

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE  
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES  
February 22, 2019**

**ROLL CALL**

The meeting of the Physician Assistant Committee was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Tamara Dolphens, PA-C, Chairperson, in the Licensure Unit LU 1 Meeting Room, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
Michael Bittles, MD  
Kathleen Tonkin, PA-C

Absent: Tom Bassett, Secretary

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened. Present from the Department was Jesse Cushman, Program Manager; Jan Gadeken-Harris, Health Licensing Coordinator and Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Hoelting moved, seconded by Bittles, to approve the meeting minutes of January 04, 2019 as written. Voting aye: Bittles, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bassett. Motion carried.

**INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS – CLOSED SESSION**

Hoelting moved, seconded by Bittles, to go into closed session at 2:05 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: Bittles, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bassett. Motion carried.

Bittles moved, seconded by Hoelting, to open the session at 2:13 p.m. Voting aye: Bittles, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bassett. Motion carried.

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT APPLICATION REVIEW – OPEN SESSION**

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

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

FINKER, JOHN, MD, PA SUPERVISOR - application for a Request to Waive the no more than four (4) PA's under supervision. Hoelting moved, seconded by Bittles, to approve the waiver for up to seven (7) PA's that Dr. Finker may supervise at any one time. If the need would arise to have more than seven (7) to supervise, a new application must be applied. Voting aye: Bittles, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bassett. Motion carried.

## **2019 LEGISLATION UPDATES**

Updates of the different legislative bills that are being followed by the Physician Assistant Committee were discussed.

The following list of bills were available for review by the committee prior to the meeting:

LB29 - Provide and eliminate telehealth provisions

LB37 - Change the Podiatry Practice Act to authorize a physician assistant to assist a podiatrist

LB489 - Require registration for the prescription drug monitoring system

LB557 - Change provisions relating to prescriptions for controlled substances

## **FYI'S**

A. Nebraska LAP Newsletter – At this time the Committee members have no comments.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Hoelting moved, seconded by Tonkins to adjourn the meeting at 2:28 p.m. Voting aye: Bittles, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bassett. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

\*signature available upon request\*

Tom Bassett, Secretary  
Physician Assistant Committee