

MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2026
8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD
2005 Evergreen Street
Hearing Room #1150
Sacramento, CA 95815

1. Call to Order by President

Dr. Kidd called the meeting to order at 8:30 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. (8:35 a.m.)
Eric Bergersen, PA-C
Philip DaVisio, DMSc, PA-C
Bhavana Prakash, DMSc, PA-C (via video conference)
Deborah Snow
Veling Tsai, M.D.

Staff Present:

Julie Caldwell, Lead Licensing Analyst
Jasmine Dhillon, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist
Virginia Gerard, Probation Monitor
Jennifer Jimenez, Licensing Analyst
Michael Kanotz, Attorney III
Rozana Khan, Executive Officer
Armando Melendez, Special Investigator
Kristy Schieldge, Regulatory Counsel, Attorney IV
Linda Serrano, Complaint Analyst
Kristy Voong, Assistant Executive Officer (via video conference)

3. Consider Approval of February 23, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes

M/ Philip DaVisio S/ Diego Inzunza to:

Approve the February 23, 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 appreciates their insight and perspectives.

Dr. Kidd recognized the professionalism of the California's physician assistant (PA) workforce. Dr. Kidd reported that there are about 20,000 licensed PAs practicing throughout the state and noted that, as the profession has grown, there has been an increase in complaints. Dr. Kidd stated that the percentage of disciplinary actions remain minimal compared to the overall licensee population.

Dr. Kidd stated that the Board remains committed to its consumer protection mandate and will take appropriate enforcement action when warranted to protect the public.

No public comment.

6. Executive Officer's Report

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

The Board currently has two vacancies: one Enforcement Analyst position and one Office Technician position. Due to ongoing budget considerations, recruitment is expected to proceed in fiscal year 2026-27. Ms. Khan thanked Board staff for their continued flexibility, teamwork, and efforts to maintain daily operations during this period.

Additionally, the Board awaits further updates regarding the filling of vacant Board member positions. Ms. Khan shared that the Governor's Office Appointments Updates for April also highlighted the vacancies, providing additional visibility.

Ms. Khan reported that Board staff met with the assigned Public Information Officer on April 30, 2026, from DCA's Public Affairs Office to discuss outreach efforts related to the Board's 2024-2028 Strategic Plan, Goal 3: Communication and Outreach. These efforts includes social media strategies and local consumer education and outreach events to provide information about the PA profession, the Board's role in licensing and regulating PAs, and Board member roles and service opportunities.

Mr. Armenta asked about the progress of the Governor's Office filling the vacant Board member positions and whether the vacant staff positions were already accounted for in the Board's budget.

Ms. Khan deferred the update regarding the Board member vacancies to DCA staff presenting under Agenda Item 8 but shared that the two staff vacancies resulted from one employee leaving for a promotional opportunity and another retiring, and that the positions are already accounted for in the Board's budget.

Dr. Kidd stated that Ms. Khan and Board staff have taken on additional workload while continuing to meet the Board's mandates and carry out Board activities.

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.

Dr. Kidd and Ms. Caldwell expressed their gratitude to Board staff for their efforts in managing the Board's workload.

B. Complaints

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

Mr. DaVisio asked whether the increase in aging investigations was due to staff vacancy or other factors. Ms. Serrano stated that the increase was due to an increase in complaints. Ms. Khan also clarified that the pending investigations are cases at the field level.

Mr. Armenta noted that Ms. Khan's observation that increased outreach and Board visibility may contribute to an increase in the number of complaints received.

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.

Mr. Armenta stated that a colleague had shared that investigators showed up at a medical office with badges and firearms and asked whether the Board's investigators do the same. Ms. Gerard stated that the Division of Investigation has sworn investigators. Mr. Kanotz stated that the Medical Board of California (MBC)

and the Dental Board of California are among the few boards that employ their own peace officers. Ms. Schieldge shared that MBC employs peace officers because many cases involving the unlicensed practice of medicine are referred to the District Attorney's Office. Ms. Schieldge stated that the District Attorney's Office will only accept such cases from a peace officer.

E. Diversion

Ms. Gerard referred members to Agenda Item 7E and presented the following report: Diversion Program Activity.

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

Lucia Saldivar, Deputy Director of Board and Bureau Relations, addressed Mr. Armenta's question regarding the vacant board member positions. Ms. Saldivar stated that Governor's Appointments team is working on recruitment for the two vacant public Board member positions.

Ms. Saldivar thanked Board members for completing their annual Form 700 filings.

Ms. Saldivar reported that this spring, DCA relaunched the Enforcement Academy training program, which had not been held since the COVID-19 pandemic. The training provides education on enforcement process, investigations, complaint intake, and formal discipline.

Ms. Saldivar reported that DCA's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Executive Committee recently selected 15 employees to participate as members of the inaugural Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Subcommittee. The committee will meet to implement initiatives and goals to promote positive organizational impact. The first meeting will be held on July 31, 2026.

Ms. Saldivar stated that on July 1, 2026, the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency will be split into two separate entities: the California Housing and Homelessness Agency and the Business and Consumer Services Agency. The new Business and Consumer Services Agency will be responsible for consumer affairs, licensing and enforcement, and the Department of Consumer Affairs will be one of the eight departments under the new agency. Ms. Saldivar reported that DCA is working on the logistics of this transition and will keep the Board apprised.

No public comment.

9. Budget Update

Andrew Trute, DCA Budget Analyst, referred members to Agenda Item 9 and presented the expenditure projection report and fund condition statement.

For expenditure projections, Mr. Trute reported an estimated \$1.5 million in personal services, and \$2.5 million in operating expenses and equipment, for a total expenditure of approximately \$4 million, resulting in a surplus of about \$4,000 or less than 1%. Mr. Trute emphasized that the Budget Office will continue to monitor these expenditures.

For revenue projections, the Board has an end-of-year projection of \$3.5 million against estimated revenue of \$3.4 million. Mr. Trute stated there are no concerns with revenues.

Mr. Trute reported that the fund condition statement provides a four-year view of the Board's fund. For the prior fiscal year 2024-25 actuals, the Board had an adjusted beginning balance of \$3.9 million, collected approximately \$3.3 million in revenue, and incurred expenditures of \$3.6 million, resulting in a fund balance of about \$3.5 million or 10.2 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 revenue and \$4 million in total expenditures. The current fund balance is about \$3 million, or 8.5 months in reserve.

Mr. Trute 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 stated that one of the main factors driving expenditure increases in future years is personal services adjustments, including general salary increases, employee compensation, and retirement rate adjustments. The Budget Office includes an ongoing 3% increase in expenditure to account for these incremental adjustments. The fund condition does not include increased enforcement expenditures, which could create additional cost pressure on the Board's fund.

Mr. Trute 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%.

Dr. Kidd asked whether the decrease in months in reserve would be a concern for the Board's fund balance. Mr. Trute stated that the addition of the Attorney General augmentation adjusted the calculation of the months in reserve.

Ms. Schieldge asked whether the projections include the fee increases enacted by Assembly Bill 1501, effective January 1, 2026. Mr. Trute stated that the projections included the fee increases; however, the Board should have a better outlook on the impact of those fees on the budget as additional data becomes available.

No public comment.

10. Report on Medical Board of California Activities

Dr. Tsai stated the MBC met on February 26-27, 2026, and welcomed two new members, Claire Holmes and Luis Portillo.

Dr. Tsai reported highlights from the meeting included a presentation titled A Regulator's Perspective on Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare, a report on maternal mortality in the Central Valley, and a discussion of California having the lowest maternal mortality rate among the 50 states.

Dr. Tsai reported that Assembly Bill (AB) 1637 would require that medical records be altered only by physicians, preventing individuals other than physicians from altering medical records. MBC opposed the bill, and AB 1637 was subsequently amended to allow certain individuals other than the authoring physician or attending physician to alter medical notes, including a scribe, medical assistant, or other authorized individual acting under authority delegated by the authoring physician and surgeon.

Dr. Kidd expressed concern regarding the bill and asked whether it would prohibit PAs from making addendums to their own notes. Dr. Tsai stated that the issue was that any medical note requiring an addendum would need to be altered and signed by the authorized physician.

Dr. Tsai stated that the bill has good intentions in ensuring that someone is responsible for signing for changes to the medical records, but does not take into consideration the practical nature of daily health care delivery.

Dr. Kidd stated that another concern is that Senate Bill (SB) 697 does not require chart co-signature and provides flexibility while relieving physicians of these administrative burdens. He stated that the bill could have significant implications for the PA profession based on current practice.

Mr. DaVisio asked whether the bill requires a physician's signature after an amendment has been made. Dr. Tsai stated that, as currently amended, the bill allows a scribe, medical assistant, or other authorized individual acting under authority delegated by the authoring physician and surgeon to make changes. It also allows a physician and surgeon to add an authoring physician and surgeon's patient notes when patient care has been transferred to the physician and surgeon making the additions, and allows a supervising physician and surgeon to alter, modify, or edit the patient notes of a postgraduate training licensee, intern, resident, or postdoctoral fellow under their supervision.

No public comment.

11. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action to Consider Changes to Previously Proposed Text and Reauthorization of a Regular Rulemaking to Amend 16 CCR Sections 1399.507, 1399.514, 1399.615 and 1399.619 – License Renewal and Continuing Medical Education Required

Ms. Schieldge, Regulatory Counsel, stated that the rulemaking is to capture the electronic processes for renewing a license online. Ms. Schieldge stated that this rulemaking was put on hold pending the outcome of the Sunset Bill, AB 1501, which would expressly authorize the Board to allow a renewal application in an electronic form.

Ms. Schieldge stated that this rulemaking would capture all the processes for submitting a renewal application by mail, hand delivery, or through the online licensing system. This also captures if submitting online, the applicant would have to

pay the convenience fee to the third-party vendor. In addition to this rulemaking, licensees can select inactive or active status at the time of renewal. It also maps out the requirements for lapsed license and how to reinstate within a certain time period.

No public comment.

M/ Juan Armenta S/ Diego Inzunza to:

Move to rescind all prior motions authorizing specified regulatory language and approve the proposed regulatory text for 16 CCR sections 1399.507, 1399.514, 1399.615, and 1399.619 in Attachment 1 and direct staff to submit the text to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business and Consumer Services Agency for review, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any non-substantive changes to the package, and set the matter for a hearing if requested. If no adverse comments are received during the 45-day comment period and no hearing is requested, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed regulations at 16 CCR sections 1399.507, 1399.514, 1399.615, and 1399.619 as noticed.

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				

12. Regulations – Update on Pending Regulatory Packages

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

The Board will consider proposed revised regulatory language to reauthorize initiation of the rulemaking process at this meeting. If authorized, the regulatory documents necessary to support the proposal will be prepared by staff for submission to the Acting Director of the DCA 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.

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

The package is currently pending with the DCA Budget Office for final review and approval before submission to the Acting Director for review.

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 approval this calendar year.

Dr. Kidd asked for an update on the SB 697 Implementation package. Ms. Schieldge stated that the Director has 30 days from submission of the package to review it.

No public comment.

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

Dr. Kidd referred members to Agenda Item 13 and presented the Physician Assistant Training, Accreditation and Workforce Development Committee Report.

Dr. Kidd reported that Mr. DaVisio will be joining the Committee.

Dr. Kidd reported that there are currently 322 nationally accredited PA training programs in the United States, with 20 located in California. He noted that none of the California programs are on probation, five programs hold provisional accreditation, and three programs are in development. Geographically, 15 programs are located in Southern California, four in the Bay Area, and one in Central Valley.

Dr. Kidd also reported that the annual enrollment capacity across California's 20 PA programs is approximately 1,000 students, with an average of 50 students per program.

No public comment.

14. Report, Discussion, and Possible Action by Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee

Ms. Dhillon referred members to Agenda Item 14 for the detailed report on the following bills.

A. Assembly Bill (AB) 1558 (Arambula) Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act

This bill would establish a volunteer health practitioner registration system overseen in this state by the Emergency Medical Services Authority that would facilitate registered out-of-state volunteer health practitioners practicing in California without a California license. The relevant boards may restrict the services that may be provided by such volunteers. Boards may also impose administrative sanctions both on California licensees volunteering in other states and out-of-state volunteers practicing in this state.

Dr. Kidd stated his concern about the fiscal impact and increased complaints and investigations.

Mr. Armenta recommended a watch position on this bill.

Ms. Khan stated that the bill was in the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file and may be dead.

B. AB 1973 (Aguilar-Curry) Abortion: authorized procedures

This bill would 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.

Dr. Kidd asked for clarification whether the Board would approve training programs for this procedure. Mr. Kanotz stated that the training program is existing language and the bill does not impose any new duties on the Board.

Mr. Armenta recommended a watch position on this bill.

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

This bill would require specified health facilities, including physicians' offices to ensure that no clinical decision is based solely on the output of a clinical decision support system, as defined. These facilities would be prohibited from using artificial intelligence (AI) to guide or supervise unlicensed personnel in performing any function that requires a professional license. 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 prohibit the use of AI 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.

Dr. Kidd asked if this bill will be regulated by the California Department of Public Health. Ms. Dhillon stated it would.

Dr. Kidd stated his concern of the fiscal impact and potential impact to the Department of Justice, which both are unknown.

Mr. Armenta recommended a watch position on this bill.

Ms. Prakash commented that there is no fiscal impact on the Board but there may be an increase in complaints volume. Ms. Prakash asked when is consent required from the patient when using AI. Ms. Prakash agreed with the watch position.

Dr. Kidd stated that some agencies have required consent for patients when AI is used.

D. AB 2140 (Johnson) Healing arts: reports: claims against licensees

This bill was held in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee and is dead.

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.

Dr. Kidd expressed his concern that this bill does not mention nurse practitioner (NP) acting under the supervision and the majority of NPs practice under standardized procedures so this bill will apply to those not practicing under standardized procedures.

Mr. Armenta stated based on his interpretation of the language, NPs would be under the supervision of a physician.

Mr. Kanotz stated that this bill does not trigger any issues with the supervision of PAs.

Dr. Kidd opposes the language of this bill and would like to see the author provide more information.

Mr. Armenta recommended a watch position and letter to the author to provide more clarification.

Mr. Bergersen suggested an oppose, unless amended position.

Mr. Kanotz stated an oppose, unless amended position will require specific changes needed to the bill.

Mr. Diego agreed that if the Board takes an oppose, unless amended position, the Board will need to include specifically what it wants to change. Mr. Diego stated that there is still time to provide a response and recommended a watch position.

Ms. Snow agreed to a watch position and to send a letter to the author.

M/ Eric Bergersen S/ Deborah Snow to:

Watch and send letter to author.

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 is located in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

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

Dr. Kidd expressed his support for this bill.

M/ Philip DaVisio S/ Eric Bergersen to:

Support SB 1376.

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				

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.

M/ Philip DaVisio S/ Diego Inzunza to:

Support SB 1391.

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				

No public comment.

15. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

No public comment.

16. 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

17. Adjournment

With no further business, the open meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Minutes do not reflect the order in which agenda items were presented at the Board meeting.