

Medical Advisory Board (MAB) Open Meeting

**December 1, 2023** 

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Moreton Building, Room M-100
1100 West 49th Street
Austin, TX 78756

# Agenda Item 1

#### Call to Order

Medical Advisory Board Open Meeting
December 1, 2023
1 PM to 5 PM (CST)

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## **Agenda Item 2**

#### Roll Call

#### **Board Members:**

If attending virtually, please have your camera on during today's meeting. For members in the room, please remember to speak directly into the microphone so that online participants can hear your comments.

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# Virtual Rules of Participation

**Medical Advisory Board Meeting** 

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# **Rules of Participation**

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### **Rules of Participation**

- All participants will sign into the chat with their name and entity they represent.
- All participants will mute their microphone unless speaking, except the Chair.
- Board Members: Please have your camera on during today's meeting. When speaking or making a motion, please state your name for the meeting record.

# **Agenda Item 3**

Review and Approval of the September 27, 2023, Minutes

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# **Agenda Item 4**

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Update

Deferred to the Next Meeting

4.

## **Agenda Item 5**

Review of Proposed MAB
Bylaws

Discussion
Motion to Approve
Vote to Approve

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# Agenda Item 6

#### Vote for Items and Positions Outlined in the Bylaws

6a. Biosketch information for nominees

6c. Vote to elect the MAB Chair

6d. Vote to elect the MAB Vice-chair

6e. Vote to elect the three MAB representatives for the Executive Council

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#### Vote for the Chair of MAB

MAB Chair

1) Lead open meetings which shall include bringing items from committees to the entire MAB membership for approval as well as updating members on changes in MAB function.

2) Participate in active committees within the MAB such as the Process Improvement Workgroup

- 3) Participate in MAB staff meetings as requested.
  4) Participate in joint DPS/MAB(DSHS) meetings
  5) Assist DSHS and TMA with recruitment and education of new physicians
- 6) Duties are expected to require at least 20 hours a month
- 7) Integrate with other stakeholders as indicated
- 8) Other duties as required, especially during the legislative session

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#### **MAB** Chair

- Nominations
- · Nominated by W. LaValley Leanne Burnett, MD

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#### Vote for the MAB Vice-Chair

MAB Vice Chair

- 1) Lead the open meetings when the Chair is unavailable.
  2) Participate in active committees within the MAB such as the Process Improvement Workgroup
  3) May participate in MAB staff and joint DPS/MAB(DSHS) meetings as able 4) Assist the Chair with recruitment and education of physicians 5) Duties are expected to require at least 8 hours a month.

#### MAB Vice-Chair

- Nominations
- Nominated by Alison Leston, MD Will LaValley, MD

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#### **Vote for the MAB Executive Committee**

MAB Executive Committee

In concert with the Chair and Vice Chair, members of the Executive Committee will review new proposed forms, processes, etc so that if approved, these items can be put into use until approval of the full Board can be obtained at an open meeting.

Duties are expected to require at least 4-8 hours a month.

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#### **Executive Committee**

- Nominations
- Nominated by Leanne Burnett, MD Lenor Stroud, MD
- · Nominated by W. LaValley, MD Alison Leston, MD
- Nominated by T. Coopwood, MD Peggy Russel, MD
- Nominated by T. Coopwood, MD Ryan Butler
- Nominated by T. Coopwood, DM Neil Greishop, MD

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# **Agenda Item 7**

# Discussion of revisions to the Medical History Form

 Potential action item regarding Medical History Form

7 and 7.a.

# **Agenda Item 8**

Opportunities for revisions to the DL 45

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# **Agenda Item 9**

# Review of the MAB Guidelines and any potential recommendations to the Guidelines

- Recommendations for the Guidelines
- Recognizing Dr. Roberts for his review and edits to the Guidelines

9. And 9a

# Agenda Item 10

MAB Exceptional Item (EI)
Update

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#### **MAB Program Staff**

- Exceptional Item
- 11 Additional staff members
- Recruiting, Hiring, Orientation
- Two positions remain vacant
- Other various stages on on-boarding and orientation
- Performance Improvement Initiatives
- MAB Program
- Physician PI Workgroup

• MAB Voucher Procedure

**MAB Program** 

- MAB Affidavit Procedure
- MAB Email and Communication Procedure
- DSHS Performance Improvement Section
- Data Reports Lillian Meza

#### MAB Physicians PI Workgroup

- MAB Physician PI Workgroup Meetings Every other Wednesday at 6 pm
- Collaborative meetings with DPS / MAB Every other Wednesdays at 10 am
- Medical History Form
- Opinion Form
- Cases Requiring Additional Information
- Rule Revision
- Record Retention Request
- Other Discussions

# Agenda Item 11

# Statutory and Rule Revision Discussion

- a. Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 12, Subchapter H, §§12.091-12.098
- b. Texas Administrative Code, Subchapter L, Rules §§1.151-1.152

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# Agenda Item 12

#### **Public Comment**

- Provide your name, who you represent, and the item you are addressing.
- Please limit public comment to 3 minutes.

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# Agenda Items 13 and 14

#### **Next Meeting**

13. Priorities

14. Meeting Date and Location

13. and 14

# Adjourn

Thank you!

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#### September 27, 2003, Open Meeting

Members of the MAB present: Algis Baliunas, MD, Leanne Burnett, MD, Ryan Buter, MD, Tom Coopwood, MD, Gerlyn Friesenhan, MD, Wendell Grogan, MD, Will LaValley, MD, Audrey Nath, MD, David Tasker, MD, Azreen Thomas, MD, Kevin Tomsic, MD Note: A Quorum was present.

Non-MAB members present: Jorie Klein, Karla Greathouse-Chilot, Laura Rios, Haley White, Ida Murguia, Marcy Heine, Goodluck, Elei

#### Minutes

Agenda	Discussion	Action Plan	Individual Responsible	Timeline
Call to Order	Dr. Leann Burnett called the	Program team explained the Open	All MAB Open Meeting	None
	meeting to order	Meeting process and the virtual	attendees	
		attendance expectations of having		
		cameras on when speaking and		
		raising their hand for comments.		
Introduction	Dr. Burnett requested each	Program staff completed the roll	MAB members	None
of new the	new member of the MAB to	call and the new members		
MAB	introduce themselves during	introduced themselves.		
members	the roll call. See attendance			
	Roster			*
Update for	Mary Hines and Goodluck Eli	No actions required.	-	-
the	were present and provided			
Department	on update on the leadership			
of Public	and the DPS processes for			
Safety (DPS	MAB. The discussed their role			
	and participation in MAB			
	DPS/MAB Workgroup.			
Dr. Burnett	The proposed Bylaws for the	MAB members were requested to	MAB members	Next MAB Open Meeting
presented the	MAB were included in	review the Bylaws and be	.55	
proposed	meeting invite for the	prepared to make comments and		
Bylaws for the	members to review and	potentially vote to approve.		
MAB.	comment. Dr. Burnett stated			

	that the Bylaws will be on the next meeting agenda for a vote of approval.  Dr. Burnett presented the information on the proposed Bylaws MAB officers, to include the Chair, Vice-Chair, and three Executive  Committee Members. She stated that individuals interested in a MAB officer position should complete a nomination form or individuals who would like to nominate an individual need to complete a nomination form.	Dr. Burnett stated that the MAB program staff will send the nomination form out to the MAB members.	Jorie Klein	
Dr. Burnett presented the proposed revisions to the Medical History Form.	Dr. Burnett reviewed the form with the MAB members. Dr Burnett asked that comments or recommendations to form be sent to her. The updated Medical History Form will be reviewed at the next Open Meeting.	MAB members were requested to review the form and provide any feedback or comments.	MAB members	Next MAB Open Meeting
Discussion of the revisions to the DL45.	Dr. Burnett reviewed the recommendations for revisions to the DL45.	Members were asked to provide any recommendations or feedback regarding the current form to her. This is one of the items being reviewed through the DPS/MAB Workgroup.	MAB members	On-going

Discussion of the MAB Guidelines	Dr. Burnett briefly reviewed the MAB Guidelines and asked the members if they had feedback or recommendations to send them to her for discussion during the DPS/MAB Workgroup.	MAB members to review and provide feedback	MAB members	On-going
Action Items	Dr. Burnett reviewed the request for members to review the Medical History Form, DL45, and MAB Guidelines and provide feedback and recommendations.	MAB members to review and provide feedback.	MAB members	On-going
Update on the MAB Exceptional Item (EI)	Jorie Klein provided an overview of the EI process and support from the DSHS leadership and Legislators. The EI provided funding to increase the number of FTEs from two to thirteen. She also shared that the physician meeting payment can be increased from \$100 to \$150 through the rule revision process.	Program staff are working on recruiting the additional FTE. The rule revision process is being reviewed through the Physician PI meeting. Ida Murguia, legal counsel for MAB is leading the rule revision process.	Program staff	On-going
Statutory and Rule Revision Discussion	Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 12, Subchapter H, §§12.091098 and Texas Administrative Code, Subchapter L, Rule §1.152 were reviewed by Ida	Members were asked to provide any feedback or recommendations to the rule revision. This will continue to be a discussion item during the MAB Physician Pl workgroup.	Program staff MAB Physician PI workgroup All members of the MAB	Next Open Meeting of the MAB

	Murguia. She also reviewed				
	the statutory authority that				
	allows the MAB to conduct				
	their business.				
Public	No individuals signed up for	2	-	-	
Comment	Public Comment				
Next Meeting	Bylaws				
Priorities	Bylaws – Officers				
	Medical History Form				
	Rule Revisions				
Meeting was					
adjourned					

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# BYLAWS OF THE MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES

#### 1. Board Name

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Medical Advisory Board (MAB) or (DSHS MAB).

#### 2. Composition of the MAB

The MAB is a part of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Within DSHS, the MAB falls under the Department of Consumer Protection and the EMS/Trauma Systems section. The MAB is composed of physicians from various specialties including internal medicine, cardiology, neurology, ophthalmology, integrative medicine, physiatry, surgery, and psychiatry. In addition, program specialists and the manager of the MAB interface with the physicians and the DPS (Department of Public Safety) to perform the duties of the MAB. The director of the EMS/Trauma section directly supervises the MAB.

#### 3. Duties of the MAB

The MAB was established in 1970 to advise the Department of Public Safety (DPS) pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Title 2, Sec. 12.092-12.098. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) of the State of Texas may request an opinion or recommendation from the medical advisory board physician members on the ability of an applicant or license holder to operate a motor vehicle safely or to exercise sound judgment on the proper use and storage of a handgun. If DPS makes a request, a 3-physician panel is convened to consider the case or question submitted. Each panel member prepares an independent written report for DPS providing an opinion on the applicant or license holder's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle or their use sound judgment in the proper use and storage of a handgun as appropriate. The panel member's report may also make recommendations relating to DPS's next action. As the driver licensing agency for Texas, DPS is solely responsible for all actions taken or initiated. The DPS decision may be appealed to the courts for final determination.

The MAB Bylaws are reviewed and approved by a majority vote of the physicians appointed to the MAB.

#### 4. Guidelines for MAB Physician Members

Decisions by panel members with regard to the safe operation of motor vehicles are guided by the <u>Guide for Determining Driver Limitations for the MAB</u> (the Guide) which is a document that has been based on information in the National Highway Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA) and The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA)-"Driver Fitness Medical Guidelines-2009" In addition, the document undergoes ongoing revisions and modifications based on MAB member input. MAB physician members review medical facts provided by the licensee's physician in addition to other relevant information such as drug and alcohol screens and reports by law enforcement. MAB physician members utilize their expertise and experience along with the Guide to reach their opinions.

Optometrist will review cases specific to the eye or vision referrals.

All MAB members must complete the required "Open Meetings Act" Texas Government Code CHAPTER 551 training prior to participation in a meeting.

Physicians may be removed from the MAB due to lack of participation in meetings, lack of completing a minimum of 12 panel reviews annually, or due to disruptive unprofessional behavior during meetings.

#### 5. Executive Committee

The MAB members will elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, and three additional members to serve as the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will meet as needed to assist the MAB program staff with business operations. All decisions made by the Executive Committee must be vetted and approved by MAB at the next scheduled meeting.

The Chair of the MAB will serve as the presiding officer and conduct business for the MAB at the scheduled open meetings.

The Vice-Chair of the MAB serves as a back-up to the Chair in the event the Chair is not able to participate in a meeting.

The additional three members of the Executive Committee serve as representatives of the MAB members for decisions required between the scheduled MAB meetings.

#### 6. Committees

The MAB appoints committees it considers necessary to perform its duties. All committee meetings must follow the "Open Meetings Act" Texas Government Code CHAPTER 551. Committees will not have more that thirteen members. The MAB Chair will appoint the committee chair.

It is recommended that MAB members have six months of experience reviewing MAB referrals and have completed a minimum of twenty panels of case reviews prior to participation on a committee or workgroup.

#### 7. Workgroups

The MAB appoints workgroups it considers necessary to perform its duties. Workgroups have a specific assignment and timeline. Workgroups will not have more than eleven members. The MAB Chair will appoint the workgroup lead.

The current workgroup is the Process Improvement Workgroup (PIW). Members of the PIW are physician members of the MAB with additional interest and dedication to the mission of the PIW and the MAB. The assignment of the PIW, as reflected in its name, is to monitor and review the procedures of the MAB and make recommendations for improvement. The timeline of this workgroup is to complete this process by December of 2024, with the possibility of an extension based on the productivity of the workgroup.

Purpose of the PIW:

\* To review of current processes of the MAB for efficiency



- \* To update the Guide as indicated to maintain its relevance to current medical knowledge and the law
- \* To update the MAB History Form to maintain its relationship to the Guide.
- \* To interface with the MAB program manager and director of the DSHS and upon their request, to interface with other stakeholders.

One physician member of the PIW will head the committee. Should that physician step down or become inactive, the MAB Chair will appoint a new lead. The workgroup lead will conduct meetings on an as needed basis in concert with members of the MAB program staff. In addition, the physician who heads the workgroup will interface with both the DSHS leadership of the MAB program and the physician membership regarding these issues. The head of the workgroup will also commit to attendance (in person or by video) with the DPS/ DSHS Monthly Meeting and other meetings as deemed necessary by the leadership of the MAB program. All members of the PIW may also attend these meetings as they are able and offer input as desired. While a single physician is designated as head of the workgroup, it is understood that the position serves only to guide the workgroup in a collegial manner.

Recommendations made by the PIW for alterations in MAB procedures, the Guide and any relevant forms will be brought to all members of the MAB at the next scheduled biannual meeting for a vote to approve changes by the entire physician membership of the MAB.

#### 8. Meetings

At minimum, there will be biannual meetings of the entire MAB scheduled on dates at the discretion of the membership. Meetings are scheduled to maximize the number of physician members who can attend. In addition to items brought to the agenda by the PIW, any member of the MAB physicians or staff can, at their discretion, bring an item for agenda with appropriate notice.

#### 9. Conduct of meetings

All meetings will be conducted in accordance with the state "Open Meetings Act" Texas Government Code CHAPTER 551. Agendas will include the opportunity for the public comment as well as specific comment before any action is taken by the MAB.

All documents associated with MAB agenda items will be submitted to DSHS no later than twenty business days in advance of the MAB meeting. MAB program staff will complete the review process and posting of the materials for distribution to MAB members and stakeholders no later than nine days in advance of the meeting.

A quorum must be present for the MAB to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the members of the MAB.

#### 10. Review of the MAB Bylaws

The MAB Bylaws will be reviewed every two years or as required due to legislative initiatives.



Officer Nomination Form for December 1, 2023 Meeting

Please check the position that you are completing the nomination for:	
_X_Chair Vice-ChairExecutive Committee Member (3 positions)	
Nominee: _Dr Leanne Burnett MDPhone:_832-541-0636	
Email:Leanne Burnett <burnettleanne692@gmail.com></burnettleanne692@gmail.com>	
Zip code:77545Medical Specialty:_Neurology	
Brief Bio sketch (work history); must be within 500 words.	
I am a general neurologist and movement disorder specialist. In addition to owning my private practice, I served as an expert witness for 17 years and did peer reviews for a number of years. I served on numerous hospital committees including chairing the Ethics Committee and served on my hospital's executive committee for 8 years including 2 years as chief of staff. I also served on the Houston Area Parkinsons Society for 5 years including 2 as its president. I have a great deal of experience working with others in committee and leadership roles.	
I have been on the MAB since 2021 and have chaired the Process Improvement Committee for the past 2 years with Drs. LaValley, Stroud, Leston and Croft. During our tenure, we have revamped the Opinion Sheet and the Medical History Forms and rewritten the MAB Bylaws for Board approval. We are also revising the Rules which, upon approval, will increase reimbursement from \$100 per packet to \$150. We have also investigated the workings of the MAB in other states and intend to take up the processes and guidelines to reach driver determinations in 2024. In the future, we hope to streamline the function of the MAB and have the forms available for physicians to complete online which will ensure that providers complete these forms more thoroughly. Dr. LaValley is going to be spearheading our informatics efforts. In the last 6 months, I have also attended numerous meetings of the DPS and DSHS as we strive to bring the two organizations into closer alignment to improve efficiency and reduce the backlog of cases. I also wrote an article for the Harris County Medical Society soliciting new physicians for the MAB and communicated with many of these physicians in the process of their application to the MAB. I provided the onboarding for the new doctors. I chaired the September general meeting and will chair the December meeting	

Nomination completed by:\_\_\_\_J. William LaValley MD\_\_\_\_Date:\_2023-11-28\_\_ Please send completed nomination to Jorie Klein at <a href="mailto:dshsmab@dshs.texas.us">dshsmab@dshs.texas.us</a> Nominations must be received by November 30th, 2023, by 1300 or 1 pm.

#### Officer Nomination Form for December 1, 2023 Meeting

Please check the position that you are completing the nomination for:

\_\_Chair \_X\_ Vice-Chair \_\_Executive Committee Member (3 positions)

Nominee: J. William LaValley MDPhone: 512-794-8907
Email:jwl@LaValleyMDProtocols.com
Zip code:78759Medical Specialty:Integrative Medicine
Brief Bio sketch (work history); must be within 500 words.

Dr. LaValley is currently appointed by Texas Department of State Health Services (DHSH) Commissioner to the Texas Medical Advisory Board (MAB) since May 2020 serving as an active member on the DSHS MAB Process Improvement Workgroup (PIW) since October 2021.

Dr. LaValley graduated from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas In 1986 and completed Family Practice Internship at the University of Louisville School of Medicine in 1987. Since 1988, he is licensed by the Texas Medical Board (TMB) and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia (CPSNS) in Canada.

Since 1994, in the Canadian Medical Association (CMA), he is the founding Chairperson of the CMA's first Section of Integrative and Complementary Medicine - in the Nova Scotia division of the CMA, Doctors Nova Scotia (DNS). From 1997 to 2004 Dr. LaValley was integral to Canada's development of the Federal Regulations for Natural Health Products and Canadian guidelines regarding Complementary Medicine. Dr. LaValley was appointed by the federal Canadian Minister of Health to the Natural Health Products Advisory Panel (1997-2000), the National Transition Team for the Office of Natural Health Products within Health Canada (1997-2000), the Expert Advisory Committee of the Natural Health Products Directorate for the development of Regulations for Natural Health Products (NHPs) in Canada (2000-2004), and the Canadian National Advisory Group on Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Health (1998-1999).

He is a member of the American Medical Association (AMA), the Texas Medical Association (TMA), the Travis County Medical Society (TCMS), the Canadian Medical Association (CMA), and its Nova Scotia Division — Doctors Nova Scotia (DNS), as well as the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC).

Dr LaValley lives in Austin, Texas with his wife, Margaret (Maggz). He maintains his active Integrative Medicine consultation practice in collaboration with physicians throughout the United States and Canada.

Nomination by:\_\_Dr Alison Leston MD\_Date:\_15 November 2023\_
Please send completed nomination to Jorie Klein at <a href="mailto:dshsmab@dshs.texas.us">dshsmab@dshs.texas.us</a>
Nominations must be received by November 30th, 2023, by 1300 or 1 pm.

Officer Nomination Form for December 1, 2023 Meeting

Please check the position that you are completing the nomination for:

Chair Vice-Chair Executive Committee Member (3 positions)

Chair Vice-ChairExecutive Committee Member (3 positions)
Nominee: _Alison Leston, MD PhDPhone:_214-648-2104
Email:_Alison.Leston@UTSouthwestern.edu
Zip code:75390Medical Specialty:_Neurology
Brief Bio sketch (work history); must be within 500 words.
As a member of the Federal Air Surgeon's neurology advisory panel, Dr. Alison Leston has considerable experience in evaluating medical risks to transportation safety. She also has experience working in a regulatory environment. On this panel, she advises the FAA on fitness to fly decisions for pilots with neurological concerns. She brings this experience to the Texas Medical Advisory Board (MAB) on which she served since 2020. She has served on the MAB Process Improvement Workgroup since its inception in 2021.
Dr. Leston earned her PhD in neuroscience from the University of Chicago. Her MD and neurology residency and fellowship training were obtained at Washington University in St. Louis. After practicing as a community general neurologist 2006-2014 in St. Louis, she relocated to Texas. She has been a faculty member of the UT Southwestern Medical School since 2014. She is associate professor of neurology and head of the General Neurology section. Her clinical practice includes general neurology and is also a national referral center for pilots seeking neurological evaluation to support their application for FAA medical certification to fly.
In addition to her participation in MAB, Dr. Leston is Vice President of the International Aerospace Neurology Consortium and is a Trustee of the Civil Aviation Medical Association. She is able to offer her experience in certification medicine, specifically as it applies to operating a vehicle, to the Texas Medical Advisory Board.

#### Officer Nomination Form

Please check the position th	nat you are completing the nomination for:
Chair Vice-Chair _X_E	Executive Committee Member (3 positions)
Nominee: Lenor Stroud, MD	Phone:
Email:	
Zip code:	Medical Specialty: Internal Medicine
Brief Bio sketch (work history); mu	ıst be within 500 words.
	.C.P. is a private practice Internal Medicine specialist ence in both in-patient and out-patient care. She

Leonor B. Frierson-Stroud, M.D., F.A.C.P. is a private practice Internal Medicine specialist with greater than 34 years of experience in both in-patient and out-patient care. She received her Liberal Arts degree from the Plan II Honors Program at the University of Texas at Austin in 1980. She earned her Medical Doctor degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio in 1985. She went on to Scott and White in Temple where she became Board Certified in Internal Medicine in 1989. She has served as the Chief of Medicine for Round Rock Hospital (19\_\_\_) and interim Chief of Medicine for Seton Northwest Hospital (19\_\_\_). She helped bring Manual Lymphatic Drainage treatment to central Texas as the Director of the first Lymphedema Clinic in the region (\_\_\_\_). Formerly, she has been on the faculty of Texas A&M and Dell Medical Schools as Associate Clinical Professor.

In addition to her clinical background, she has been a Type I Diabetic for over 50 years and a caregiver for family with significant health issues. These experiences put her in a unique position to understand the multi-faceted job the MAB performs.

Dr. Frierson-Stroud has been active, with the other members of the Process Improvement Sub-Committee, over the last 18 months in the process of modernizing and streamlining the function of the MAB. She has also been actively involved in reaching out to the physician community to increase the membership of the MAB. The aim is to facilitate the important mission of the MAB to as safe a driving environment as possible for the State of Texas. She would be honored to be able to continue this important mandate.

Nomination completed by:Leann Burnett, MD \_\_\_\_ Date:11/27/2023

Please send completed nomination to Jorie Klein at <a href="mailto:dshs.texas.us">dshs.texas.us</a>

Nominations must be received by November 30, 2023.

#### Officer Nomination Form

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#### Officer Nomination Form

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Nominations must be received by November 30, 2023.

#### Officer Nomination Form

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mail:			
p code:Medical Specialty: General Surgery _			
Brief Bio sketch (work history	); must be within 500 words.		

### **DPS/DSHS TX MAB MEDICAL EVALUATION FORM**

Draft Document – Process Improvement Committee

Dr Leanne Burnett MD & Dr William LaValley MD -- 08 Nov 2023



**Texas Department of State Health Services** 

Jennifer A. Shuford, MD, MPH
Commissioner

PLEASE PROVIDE THIS LETTER TO YOUR PHYSICIAN WITH THE ATTACHED MEDICAL EVALUATION FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR PHYSICIAN

#### Dear Healthcare Provider:

The attached form has been brought to you by a candidate for, or current holder of, a Texas Driver's License. This person's case has been referred by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to the Texas Department of State Health Services Medical Advisory Board (DSHS MAB) because of a concern about the candidate's medical history. The relevant section(s) pertaining to the candidate's referral MUST be completely filled out in order to process the referral.

If this is the first time you have seen this patient, please record what the patient states was their last occurrence of the reported medical issue. Also, please state this is the first time you have seen this patient, and this is the information that has been provided to you.

The Health and Safety Code authorizes the MAB to require the person to undergo a medical examination at his or her own expense. However, at this time we are simply calling for a thorough and current medical evaluation, as it pertains to any medical limitations to driving. Current medical information is defined in Medical Advisory Board rules as being less than 12 months old. An examination will be necessary if one has not been conducted within 12 months. Please complete and return this MAB Medical Evaluation Form to the MAB at the following:

Email	Fax	Mail	
dshsmab@dshs.texas.go	(512) 834-6736	Texas Department of State Health Services	
		ATTN: Medical Advisory Board (MC 1876)	
		PO Box 149347	
		Austin, Texas 78714-9909	

Health and Safety Code, Title 2 Subchapter H, Section 12.098, is the law pertaining to your liability protection, as it concerns any professional opinion, recommendation, or report you make for the purpose of assisting us in determining a candidate's ability to operate a motor vehicle.

<u>Please note you are providing medical information and your professional medical opinion of this person's capability to drive.</u>

If you have any questions about the forms or the procedure, please call (512) 834-6738 or (512) 834-6739. Medical Advisory Board, Texas Department of State Health Services.



#### **Texas Department of State Health Services**

Jennifer A. Shuford, MD, MPH
Commissioner

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### **Medical Advisory Board (MAB) Medical Evaluation Form**

Sections B-K are relevant for specific diagnoses/conditions Section A is required. A. GENERAL (SECTION A IS REQUIRED: FAILURE TO COMPLETE WILL RESULT IN RETURN OF FORM) 1) Condition(s) the patient is being treated for: 2) List all current medications (include dose and frequency. If prn, average frequency of use) 6. 7. 2. 3. 8. 4. 9. 10. 5. 11. 6. 7. 12. 3) When did you start providing care for this patient? Date the patient was seen for this evaluation / date patient last seen? 5) In your opinion, can the patient safely operate a motor vehicle? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If No, please provide reason (mandatory) Optional - Additional Comment: 6) Do you recommend a driving evaluation? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Complete additional Sections B-K which are relevant to your patient **B. BREATHING RELATED CONDITIONS** NOT APPLICABLE \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Does the patient have asthma? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ 2) Does the patient have COPD? 3) Dyspnea? No \_\_\_\_ Yes, at rest Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, with exertion with O2 sat > 88% without supplemental O2 Yes, with exertion with O2 sat> 88% with supplemental O2 Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, with exertion and O2 sat< 88% even with supplemental O2 C. DISORDERS OF SLEEP/ALERTNESS NOT APPLICABLE \_\_\_\_

1)	Does the patient have sleep apnea?	YIN	
	a) If YES  What was the AHI (Apnea  What is the AHI on treatn	n-Hypopnea Index) prior to treatment?	AHI AHI
	Is the patient compliant w What is the Epworth Slee	vith treatment? piness Scale (ESS) on treatment?	Yes   No ESS
2)	Does the patient have narcolepsy?	Y N	
	a) If YES		
	Is the patient compliant on Does the patient have under attacks?	n medication? controlled daytime sleepiness or sleep	Yes   No Yes   No
	If YES What is the freq	uency of the attacks and what was ast attack?	Frequency Date
). V/	ASCULAR DISEASE - TO BE COMPLETED	BY CARDIOLOGY. NOT APPLIC	ABLE
) C	Cardiovascular Disease/ Heart Failure - Fu	unctional Classification American Hea	rt Association (AHA):
	AHA Class I AHA Class I:		
	AHA Class II AHA Class II:	Symptoms with strenuous activity	
	AHA Class III AHA Class III	: Symptoms with normal activity	
	AHA Class IV Class IV: Syr	nptoms at rest	
) C	Class C - Objective evidence		isease
) A	Angina Pectoralis:  At rest or with minimal exert  With mild exertion (walking  With moderate exertion  With severe exertion	ion 1-2 blocks, climbing 1 flight of stairs)	
•	or Commercial Drivers Only: an the patient complete the Stage II of th	ne standard Bruce protocol? Yes	No
) N	Nalignant hypertension or hypertensive	urgency: Yes No	_
) C	oronary Artery Disease/ Myocardial Infa	arction / D.V.T.	
1)	Yes No Myocardial Infarction		
2)	Yes No DVT	Date:	
3)	Yes No Bypass grafting	Date:	
4)	Yes No Stenting	Date:	
5)	Yes   No Cleared to drive?	By PCP? Yes   No I	By Cardiology? Yes  No_

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	6)	Yes   No	Stable?	On antiplatele On anticoagul	_					
7)		rythmias: Syncopal episode(s If Yes, Date		d with cardiac o	condition			No		
	b)	Atrial fibrillation/fl Under trea Heart Rate On stable a	ntment by o	ed			Yes Yes Yes	No   No   No   No	<u> </u>	
	c)	AV nodal re-entry to Symptoma Not sympto controlled	tic omatic OR	ter ablation or r	nedical ther	ару	Yes _	No   No   No		
	d)	Wolff Parkinson W With atrial Without at	fibrillation				Yes _	No   No   No		
	e)	Co	sustained V Insustained Introlled wi				Yes Yes Yes	No   No   No   No		
	f)	Other Arrythmias Specify Typ	)e							
		Cle	ator) been   te of place ared/Relea				Date:	No   No   No		
7) 	Hea	art block – if applic First Degree Second degree N Second degree N Third degree	Mobitz I	one						
		Cleared/Release (for drivers with					Yes _	No		
		CKOUT (UNEXPLA o recall) OR, SYNO		•	conscious	ness	NOT AP	PPLICABLE		
	a)	Single episode?				= =	Yes	No		

		Multiple episodes?	Yes	No	
		If multiple, how many episodes in the last year?			
	b)	Date of episode(if single) or most recent episode	Date:		
		Cause of syncope:			
	c)	Unknown - provide records of any evaluation (general, cardiac,			
		neuro)			
	d)	Vasovagal (cause of vagal episode if known)			
	e)	Neurocardiogenic	Yes	No	
	f)	Hypotensive (cause of hypotension if known)			
	g)	Arrhythmia (complete relevant vascular section)	Yes	No	
	h)	Other (cause if known)	0		
	i)	In your opinion, is the condition controlled?	Yes	No	
F.	NEU	ROLOGIC NOT APPLICABLE			
1)	TIA				
•	a)	Single episode?	Yes	No	
	,	Multiple episodes?		No	
		If multiple, how many TIAs in the last year?			
	b)	Date of most recent TIA	Date:		_
	,	Stable on antiplatelet or anticoagulant therapy?		No	
2)		/ Stroke			
	a)	Residual deficits: Yes   No			
	_	None			
	_	Mild			
	_	Moderate			
	_	Severe			
	b)	If moderate to severe, describe deficit(s)			
	c) =	Any visual deficits? (If yes, complete visual evaluation)	Yes	No	
	d)	Any language deficits		No	
		If yes, describe			
-	Seiz			<b>5</b> .	
		Date of last seizure:		Date:	
	-	Number of seizures in the last year?			
	- /	On anticonvulsants?		Yes	
		The patient reliably takes his/her anticonvulsant?		Yes	
	-	Does the patient experience daytime somnolence with the medical		Yes	
		Any other medication side effects which might interfere with drivin	ıg?	Yes	No
		If yes, what side effects?		Date:	
	g)	Does the patient consume excess alcohol?		Yes	No
4)	Cog	nitive impairment/ Dementia			
•	-	MMSE or MoCa score (in last 3 months)			
		Has the patient had an O.T. evaluation for driver safety?		Yes	No
	•	If yes, supply the report		Yes	
		Has the patient had neuropsychological testing in the last year?		Yes	

	If yes, supply the report	Yes	No
5) \	Vertigo/Dizziness		
•	Severity		
a)		Yes	No
b)			No
c)			No
d)			No
6) (	Other Miscellaneous neurologic disorders (traumatic brain injury, movement disor	ders suc	h as Parkinson's Multinle
-	Sclerosis, peripheral neuropathy)	ucis suci	ir as rarkinson s, makipic
a)			
b)	- AME	_	
D)	Mild		
	Moderate		
c)	Severe  If the condition is associated with cognitive impairment, complete Section F(4)	ahove	
c)	if the condition is associated with cognitive impairment, complete section (4)	above	
G. P	SYCHIATRIC NOT APPLICABLE		
a)	Diagnosis:		
b)	At the time of this evaluation, is the patient		
	Aggressive, assaultive or excessively hostile?	Yes	No
	Experiencing hallucinations or delusions?	Yes	No
	Homicidal?	Yes	No
	Suicidal?	Yes	No
	Impulsive?	Yes	No
	Paranoid?		No
	Exhibiting impaired judgement?		No
c)	Is the patient compliant with medication/ treatment?	-	No
d)			
/	driving?	Yes	No
e)		Yes	No
<b>LI</b> A	LCOHOL AND DRUG USE/ABUSE NOT APPLICABLE		
	Substance used or abused:		
p)			
c)	Last known use	-	
d)	Number of times treated:	-	
e)	Month/year of last treatment:	=	1
f)	Member of AA/NA:		No
g)	On Methadone/Antabuse		No
h)	Urine drug screen (required for history of drug use-provide report)	Yes	No
	Results Negative ? Yes   No Positive for:		
i)	Urine for alcohol ethyl glucuronide/ethyl sulfate (required for history of alcohol	Yes	No
	abuse-provide report)		
	Results Negative Yes   No		
I. MF	ETABOLIC DISEASE NOT APPLICABLE		
a)		Yes	No
aj	If yes, compliant with medical therapy/dialysis?	Yes	No
	ir yes, comphane with inculcul therapy, dialysis:		''''

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b)	Diabetes				res	No
	On oral agents					No
	On insulin					No
	HgbA1c					No
c)	Any episodes of DKA, coma, shock or sympt	omatic hypo	glycemi	a	Voc	No
	(confusion, loss of consciousness, altered m	ental status,	motor o	deficits)	163	110
	If yes, date of last incident				Date:	i3
d)						
e)	Any incidents requiring hospitalization					No
f)	Is the patient compliant with therapy?					No
g)	Does the patient have a Continuous Glucose	e Monitor (Co	GM)		Yes	No
J. M	USCULOSKELETAL NOT APPL	ICABLE				
a)				itis,	Voc	l No
·	weakness, spasticity)?				res	No
	If yes, specify condition and describ	oe impairmer	nt:			
b)	Is the condition progressive?			= 3	Yes	No
,	Is assistive equipment employed?					No
c)	is assistive equipment employed:					
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MAB Review Date	:				
CLIENT NAME:	«LAST_NAME»	«FIRST_NAME»	«MID_NAME»	«SUFFIX»	«TITLE»
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Medical problem:	«MED_PROBLEM»	5	<u> </u>		
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Internal Med	Cardiology (	Ophthalmology	netry Neurology	Psychiat	ry
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#### TITLE 25 HEALTH SERVICES

#### PART 1 DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES

#### **CHAPTER 1 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

#### SUBCHAPTER L MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD

#### §1.151 Definitions

The following words and terms when used in this section, shall have the following meanings, unless the text clearly indicates otherwise:

- (1) MAB The Medical Advisory Board is the body of physicians and optometrists licensed by the State of Texas and established under authority of the Health and Safety Code Section 12.092, from which a panel is to be convened when opinions are requested by the Department of Public Safety. Each physician on the MAB is a MAB member or "member"
- (2) DPS The Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas, responsible for MAB referrals established under authority of the TAC Title 31 Subchapter C, Rule Section 15.58.
- (3) DSHS The Department of State Health Services which is responsible for administering MAB activities established under authority of the Health and Safety Code Chapter 12, Subchapter H. Medical Advisory Board, Sections 12.091-12.098.
- (4) Bylaws Bylaws of the DSHS Medical Advisory Board
- (5) Applicant -- An individual referred by the DPS to the MAB for medical review to include applicants defined under Texas Health and Safety Code Section 12.092(2)(b)(1)(2).
- (6) Commissioner The commissioner of DSHS
- (7) TMA Texas Medical Association
- (8) TOA Texas Optometric Association
- (10) MAB Panel A body of at least 3 MAB members convened to review applicants and provide opinions at the request of the DPS. Additional members may be empaneled as necessary to reach a consensus opinion.
- (11) Medical Packet Information provided to the members on the MAB panel inclusive of:
- (a) records/information supplied by the applicant pertinent to the medical condition(s) under review
- (b) other medical information/records provided by the applicant's health care providers pertinent to the medical review and
- (c) information provided by DPS including Supplemental Medical History form (DL-45), Medical Information Request form (DL-177), and accident reports. Other information may be included if considered pertinent to the review.

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#### §1.152 Operation of the Medical Advisory Board

#### A. MAB Membership

- 1. The commissioner shall appoint MAB members from:
- a. Persons licensed to practice medicine in Texas, including physicians who are board certified in medicine, psychiatry neurology, physical medicine, or ophthalmology, and are jointly recommended by DSHS and the TMA established under the authority of Health and Safety Code Section 12.092 and
- b. Persons licensed to practice optometry in this state who are jointly recommended by the DSHS and the Texas Optometric Association (TOA).
- 2. Members shall be paid a fee per Medical Packet review and for attendance of meetings as per the Bylaws.
- 3. Members may be recommended for dismissal, per the Bylaws, for failure to perform in a professional manner, failure to attend meetings regularly and failure to review the minimum required number of cases.

#### B. Function of the MAB

- 1. Upon a referral request from the DPS based on below established authority:
- a. Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 15 Drivers License Rules, Rule 15.58 Medical Advisory Referrals or
- b, Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 6 License to Carry and Government Code Subchapter H. License to Carry, Section 411.171

#### DSHS shall convene a MAB panel of a minimum of 3 MAB members

- a. Each MAB member shall review the applicant's Medical Packet. Each member of a MAB panel ma examine any medical records or reports containing materials which may be relevant to the ability of the applicant to safely operate a motor vehicle or to exercise sound judgment with respect to the proper use and storage of a handgun.
- b. Upon completion of the review, each member shall provide an independent opinion in the form of a written recommendation which shall state the member's opinion as to the ability of the applicant to safely operate a motor vehicle or to exercise sound judgement in the proper use and storage of a handgun. Any decision will be held in abeyance until all additional information deemed necessary for the medical review has been made available.
- c. The members recommendations or opinions are provided to the DPS. The final decision to issue, renew restrict, or revoke a driver's license or license to carry a handgun shall rest entirely with the DPS as established under the authority of the Transportation Code Section 521.294(1) and (3).
- d. All members are expected to act in an impartial manner in their medical reviews. Any member who is unable to be impartial as to any applicant before the MAB shall declare this impartiality and shall not participate in any MAB proceedings involving the applicant.

- C. Medical Packet1. The applicant shall provide current medical information to the MAB which is pertinent to the medical condition(s) for which DPS requested the review. Information shall be provided within 20 days by a licensed physician or, in the case of medical conditions impacting vision, may be provided by an optometrist.
- 2. Any department approved health care provider or facility who treated the applicant may provide information regarding the applicant's fitness to operate a motor vehicle safely or the ability to exercise sound judgement with respect to the proper use and storage of a handgun. Information completed/provided by a midlevel provider must be cosigned by a physician except in the case of information from an optometrist who may sign if reporting on a vision related condition.

#### D. Confidentiality

- 1. DSHS shall collect and maintain the individual medical records according to record retention requirements outlined in MAB bylaws from a physician, hospital or other health care provider necessary for use by the MAB and its members. All records provided shall be kept confidential as established by the Health and Safety Code Section 12.097.
- 2. All records, reports and testimony relating to the medical condition of an applicant:
- (a) Are for the confidential use of the MAB, a MAB Panel or the DPS;
- (b) Are privileged information; and
- (c) May not be disclosed to any person or used as evidence in a trial except as provided below in Subsection 3.
- 3. In a subsequent proceeding under Subchapter H. License to Carry, Chapter 411, Government Code, or Subchapter N. Driver's License Denial, Suspension, or Revocation, Chapter 521 , , DSHS may provide a copy of the report of the MAB or MAB Panel and the Medical Packet relating to an applicant to:
- (a) DPS;
- (b) the applicant; and/or
- (c) the presiding officer at the license to carry or driver's license hearing
- 4. . MAB physician opinions may be released to DPS for a license to carry or driver's license hearing with a certificate of custodian of records affidavit.
- 5. Health Care providers may request and shall be mailed a copy of any medical information provided by that health care provider subject to Open Records and HIPAA regulations.