

Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners

Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

January 19, 2021

Dr. Gregory Ayers called to order the regular meeting of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee at 4:00 p.m. on January 19, 2021 via videoconference.

The following committee members were present via videoconference: Gregory Ayers, M.D., William Suggs, M.D., Nyla Squyres, M.D., John Sullivan, III, M.D., Paul Harrelson, P.A., and Catherine Beckham, P.A. The following staff members were present: Kimie Buley, Burke Britton McMahan, and Effie Hawthorne. Present via teleconference or videoconference was Phillip Kinney.

The committee members approved the minutes from the Tuesday, October 20, 2020 meeting without objection.

Dr. Gregory Ayers called upon Kimie Buley of staff to provide the committee with an update regarding the speakers for the Alabama Society of Physician Assistants 2021 annual conference. At its December 16, 2020 meeting, the Board approved Dr. Gregory Ayers and Dr. William Suggs as speakers for the Alabama Society of Physician Assistant's annual conference. It was noted by Paul Harrelson, P.A. that the annual meeting is subject to a change of date due to the public health emergency.

An update was also provided to the committee by Kimie Buley regarding the committee's recommendation for PAs to inject Botulinum Toxin for hyperhidrosis. At its November 19, 2020 meeting, the Board approved the Advisory Committee's recommendation for PAs to inject Botulinum Toxin for Hyperhidrosis. This item is going before the Joint Committee at its January 19, 2021 meeting regarding CRNP's injecting Botulinum Toxin for Hyperhidrosis.

As well as the update regarding the injection of Botulinum Toxin for hyperhidrosis, an update regarding the modified PA rules and skills, recommended by the committee and approved by the Board, was provided to the committee. The modified PA rules and skills took effect on January 14, 2021. Paul Harrelson, P.A. and Catherine Beckham, P.A. stated that the feedback received on the modified PA rules and skills has been positive.

Dr. Gregory Ayers called upon Kimie Buley for an update on the Board's new website.

Dr. Nyla Squyres shared details for the upcoming CME event, Rocket City Emergency Medicine Conference. For informational purposes, Dr. Gregory Ayers asked Dr. Squyres to provide Kimie Buley with the agenda for this conference so it may be passed along to other agencies.

Dr. Gregory Ayers adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.