye: Bassett, Bittles, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Tonkin moved, seconded by Bassett to return to open session at 2:45 p.m. Voting aye: Bassett, Bittles, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT APPLICATION REVIEW – OPEN SESSION

ACKMAN, VALERIE L, PA - application for a Physician Assistant License: Tonkin moved, seconded by Hoelting to recommend issuing a license to practice as a physician assistant. Voting aye: Bassett, Bittles, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

SEARS, NICOLE MARIE, PA - application for a Physician Assistant License: Bittles moved, seconded by Hoelting to recommend issuing a license to practice as a physician assistant. Voting aye: Bassett, Bittles, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

KUDRON, CHRISTOPHER SCOTT. PA - application for a Reinstatement after Voluntary surrender of a Physician Assistant License: Hoelting moved, seconded by Bassett to recommend denial of a reinstatement license to practice as a physician assistant. Denial was based on lack of sufficient evidence to show a change in circumstances of previous convictions and discipline. Voting aye: Bassett, Bittles, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

FYI'S

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Part D Opioid Tip Sheets – There were no comments or discussion from the committee members at this time.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Hoelting moved, seconded by Tonkin, to keep the officers the same for 2019 as in 2018. 2019 Officers will be Tamara Dolphens, Chairperson, David Hoelting, Vice-Chairperson and Tom Bassett, Secretary. Voting aye: Bassett, Bittles, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Tonkin moved, seconded by Bittles to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m. Voting aye: Bassett, Bittles, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

Tom Bassett, Secretary
Physician Assistant Committee