MEETING MINUTES
August 14, 2026
8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD
Embassy Suites by Hilton San Diego Bay Downtown
601 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101
Monterey Room

1. Call to Order by President

Dr. Kidd called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Staff called the roll. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present:
Vasco Deon Kidd, DHSc, PA-C, President
Diego Inzunza, PA-C, Vice President
Juan Armenta, Esq.
Eric Bergersen, PA-C
Philip DaVisio, DMSc, PA-C
Bhavana Prakash, DMSc, PA-C
Deborah Snow
Veling Tsai, M.D.

Staff Present:
Julie Caldwell, Lead Licensing Analyst
Jasmine Dhillon, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist
Virginia Gerard, Probation Monitor
Rozana Khan, Executive Officer
Armando Melendez, Special Investigator
Christopher Pirrone, Attorney III
Kristy Schieldge, Regulatory Counsel, Attorney IV (via video conference)
Linda Serrano, Complaint Analyst

3. Consider Approval of May 18, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes

M/ Philip DaVisio S/ Juan Armenta to:

Approve the May 18, 2026, meeting minutes.

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Juan Armenta	X				
Eric Bergersen	X				
Philip DaVisio	X				
Diego Inzunza	X				
Vasco Deon Kidd	X				
Bhavana Prakash	X				
Deborah Snow	X				

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No public comment.

4. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

(Note: The Board may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section that is not included on this agenda, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda for a future meeting. [Government Code sections 11125 and 11125.7(a).])

No public comment.

5. President's Report

Dr. Kidd reported that he meets regularly with Vice President Inzunza and Executive Officer Khan to discuss strategic and emerging issues and expressed appreciation for their insights and perspectives.

Dr. Kidd read into record a letter from Senator Roger Niello, 6th District, Senator Steven Choi, 37th District and Assemblymember Heather Hadwick, 1st District, regarding Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 3502.35 to facilitate the review of physician assistant practice agreements and how they are utilized in other states.

Mr. Armenta expressed concerns regarding the request outlined in the letter and the Board's statutory authority and limitations. He referenced BPC section 3502.35(b), which specifies that the section shall not be construed to impose additional regulatory responsibilities or workload on the Board.

No public comment.

6. Executive Officer's Report

Ms. Khan referred members to Agenda Item 6 and reported the following updates.

Ms. Khan reported that the Board currently has two vacancies: an Enforcement Analyst and an Office Technician. Staff anticipate filling both positions in the coming months.

Ms. Khan also reported that the Board received approval through the 2026–27 Budget Change Proposal for permanent funding for the Special Investigator position within the Enforcement Program. The position was initially established on a limited-term basis in January 2024 to allow the Board to investigate appropriate cases in-house rather than referring all investigative matters to the Department of Consumer Affairs' (DCA) Division of Investigation, Health Quality Investigation Unit. Permanent funding will allow the Board to maintain the investigative capacity as an ongoing component of its Enforcement Program.

Ms. Khan reported that, effective July 1, 2026, the Board implemented the statewide return-to-office requirements established under Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-22-25. The Executive Order, issued March 3, 2025, established a statewide expectation that agencies and departments within the Governor's administration to transition employees participating in hybrid telework to a default minimum of four in-

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person workdays per week. The original implementation date of July 1, 2025, was delayed until July 1, 2026. The Board continues to maintain limited telework while ensuring adequate in-office coverage and continuity of operations.

Ms. Khan reported that Board staff completed and submitted the Board's fiscal year 2025-26 Annual Report information to DCA. The submission includes the Board's narrative report, program data, operational activities, and accomplishments throughout the fiscal year. The information will undergo DCA's review before the statewide Annual Report is finalized and published.

Ms. Khan reported that Board staff plan to attend the Placer Protect Senior Resource Fair in Roseville on September 24, 2026, and CAPACon in Indian Wells from September 25-27, 2026.

No public comment.

7. Board Activity Reports

A. Licensing

Ms. Caldwell referred members to Agenda Item 7A and presented the following reports: Licensing Population by Type, Summary of Licensing Activity, Pending Application Workload, and Licensing Performance Measures.

B. Complaints

Ms. Serrano referred members to Agenda Item 7B and presented the following reports: Complaint Statistics and Complaints Received by Type and Source.

C. Discipline

Ms. Serrano referred members to Agenda Item 7C and presented the following report: Discipline Statistics.

D. Probation

Ms. Gerard referred members to Agenda Item 7D and presented the following report: Probation Activity.

E. Drug and Alcohol Recovery Monitoring Program

Ms. Gerard referred members to Agenda Item 7E and presented the following report: Drug and Alcohol Recovery Monitoring Program.

No public comment.

8. Department of Consumer Affairs – Director's Update (DCA Staff) – May Include Updates Pertaining to the Department's Administrative Services, Human Resources, Enforcement, Information Technology, Communications and Outreach, as well as Legislative, Regulatory and Policy Matters

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Lucia Saldivar, Deputy Director of Board and Bureau Relations, announced the appointment of Rohit Chopra as Secretary of the newly established Business and Consumer Services Agency, which began operations on July 1, 2026.

Ms. Saldivar reported that state departments transitioned to a four-day in-office on July 1, 2026.

Ms. Saldivar reminded members that the Board Member Orientation Training (BMOT) is scheduled for October 21, 2026. Board members are required to complete BMOT within one year of their appointment or reappointment.

Ms. Saldivar also reported that defensive driving training is available through the DCA's Learning Management System (LMS). The training is mandatory for State employees and Board members who operate vehicles while conducting official state business.

No public comment.

9. Budget Committee Update

Dr. Kidd referred members to Agenda Item 9 and presented the expenditure projection, revenue projection, and fund condition reports.

Dr. Kidd reported an estimated expenditures of $1.5 million in personal services and $2.5 million in operating expenses and equipment, totaling approximately $4 million after reimbursements, resulting in a surplus of about $50,000 or less than 1%. He noted that the Budget Office will continue to monitor the expenditures.

For revenues, Dr. Kidd reported projected year-end revenues of approximately $3.5 million, compared to the estimated $3.4 million. Dr. Kidd stated there were no concerns regarding the revenues.

Dr. Kidd reported that the fund condition report provides a four-year view of the Board's fund. For the prior year 2024-25, the Board had an adjusted beginning balance of $4 million, collected approximately $3.3 million in revenues, and incurred $3.6 million in expenditures, resulting in a fund balance of approximately $3.5 million or 10.6 months in reserve.

For the current fiscal year 2025-26, the Board has a beginning balance of $3.5 million and projects approximately $3.5 million in revenues and $4 million in total expenditures. The current fund balance is about $3 million, or 8.5 months in reserve.

Dr. Kidd stated that the 2026-27 and 2027-28 budget year projections are based on the Governor's Budget, except for income from surplus, which is formula driven. He noted that the fund condition is a snapshot in time and reflects only the data available at the time of its preparation. He noted one of the main factors driving expenditure increases in future years is a result of personal service adjustments. The fund does not include enforcement services which could create additional cost pressure on the Board.

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Dr. Kidd reported that months in reserve are projected to decline in the out years, as revenues remain relatively constant while expenditures increase annually by approximately 3%.

Mr. Armenta commented that the Board should continue to monitor the fund reserves.

No public comment.

10. Report on Medical Board of California Activities

Dr. Tsai provided an update on the Medical Board of California (MBC), which met on May 21-22, 2026. He reported that the MBC appointed Claire Holmes and Trinidad Solis to its Maternal Health Task Force.

Dr. Tsai reported that there are currently 155,000 licenses in California, with 546 licensees on probation and 918 pending investigations, including 216 investigations pending for more than 365 days.

Dr. Tsai highlighted discussions regarding regulatory perspectives on Artificial Intelligence in healthcare and maternal mortality rates in California. He noted that although California has one of the lowest maternal mortality rates in the nation, disparities exist in certain regions, particularly the Central Valley, and further analysis is anticipated.

Dr. Tsai discussed Assembly Bill (AB) 1637, which addresses concerns regarding modifications to physician medical records by non-physicians.

Dr. Tsai also provided an update on telehealth legislation and the challenges associated with providing follow-up care to California patients by physicians licensed in other states. He discussed existing statutory exceptions and MBC's consideration of interstate medical license options that could allow care across state lines.

Dr. Tsai reported that MBC elected new officers, Felix C. Yip as President, Marina Torres as Secretary and Dr. Tsai as Vice President.

Dr. Kidd congratulated Dr. Tsai on his appointment as Vice President and thanked him for the updates, particularly regarding AB 1637 and MBC's the licensing and enforcement statistics.

No public comment.

11. Overview of the Drug and Alcohol Recovery Monitoring Program

Ms. Gerard referred members to Agenda Item 11 and provides a presentation on the Drug and Alcohol Recovery Monitoring Program.

Ms. Gerard provided an overview of the Program, including participant requirements, referral processes, costs, confidentiality, and clinical case manager qualifications.

Ms. Gerard, Mr. Armenta, and Dr. Kidd thanked Ms. Snow for requesting the presentation.

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Ms. Snow asked whether licensees are referred to this Program. Ms. Gerard explained that licensees may be referred as a condition of probationer.

Mr. Inzunza asked why PAs are not included among clinical case manager list. Ms. Gerard stated the current contract does not list PAs as clinical case managers.

Mr. DaVisio asked if the cost was $1,100 a month. Ms. Gerard confirmed this is the cost for most participants, with some with higher costs depending on the requirements.

Dr. Tsai asked about the process for licensees to self-refer to the Program. Ms. Gerard explained Board staff's role during the initial referral process.

Ms. Khan clarified that Premier Health is the Board's contracted provider for the program.

12. Consideration of Modified Text and Adoption of Amendments to Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Sections 1399.506, 1399.507, 1399.511, and 1399.530 and Repeal of Sections 1399.535, 1399.536, 1399.538, 1399.539, 1399.546, and 1399.556 (Application, Exam Scores, Addresses, and Records)

Kristy Schielge, Regulations Counsel, stated that this rulemaking involves updates to the Board's initial licensure processes, including the initial licensure application, examination scores, and other related items. The Board approved this rulemaking at its August 15, 2025, meeting. After the package was submitted to the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (Agency), now named the Business and Consumer Services Agency, on December 29, 2025, Agency raised concerns with the regulatory text.

Ms. Schieldge stated that, specifically, proposed regulatory language at 16 CCR section 1399.506(a)(10) addresses implementation of Business and Professions Code section 135.4. That law requires the Board to expedite applications for individuals with an asylee or refugee status and has been in effect for approximately six years. The regulations included a question asking whether the applicant was a refugee or asylee. Agency requested that the Board revise the question so that only applicants seeking expedited processing would be required to disclose that information. Agency expressed concern about collecting this information in every case and indicated that applicants should have the opportunity to decide whether they wish to disclose their immigration status.

Ms. Schieldge stated that, after discussing the issue with Executive Officer Ms. Khan, there were two options: bring the revised text back to the Board for approval or proceed on the basis that the change was consistent with the Board's existing policy and was nonsubstantive. Staff moved forward with noticing the revision as a nonsubstantive change, and the package was subsequently filed with the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). OAL did not agree that the revision was nonsubstantive and directed staff to bring it back to the Board for approval. The other changes noted on page two of the meeting materials memo are technical changes that OAL considered nonsubstantive cleanup.

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Ms. Schieldge stated that the matter is before the Board for approval because of the change requested by Agency. Staff are requesting Board approval, and, if approved, the modified text would be noticed for an additional 15-day public comment period. The public comments the Board would be required to consider would be limited to the changes summarized on pages two and three of the meeting memo. Ms. Schieldge stated that OAL has reviewed the modified text for the purpose of notice and, if staff do not receive any adverse comments on the package, staff will refile and resubmit it to OAL for approval.

Board Member Philip DaVisio asked a question regarding California Code of Regulations section 1399.507 Examination Required, noting that there is both a certification examination and recertification examination offered by the NCCPA. Mr. DaVisio asked why the recertification examination is not mentioned in this section. Ms. Schieldge replied that this section applies to initial licensure and that there is a pending regulatory proposal that recognizes the recertification examination as a method for reinstating a license. Ms. Schieldge stated that certification is not required to practice as a physician assistant (PA) in California and that the Board only uses the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE) offered by the NCCPA for initial licensure. If a PA maintains certification including taking an NCCPA recertification exam, it may be counted towards continuing education credit, but certification itself is not a requirement for licensure. The Board recognizes the PANCE as the examination required for initial licensure.

M/ Vasco Deon Kidd S/ Diego Inzunza to:

Move to approve the proposed modified regulatory text as set forth in **Attachment 1**, direct staff to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking process, including preparing modified text for notice of a 15-day public comment period. If after that 15-day comment period, the Board does not receive any objections or adverse recommendations specifically directed at the modified text, the notice, or to the procedures followed by the Board in proposing or adopting this action, authorize the Executive Officer to make any non-substantive changes to the proposed regulations and rulemaking file, and adopt amendments to 16 CCR sections 1399.506, 1399.507, 1399.511, 1399.530, 1399.535, 1399.536, 1399.538, 1399.539, 1399.546, and 1399.556 as set forth in **Attachment 1**.

No public comment.

No further comments were received, and the motion passed as follows:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Juan Armenta	X				
Eric Bergersen	X				
Philip DaVisio	X				
Diego Inzunza	X				
Vasco Deon Kidd	X				
Bhavana Prakash	X				
Deborah Snow	X				

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13. Regulations – Update on Pending Regulatory Packages

1. 16 CCR 1399.514, 1399.615 – SB 697: License Renewal and Continuing Medical Education Required

At its May 18, 2026 Board meeting, the Board considered and approved proposed revised regulatory language to reauthorize initiation of the rulemaking process. The regulatory documents necessary to support the proposal will be prepared by staff for submission to the DCA Budget Office and Legal Affairs Division as required by BPC section 313.1.

2. 16 CCR 1399.506, 1399.507, 1399.511, 1399.530, 1399.535, 1399.536, 1399.538, 1399.539, 1399.546 and 1399.556 – SB 697: Application, Exam Scores, Addresses, and Records

No comments were received during the public comment period, and the final rulemaking file was sent to the Acting Director for review on April 28, 2026. Once approved, the final documents were submitted to OAL for final review on May 21, 2026. Staff met with the assigned OAL reviewing attorney and discussed changes to the text. The Board is being asked to review and approve the proposed modified text at this meeting so staff can initiate a 15-day public comment period.

3. 16 CCR 1399.515 – AB 2461: Retired Status Updates and Returned Fingerprint Requirement

Staff finalized the initial documents and submitted initial documents for Budget and Legal review on April 2, 2026. The package was sent to the Acting Director for review on May 18, 2026. The Board is waiting to hear back.

4. 16 CCR 1399.523 – SB 1441: Implement Uniform Standards Related to Substance Abusing Licensees and Update of Disciplinary Guidelines

Staff is working on the proposed language for Board consideration at a future board meeting next calendar year.

No public comment.

14. Report by the Physician Assistant Training, Accreditation and Workforce Development Committee

Mr. DaVisio referred members to Agenda Item 14 and presented the Physician Assistant Training, Accreditation and Workforce Development Committee Report.

Mr. DaVisio reported that there are currently 330 nationally accredited PA training programs in the United States, including 20 in California. Of the California programs, none are on probation, five hold provisional accreditation, and three additional programs are in development. He noted that 15 programs are located in Southern California, four in the Bay Area, and one in the Central Valley.

Dr. Kidd reported that the combined annual enrollment capacity of California's 20 PA programs is approaching 1,000 students, averaging approximately 50 students per program.

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No public comment.

15. Report by the Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee, and Discussion and Possible Action to Take or Modify a Position on Legislation

A. AB 1637 (Caloza) Physicians and surgeons: medical records

This bill prohibits a physician's patients notes, from being altered, modified, or edited by anyone other than the authoring physician or by: a scribe, medical assistant, or other authorized individual acting under the authority delegated by the authoring physician; a physician who is adding to an authoring physician's patient notes if patient care has been transferred from the authoring physician to the physician who is making the additions; or a physician altering, modifying, or editing the patient notes of a postgraduate training licensee, intern, resident, or postdoctoral fellow who the physician is supervising.

Mr. Armenta recommended a watch position on this bill.

M/ Juan Armenta S/ Deborah Snow to:

Watch this bill.

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Juan Armenta	X				
Eric Bergersen	X				
Philip DaVisio	X				
Diego Inzunza	X				
Vasco Deon Kidd	X				
Bhavana Prakash	X				
Deborah Snow	X				

B. AB 1775 (Ward) Veterans

Existing law requires those boards to expedite, and authorizes them to assist, the initial licensure process for an applicant who supplies satisfactory evidence to the board that the applicant has served as an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States and was honorably discharged. This bill would extend that requirement and authorization to also include members who were discharged or received a discharge solely as a result of Executive Order No. 14183 issued on January 27, 2025. The bill would make additional conforming changes.

Dr. Kidd recommended a watch position on this bill.

M/ Philip DaVisio S/ Diego Inzunza to:

Watch this bill.

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Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Juan Armenta	X				
Eric Bergersen	X				
Philip DaVisio	X				
Diego Inzunza	X				
Vasco Deon Kidd	X				
Bhavana Prakash	X				
Deborah Snow	X				

C. AB 1973 (Aguiar-Curry) Abortion: authorized procedures

This bill would instead authorize a person to perform an abortion if they are authorized under those acts to perform an abortion and would delete the restriction that the abortion be performed only in the first trimester of pregnancy. The bill would make conforming changes to specified training requirements imposed on nurse practitioners, qualified nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, nurse midwives, and physician assistants to perform those abortions.

At its May 18, 2026 meeting, the Board took a watch position.

D. AB 1979 (Bonta) Health care services: artificial intelligence

This bill would require a health facility, clinic, physician's office, or office of a group practice to take reasonable steps to ensure that a licensed health care professional, acting within their scope of practice, retains the ability to exercise independent professional judgment in their care of a patient whenever that care is informed by the output of a clinical decision support system, as defined. The bill would authorize the appropriate professional licensing board to pursue an injunction or restraining order to enforce these provisions to the extent that a violation constitutes the practice of a health care profession without a license. The bill would specify that these provisions do not apply to the use of automated decision systems for documentation and communication that does not involve the application of professional judgment, including automated messages to inform patients of updates to their health records. By placing new requirements on health facilities and clinics, this bill would expand the scope of a crime and would impose a state-mandated local program.

At its May 18, 2026 meeting, the Board took a watch position.

E. Senate Bill (SB) 1088 (Blakespear) Health care decisions: life-sustaining treatment

This bill would replace the term "Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment" with "POLST," or "Portable Orders Listing Scope of Treatment." The bill would authorize a request regarding resuscitative measures to be entered into by an individual with capacity or a health care, agent, conservator, or surrogate, as defined, and a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant acting under the supervision of the physician.

At its May 18, 2026 meeting, the Board took a watch position and staff was directed to send a letter to the author, which is attached below as Attachment 1.
Dr. Kidd stated he has no concerns with this bill with the changes to the language.

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M/ Philip DaVisio S/ Eric Bergersen to:

Support this bill.

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Juan Armenta	X				
Eric Bergersen	X				
Philip DaVisio	X				
Diego Inzunza	X				
Vasco Deon Kidd	X				
Bhavana Prakash	X				
Deborah Snow	X				

F. SB 1376 (Wahab) Physician assistants

This bill would delete the provision requiring the board to receive permission from the director to meet more than 6 times annually and for the director to approve meetings.

At its May 18, 2026 meeting, the Board took a support position.

G. SB 1391 (Wahab) Department of Consumer Affairs: retired category licenses

This bill would additionally require a board that offers a retired category of licensure to disclose that information on its internet website.

At its May 18, 2026 meeting, the Board took a support position.

Dr. Kidd thanked the Board staff and Ms. Khan for their hard work.

No public comment.

16. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Dr. Kidd requested that the letter from the members of the California Legislature regarding BPC section 3502.35 be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Mr. Bergersen noted that representatives from the California Academy of Physician Associates will attend the next Board meeting.

No public comment.

17. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3), the Board will Convene to Deliberate and Decide on Disciplinary Actions and Decisions to be Reached in Administrative Procedure Act Proceedings

18. Adjournment

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With no further business, the opening meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m. Minutes do not reflect the order in which agenda items were presented at the Board meeting.

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