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## ADVISORY BOARD ON POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGY

### Minutes

June 13, 2025

The Advisory Board on Polysomnographic Technology met on Friday, June 13, 2025, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael Polsky, MD

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Neil Widrick  
Hannah Tyler  
Ronnie Hayes, RPSGT - Chair  
Raid Mohaidat - Citizen Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Arne Owens - Director, Department of Health Professions  
William L. Harp, MD - Executive Director  
Michael Sobowale, LLM - Deputy Executive Director, Licensure  
Colanithia Opher - Deputy Executive Director, Medical Licensure  
and Administration  
Kathleen LaMotte - Board Administrator  
Roslyn Nickens - Licensing Supervisor  
Sonya Armstead - Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None

#### Call to Order

Dr. Harp called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. after allowing time for Board members to arrive.

#### Emergency Egress Procedures

Kathleen LaMotte announced the emergency egress instructions.

#### Roll Call

Ms. LaMotte called the roll; a quorum was not declared.

#### Introduction of Members

Dr. Harp asked everyone to introduce themselves.

#### Approval of Minutes

The minutes could not be approved due to the lack of a quorum.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda could not be approved due to the lack of a quorum.

### **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

There was no public comment.

Dr. Harp provided some highlights about the Board of Medicine and the Advisory Board as a brief orientation for Dr. Polsky.

### **New Business:**

#### **1. Legislative Report**

Erin Barrett reviewed items pertaining to the Board of Medicine from the 2025 General Assembly (GA) session. This included two vetoed bills supporting unconscious bias training, a new reporting system for threats made against healthcare professionals, a study to be completed by the DHP regarding the scope of practice of physician assistants, a new license type for anesthesiologist assistants, a faster regulatory pathway to allow for licensure by endorsement for professions that do not currently have one, a recommendation for education on communication with children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder to be disseminated to DHP licensees, the elimination of the Board of Health Professions and the absorption of the Board's duties by the boards and DHP divisions.

#### **2. Report on Status of Regulatory /Policy Actions**

There were no regulatory actions to report on at this meeting.

#### **3. Recommendation of draft amendments for licensure by endorsement**

Due to the lack of a quorum, the Advisory could not vote to recommend the draft licensure by endorsement regulations to the Board of Medicine. DHP staff advised that the draft regulations may still be brought to the Board as a recommendation from the policy department.

### **Licensing Report**

Sonya Armstead provided the following licensing statistics for Registered Polysomnographic Technologists:

Total Licensed in Commonwealth of Virginia - 490

Total licensed from 1/1 to present – 23

Time to licensure - 65 days

Clearance rate - 100%

**Announcements**

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is Friday, October 24, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Sobowale advised that at future meetings, there will be no paper agenda packet. Advisory members will have their items pre-loaded on a laptop. The agenda will also be projected for the public to view. Agency staff will continue to send out the notice of meetings by email ahead of time.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Harp adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

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William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director