

# Advisory Board on Polysomnographic Technology

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Virginia Board of Medicine

June 13, 2025

2:30 p.m.



Virginia Department of  
**Health Professions**

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Friday, June 13, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, VA

**Training Room 1**

Call to Order – Ronnie Hayes, RPSGT, Chair Emergency

Egress Procedures – Kathleen LaMotte

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Roll Call – Kathleen LaMotte

Introduction of Members – Ronnie Hayes, RPSGT, Chair

Approval of Minutes

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Adoption of the Agenda

Public Comment on Agenda Items (15 minutes)

## New Business

1. Legislative Report – Erin Barrett/Matthew Novak

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2. Regulatory Update – Erin Barrett/Matthew Novak

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3. Recommendation of draft amendments for licensure by endorsement

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– Erin Barrett/Matthew Novak

## Announcements

Meeting Agenda format – Michael Sobowale

Next meeting: October 24, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

## Adjournment



Virginia Department of  
**Health Professions**

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**ADVISORY BOARD ON POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGY**

**Minutes**

June 7, 2024

The Advisory Board on Polysomnographic Technology met on Friday, June 7, 2024, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Neil Widrick, RPSGT

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ronnie Hayes, RPSGT, Chair  
Hannah Tyler, RPSGT  
Abdul Amir, MD  
Raid Mohaidat, Citizen

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Sobowale, LLM, Deputy Executive Director - Licensure  
Colanthia M. Opher, Deputy Executive Director - Administration  
Roslyn Nickens - Licensing Supervisor  
Janice Martin - Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None

**Call to Order**

Michael Sobowale called the meeting to order at 2:45 pm, allowing extra time for members to attend.

**Emergency Egress Procedures**

Michael Sobowale announced the emergency egress procedures.

**Roll Call**

Janice Martin called the roll; a quorum was not declared.

**Approval of Minutes**

There were no past minutes to approve.

## **Adoption of Agenda**

Due to lack of quorum, motions and voting to adopt the agenda did not occur.

## **Public Comment**

None.

## **New Business**

### **1. Report on Status of Regulatory Actions**

Erin Barrett reviewed the status of the advisory board's regulatory actions.

### **2. Orientation to the Board of Medicine and Advisory Board**

Michael Sobowale gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Board of Medicine and its Advisory Boards.

## **Announcements:**

## **License Statistics**

Janice Martin provided the license statistics report. Currently, the Board has a total of 470 Polysomnographic Technologists.

## **Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting is October 11, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 3:47 pm.

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William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director

**Board of Medicine  
Advisory Boards  
Legislative Report  
2025 General Assembly**

[HB 1649](#) - Board of Medicine; continuing education; unconscious bias and cultural competency.  
Chief Patron: Hayes

**DEAD BILL**

**Board of Medicine; continuing education; unconscious bias and cultural competency.** Directs the Board of Medicine to require unconscious bias and cultural competency training as part of the continuing education requirements for renewal of licensure. The bill specifies requirements for the training and requires the Board of Medicine to report the number of licensees who have successfully completed such training to the Department of Health and the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative. **This bill is identical to SB 740. This bill is nearly identical to HB1675, below.**

Passed House: Y Passed Senate: Y

Enrolled Bill communicated to Governor on February 18, 2025  
03/24/2025: Governor's recommendation received by House  
04/02/2025: VOTE: Pass by for the day - Adoption (47-Y 46-N)  
**05/02/2025: Vetoed by Governor**

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[HB 1675](#) - Board of Medicine; continuing education; unconscious bias and cultural competency.  
Chief Patron: Hayes

**DEAD BILL**

**Board of Medicine; continuing education; unconscious bias and cultural competency.** Directs the Board of Medicine to require unconscious bias and cultural competency training as part of the continuing education requirements for renewal of licensure. The bill specifies requirements for the training and requires the Board of Medicine to report on the training to the Department of Health. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care. **This bill is substantially similar to HB1649 and SB740.**

Passed House: Y Passed Senate: Y

Enrolled Bill communicated to Governor on March 11, 2025  
03/24/2025: Governor's recommendation received by House  
04/02/2025: VOTE: Pass by for the day - Adoption (47-Y 46-N)  
**05/02/2025: Vetoed by Governor**

[HB 2269](#) - Hospitals; reports of threats or acts of violence against health care providers.  
Chief Patron: Tran

**Hospitals; reports of threats or acts of violence against health care providers.** Requires hospitals in the Commonwealth to establish a workplace violence incident reporting system to document, track, and analyze any incident of workplace violence reported. The bill requires each hospital to (i) report the data collected via the reporting system to the chief medical officer and the chief nursing officer of such hospital on, at minimum, a quarterly basis and (ii) send a report to the Department of Health on an annual basis that includes, at a minimum, the number of incidents of workplace violence voluntarily reported by an employee. The bill also requires the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, in collaboration with the Department of Criminal Justice Services, to convene a stakeholder work group for the purpose of making recommendations on the workplace violence system and policies adopted pursuant to the bill.  
**This bill is identical to SB 1260.**

Passed House: Y Passed Senate: Y  
Enrolled Bill communicated to Governor on March 11, 2025  
03/24/2025: Approved by Governor-Chapter 457 (Effective 07/01/25)

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[HB 2489](#) - Physician assistants; Department of Health Professions to study expansion of scope of practice.  
Chief Patron: Henson

**Study; Department of Health Professions; expanding scope of practice for physician assistants; report.** Directs the Department of Health Professions to conduct a study on expansion of the scope of practice for physician assistants in the Commonwealth as a means to increase autonomy in the profession. In addition to reviewing the education and training requirements for physician assistants in the Commonwealth and the other states, the study includes an analysis of the costs and benefits to patients of increased autonomy for physician assistants. The Department is directed to submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1, 2025.

Passed House: Y Passed Senate: Y  
Enrolled Bill communicated to Governor on March 11, 2025  
03/24/2025: Approved by Governor-Chapter 569 (Effective 07/01/25)

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[SB 882](#) - Anesthesiologist assistants; establishes criteria for licensure.  
Chief Patron: Locke

**Board of Medicine; licensure of anesthesiologist assistants.** Establishes criteria for the licensure of anesthesiologist assistants and directs the Board of Medicine to adopt regulations governing the practice of anesthesiologist assistants. The bill provides that no person shall use or

assume the title “anesthesiologist assistant” or hold himself out as an anesthesiologist assistant unless such person holds a license as an anesthesiologist assistant issued by the Board. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Commission on Health Care.

Passed House: Y Passed Senate: Y

Enrolled Bill Communicated to Governor on March 11, 2025

03/24/2025: Approved by Governor-Chapter 507 (Effective 07/01/25)

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[HB 1861](#) - Department of Health Professions; health regulatory boards; regulations; licensure by endorsement.

Chief Patron: Price

**AGENCY BILL**

**Department of Health Professions; health regulatory boards; regulations; licensure by endorsement.** Directs each health regulatory board regulated by the Department of Health Professions to enact regulations to provide a licensure by endorsement pathway for professions which do not currently have licensure by endorsement. **This bill is identical to SB 1438.**

Passed House: Y Passed Senate: Y

Enrolled Bill communicated to Governor on March 11, 2025

03/24/2025 Approved by Governor-Chapter 553 (Effective 07/01/25)

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[SB 826](#) - Predetermination for licensing eligibility; prior convictions.

Chief Patron: Locke

**Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; Department of Health Professions; predetermination for licensing eligibility; prior convictions.** Prohibits the use of “good moral character” or crimes of “moral turpitude,” despite existing statutory language which was not changed by this legislation allowing such use, by a regulatory board within DPOR or DHP when refusing a person a license, certificate, or registration to practice, pursue, or engage in any regulated occupation or profession. The bill requires such regulatory board denying a registration, license, or certificate based on information in the applicant's criminal history record to notify the applicant in writing of (i) the specific offense or offenses that contributed to such denial; (ii) how the criminal history directly relates to the occupation for which the registration, license, or certificate applies; and (iii) how the regulatory board weighed rehabilitation factors when making its decision.

The bill further allows an applicant to request a written predetermination from a regulatory board within DPOR or DHP concerning whether his criminal record would disqualify him from obtaining a license, certificate, registration, or other authority to engage in a particular occupation, trade, or profession in the Commonwealth. It appears no fee can be charged for this

determination, which will create a bifurcated licensure process and has significant legal and financial ramifications for DHP and its regulatory boards.

Legal advice has been requested regarding implementation and the requirements of this legislation.

Passed House: Y Passed Senate: Y

Enrolled Bill Communicated to Governor on March 5, 2025

03/24/2025 Approved by Governor-Chapter 505 (Effective 07/01/25)

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[SB 1293](#) - Autism spectrum disorder; school board employees, professional development and continuing education.

Chief Patron: Stanley

**School board employees; professional development and continuing education; optional programs; children with autism spectrum disorder.** This legislation is directed toward the Department of Education and available training for educators regarding communicating with children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

An enactment clause requires boards of DHP to communicate a recommendation to licensees to complete continuing education on communicating with children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. **This is not a requirement, simply a communication with a recommendation.**

Passed House: Y Passed Senate: Y

Enrolled Bill Communicated to Governor on March 11, 2025

03/24/2025 Approved by Governor-Chapter 516 (Effective 07/01/25)

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[SB 1363](#) - Health Professions, Board of; transfer of powers and duties.

Chief Patron: Pillion

Status: Acts of Assembly Chapter

**AGENCY BILL**

**Elimination of Board of Health Professions; transfer of powers and duties.** Eliminates the Board of Health Professions and transfers certain powers and duties from the Board to the Department of Health Professions.

Passed House: Y Passed Senate: Y

Enrolled Bill Communicated to Governor on March 5, 2025

03/21/2025: Approved by Governor-Chapter 341 (Effective 07/01/25)

**Board of Medicine – Advisory Board on Polysomnographic Technology**  
**Regulatory Actions**  
**As of May 12, 2025**

**In the Governor’s Office**

None.

**In the Secretary’s Office**

None.

**At DPB or OAG**

None.

**Recently effective/awaiting publication**

None.

**Agenda Item: Recommendation of draft amendments for licensure by endorsement pursuant to SB1438**

**Included in your agenda packet:**

- Draft regulatory changes to licensure requirements

**Action Needed:**

- Motion to recommend to the full Board the adoption of an exempt regulatory action to amend regulations pursuant to SB1438.

## **Part II**

### **Requirements for Licensure as a Polysomnographic Technologist**

#### **18VAC85-140-50. ~~Application~~ Initial licensure requirements.**

An applicant for initial licensure shall submit the following on forms provided by the board:

1. A completed application and a fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-140-40.
2. Verification of a professional credential in polysomnographic technology as required in 18VAC85-140-60.
3. Verification of practice as required on the application form.
4. ~~If licensed or certified in any other jurisdiction, documentation of any disciplinary action taken or pending in that jurisdiction.~~

#### **18VAC85-140-51. Licensure by endorsement**

An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall submit the following:

1. Evidence of a current, active license in a United States jurisdiction or Canada that is substantially similar and in good standing;
2. A completed application and fee; and
3. A current report from the National Practitioner Data Bank

#### **18VAC85-140-60. Licensure requirements.**

A. An applicant for a ~~license~~ initial licensure to practice as a polysomnographic technologist shall provide documentation of one of the following:

1. Current certification as a Registered Polysomnographic Technologist (RPSGT) by the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists;
2. Documentation of the Sleep Disorders Specialist credential from the National Board of Respiratory Care (NBRC-SDS); or
3. A professional certification or credential approved by the board from an organization or entity that meets the accreditation standards of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence.

B. An applicant for licensure shall provide documentation of current certification in Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers with a hands-on practice training evaluation segment.

## **Part III Renewal and Reinstatement**

### **18VAC85-140-70. Renewal of license.**

A. Every licensed polysomnographic technologist who intends to maintain an active license shall biennially renew his license each odd-numbered year during his birth month and shall:

1. Submit the prescribed renewal fee;
2. Attest to having current certification in Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers with a hands-on practice training evaluation segment; and
3. Attest to having met the continuing education requirements of 18VAC85-140-100.

B. The license of a polysomnographic technologist is lapsed if the license has not been renewed by the first day of the month following the month in which renewal is required. Practice with a lapsed license may be grounds for disciplinary action. A license that is lapsed for two years or less may be renewed by payment of the renewal fee and a late fee as prescribed in 18VAC85-140-40 and attestation of compliance with continuing education requirements and current Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers with a hands-on practice training evaluation segment certification.

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The travel regulations require that “travelers must submit the Travel Expense Reimbursement Voucher within 30 days after completion of their trip”. (CAPP Topic 20335, State Travel Regulations, p.7). Vouchers submitted after the 30-day deadline cannot be approved.

In order for the agency to be in compliance with the state travel regulations, please submit your request for today’s meeting on or before

**July 13, 2025**