

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
**Physician Assistant Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**May 18, 2024**

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The Physician Assistant Committee of the West Virginia Board of Medicine met at 101 Dee Drive, Charleston, West Virginia, on May 18, 2024, at 9:30 am.

The following Committee members were present:

Victoria L. Takubo, PA, Physician Assistant Committee Chair  
Kiran S. Devaraj, MD  
Reverend Janet M. Harman  
Kiran R. Patel, MD  
Russell O. Wooton

The following Staff members were present:

Mark A. Spangler  
Jamie S. Alley, Esq.  
Sara J. Fields  
Greg S. Foster, Esq.  
Jessica N. Luciano  
Sheree J. Thompson

With a quorum present, Ms. Takubo called the meeting to order.

**CALL TO  
ORDER**

The Committee reviewed the minutes from its March 9, 2024, meeting. Dr. Patel moved that the Committee approve the minutes. Rev. Harman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**APPROVAL  
OF  
MINUTES**

At its March 9, 2024 meeting, the Committee reviewed the application of Lemuel Pierre for an interstate telehealth registration. The applicant attended an international medical school. He has not attended physician assistant school and has never sat for the PANCE. He holds physician assistant licensure in one territory and two states. The Committee invited the applicant to meet with the Committee at today’s meeting. Having received the Committee’s invitation, the applicant has requested an accommodation to appear on any day of the week other than a Saturday. Consequently, Mr. Pierre’s appearance will be rescheduled for the Executive Management Committee meeting in July, with the Committee’s chair also participating in the meeting. The Committee expressed its gratitude to the members of the Executive Management Committee for their assistance in granting the applicant’s accommodation request.

The Committee reviewed the following complete applications for initial physician assistant licensure:

<b>PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT APPLICANTS</b>				
1	Kayla	Mae	Binegar	PA
2	Charles	Coit	Chapman	PA
3	Lauren	Elizabeth	Davis	PA
4	Jeffrey	Alton	Lamphere	PA
5	Angelica	Pascone	Martin	PA
6	Kamala	Pham	McNevin	PA
7	Kathi	Renee	O’Neal	PA
8	Alejandra		Patino	PA
9	Adam	Paul	Rinehart	PA
10	Tito		Velasquez	PA

No conflicts having been declared, Rev. Harman moved that the Committee recommend each of the preceding ten applicants for physician assistant licensure. Dr. Devaraj seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**DISCUSSIONS**

The Committee received an inquiry from a PA concerning whether special approval is required for PAs to perform central venous catheter placement. After discussion, Mr. Wooton moved that staff correspond with the requestor, thanking the PA for the submission of supervised logs and notifying the PA that under the current regulatory process established in the amended Physician Assistants Practice Act, decisions concerning most scope of practice issues, including central venous catheter placement, are determined at the practice level by the health care facility, PA and collaborating physician based upon the education, training and experience of the PA. No additional endorsement or authorization from the Board is required. Rev. Harman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Committee received an update on Interstate Telehealth Registration (“ITR”) renewal, which began in February and concluded on March 29, 2024. Twenty-two of twenty-six eligible PAs successfully renewed ITRs this cycle.


Board staff notified the Committee of the following licensure activity in March and April 2024:

**Practice Notifications Processed March/April 2024**

Month	Practice Notifications Activated	
	WVBOM Licensees	Interstate Telehealth Registrations
March	18	5
April	31	1

The Committee was also notified that there were no reinstatement, reactivation or initial interstate telehealth applications processed during March and April 2024.

There being no further business, Rev. Harman moved that the Committee adjourn. Mr. **ADJOURNMENT** Wooton seconded the motion, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned.

  
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 Victoria L. Takubo, PA  
 Chair of the Physician Assistant Committee