

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES
May 31, 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: John Massey, MD

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened. Present from the Department was Jesse Cushman, Program Manager; and Lisa Anderson, 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: Bassett, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: Massey. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hoelting moved, seconded by Bassett, to approve the meeting minutes of March 29, 2019 as written. Voting aye: Bassett, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: Massey. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS – CLOSED SESSION

Hoelting moved, seconded by Tonkin, 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: Massey. Motion carried.

Hoelting moved, seconded by Tonkin, to open the session at 2:14 p.m. Voting aye: Bassett, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: Massey. Motion carried.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT APPLICATION REVIEW – OPEN SESSION

RICHARDSON, STEVEN FREDERICK, PA - application for a Physician Assistant License: Hoelting moved, seconded by Bassett to recommend issuing a license to practice as a physician assistant. Voting aye: Bassett, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: Massey. 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: Indefinitely postponed

LB489 - Require registration for the prescription drug monitoring system

Current Status: No change

LB557 - Change provisions relating to prescriptions for controlled substances

Current Status: No change

The Committee had no further comments on the Legislation.

REGULATIONS UPDATE

There are no updates at this time.

CREDENTIALING REVIEW (407) PROGRAM

The Credentialing Review (407) Program was created to review proposals for changes in scope of practice or for new credentialing on the part of representatives of Nebraska health professions.

The Credentialing Review 407 Program announced the beginning of a Credentialing Review of a proposal from Nebraska's Physician Assistants to make changes in their current licensure statute.

Credentialing review is a three-stage process conducted by the following review bodies in the following order:

- 1.The technical review committee
- 2.The review of the State Board of Health
- 3.The review of the Director of the Division of Public Health

The Technical Review Committee meeting was held on May 30, 2019 and there is a second meeting scheduled for June 24, 2019. To review the (NAPA) Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants Letter of Intent, the minutes from the first meeting and the upcoming agenda, please visit the DHHS website. <http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Credentialing-Review-Physician-Assistant.aspx>

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Hoelting moved, seconded by Tonkin to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m. Voting aye: Bassett, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: Massey. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

Tom Bassett, Secretary
Physician Assistant Committee