

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2020**

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Physician Assistant Committee was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Kathleen Tonkin, PA-C, at the Staybridge Suites Meeting Room, located at 2700 Fletcher Avenue, 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:

Corrigan McBride, MD (via telephone)
Merle Henkenius
John Massey, MD
Kathleen Tonkin, PA-C (via telephone)

Absent: Tamara Dolphens, PA-C, Chairperson

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened. Present from the Department was Jesse Cushman, Program Manager; Vonda Apking, Health Licensing Coordinator and Melissa Johnson-Wiles, Assistant Attorney General.

Tonkin 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

Tonkin moved, seconded by Massey, to adopt the agenda as presented. Voting aye: Henkenius, Massey and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Abstain: McBride. Absent: Dolphens. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Massey moved, seconded by Henkenius, to approve the meeting minutes of November 22, 2019 as written. Voting aye: Henkenius, Massey and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Abstain: McBride. Absent: Dolphens. Motion carried.

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

Apking 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. Henkenius moved, seconded by Massey, 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: Henkenius, Massey and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Abstain: McBride. Absent: Dolphens. Motion carried.

2020 LEGISLATION UPDATES

LB772 - Change the scope of practice for physician assistants

Current Status: Introduced on January 8, 2020. Referred to the Health and Human Services Committee on January 10, 2020.

To learn more about LB772, please visit:

<https://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/106/PDF/Intro/LB772.pdf>

LB922 - Require electronic issuance of prescriptions for controlled substances as prescribed
Current Status: Introduced January 10, 2020.

To learn more about LB922, please visit:

<https://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/106/PDF/Intro/LB922.pdf>

If there are any other legislative bills the Committee would like to review, please forward this information to Jesse Cushman, Program Manager so they can be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

REGULATIONS UPDATE

At this time a Public Hearing has not been scheduled for Title 172 Chapter 90, proposed amendments to the Licensure and Supervision of Physician Assistants.

For updates on the schedule for Public Hearing Notices for Draft Regulations, please visit the Secretary of State website link listed below.

<https://www.nebraska.gov/nesos/rules-and-regs/regtrack/index.cgi>

CREDENTIALING REVIEW (407) PROGRAM

Staff provided the revised Proposal and Summary to the Revised Proposal to the Committee members. The minutes from the 407 Credentialing Review Program's Technical Review Committee were provided for meetings held from May 2019 through October 2019.

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Credentialing-Review-Physician-Assistant.aspx>

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS – CLOSED SESSION

Massey moved, seconded by Tonkin, to go into closed session at 2:20 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: Henkenius, Massey and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Abstain: McBride. Absent: Dolphens. Motion carried.

Massey moved, seconded by Henkenius, to open the session at 2:41 p.m. Voting aye: Henkenius, Massey and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Abstain: McBride. Absent: Dolphens. Motion carried.

APPLICATION(S) REVIEW – OPEN SESSION

No application to review at this time.

FYI(S)

No comments at this time.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PER DIEM AND TIME FRAME FOR PREPARATION OF AGENDA ITEM DOCUMENTS

Cushman explained the process of paying per diems for certain activities of the Board and the time frame of preparing agenda items for the Board to review. The agenda is normally made available to the Committee members and public at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

Massey moved, seconded by Henkenius, to have the Department continuing paying per diems as currently effective which is \$50 per diem for meeting days, and any travel days. Also included are days spent at non-board meetings where the individual is representing the Nebraska Physician Assistant Committee, as well as any travel days associated with those meetings. Voting aye: Henkenius, Massey and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Abstain: McBride. Absent: Dolphens. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Tonkin moved, seconded by Massey to adjourn the meeting at 2:52 p.m. Voting aye: Henkenius, Massey and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Abstain: McBride. Absent: Dolphens. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

Kathleen Tonkin, PA-C
Physician Assistant Committee