

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2020**

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 (via telephone)
Corrigan McBride, MD
Merle Henkenius (via telephone)
John Massey, MD

Absent: Kathleen Tonkin, PA-C

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Massey moved, seconded by McBride, to approve the meeting minutes of January 10, 2020 as written. Voting aye: Dolphens, Henkenius, Massey and McBride. Voting nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Tonkin. Motion carried.

Kathleen Tonkin, PA-C joined the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

2020 LEGISLATION UPDATES

LB772 - Change the scope of practice for physician assistants
Current Status: Notice of hearing for January 24, 2020
For recent updates and 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: Notice of hearing for January 30, 2020.
For recent updates and to learn more about LB922, please visit:
<https://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/106/PDF/Intro/LB922.pdf>

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>

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS – CLOSED SESSION

Tonkin moved, seconded by McBride, to go into closed session at 2:12 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: Dolphens, Henkenius, Massey, McBride and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Massey moved, seconded by McBride, to open the session at 2:18 p.m. Voting aye: Dolphens, Henkenius, Massey, McBride and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

APPLICATION(S) REVIEW – OPEN SESSION

SIMPSON, REBECCA, PA - application for Reinstatement of a Physician Assistant License: Massey moved, seconded by McBride to recommend issuing a reinstatement license to practice as a Physician Assistant. Voting aye: Dolphens, Henkenius, Massey, McBride and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

RECRUITING FOR A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MEMBER FOR THE EMS BOARD

There is an opening for a PA member on the EMS Board. This is a Governor appointed position, and to apply, an Application for Executive Appointment must be submitted, go to:

<https://governor.nebraska.gov/board-comm-reg>

This board meets about 6 times per year.

Requirements for the Physician Assistant Member:

- Licensed as a Physician Assistant in Nebraska
- Five (5) years of experience as a Physician Assistant
- Active in out-of-hospital emergency medical care education

There is also an opening for an Advanced EMT member for this board.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Massey moved, seconded by McBride to elect new officers for 2020 as follows:

Chairperson: Tamara A. Dolphens, PA-C

Vice Chairperson: Kathleen M. Tonkin, PA-C

Secretary: Merle J. Henkenius

Voting aye: Dolphens, Henkenius, Massey, McBride and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Abstain: None.

Absent: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Tonkin moved, seconded by Massey to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m. Voting aye: Dolphens, Henkenius, Massey, McBride and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

Tamara A. Dolphens, PA-C, Chairperson
Physician Assistant Committee