

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES
March 29, 2019**

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Physician Assistant Committee was called to order at 2:00 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 Committee 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
Kathleen Tonkin, PA-C

Absent: Michael Bittles, MD

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hoelting moved, seconded by Tonkin, to approve the meeting minutes of February 22, 2019 as written. Voting aye: Bassett, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bittles. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS – CLOSED SESSION

Hoelting moved, seconded by Bassett, to go into closed session at 2:04 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, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bittles. Motion carried.

Hoelting moved, seconded by Tonkin, to open the session at 2:15 p.m. Voting aye: Bassett, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bittles. Motion carried.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT APPLICATION REVIEW – OPEN SESSION

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

LUJAN, CRISTIAN, PA - application for a Reinstatement of a Physician Assistant License: Tonkin moved, seconded by Hoelting to table the recommendation for more information. Voting aye: Bassett, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bittles. 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.

Current Status: Approved by the Governor March 21, 2019

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

Current Status: March 27, 2019 – MO33 Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f) filed

LB489 - Require registration for the prescription drug monitoring system

Current Status: Notice of hearing for March 28, 2019

LB557 - Change provisions relating to prescriptions for controlled substances

Current Status: No change

REGULATIONS UPDATE

The Department of Health and Human Services was given an Executive Order by the Governor's office to eliminate language from Regulations that already is stated in the Statutes and or the Uniform Credentialing Act. Therefore the proposed updates were reviewed by the Physician Assistant Committee for Nebraska Administrative Code Title 172, Chapter 90, Practice of Physician Assistant Regulations. Hoelting moved, seconded by Bassett to approve the proposed updates. Voting aye: Bassett, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bittles. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Tonkin moved, seconded by Hoelting to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m. Voting aye: Bassett, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: Bittles. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

Tom Bassett, Secretary
Physician Assistant Committee