

Joint Committee for Advanced Practice Nurses

Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2025

Location: 848 Washington Avenue

Montgomery, Alabama 36104

I. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

The following committee members were present: Charles M. A. Rogers, MD, Jane Weida, MD, Adam Harrison, DO, Sharon Holley, DNP, Tochie Lofton, DNP, and Natalie Baker, DNP

The following BME staff members were present: Suzanne Powell, Sandi Kirkland, Tonya Vice, Leslie Roberts, Matt Hart, Effie Hawthorne, Karen Silas, Wilson Hunter, Alicia Harrison, Chris Hart, William Perkins

Guests: Christie Mumford, Sharon Owen, Alice Henley, Honor Ingels, Eileen Meyer, Sam Elebash, Laura Hart, Kayla Lott, Skylar Couch, Ragan Ingram

Virtual Guests: Dr. Vicinanza, Amy Dorminey, Scott Johnson, Shelby Gerhardt, Sarah Sawyer, MD, Scott Vanloock, MD, Robert Inman, MD, Katie Beckham, Lauren Kole, MD, Vlada Groysman, MD, Stephen Lavendar, Corey Hartman, MD, Jill Herzog, MD, and 4 unidentified guests

On July 16, 2025, the Joint Committee conducted its regularly scheduled meeting at the office of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners in Montgomery, Alabama at 6:00 p.m.

II. Review of Minutes

Natalie Baker, DNP, moved to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2025, meeting. Jane Weida, MD, seconded the motion. Charles M. A. Rogers, MD, Jane Weida, MD, Adam Harrison, DO, Sharon Holley, DNP, Tochie Lofton, DNP, and Natalie Baker, DNP, voted in favor of the motion.

III. Old Business

A. Alabama Board of Nursing Cosmetic Botulinum Toxin Injection Protocol – The ABN approved the Cosmetic Botulinum Toxin Injection Protocol at its May 23, 2025, Board meeting. The members of the Joint Committee recommended to receive the approved ABN protocol as information.

B. ABN Oculoplastic Skill Approval and Request to Train – The Joint Committee recommended to defer this item until the new Oculoplastic Protocol has been discussed

in New Business.

IV. **New Business**

A. **ABN Revised Botox for Chronic Migraines Protocol** – After discussion, Natalie Baker, DNP, made a motion to approve the modifications to the Botox for Chronic Migraines Protocol. Jane Weida, MD, seconded the motion. Charles M. A. Rogers, MD, Jane Weida, MD, Adam Harrison, DO, Sharon Holley, DNP, Tochie Lofton, DNP, and Natalie Baker, DNP, voted in favor of the motion. Noted approved modifications include:

- a. Add Pediatric, Pediatric Acute, and Women’s Health certifications to the population foci exclusion list to match current protocol
- b. Collaborating/ covering physician to be onsite during training only
- c. Physician must be readily available when CRNP is performing the procedure
- d. Annual maintenance decreased from 25 procedures to 10
- e. Advanced Practice Practitioners may diagnose chronic migraines, but remove “migraine and headache specialist” as this term has no definition
- f. Quarterly QA required

B. **ABN Revised Botox for Hyperhidrosis Protocol** – After discussion, Natalie Baker, DNP, made a motion to approve the modifications to the Botox for Hyperhidrosis Protocol. Tochi Loftin, DNP, seconded the motion. Charles M. A. Rogers, MD, Jane Weida, MD, Adam Harrison, DO, Sharon Holley, DNP, Tochie Lofton, DNP, and Natalie Baker, DNP, voted in favor of the motion. Noted approved modifications include:

- a. Decrease required experience from 2 years to 1 year but remove “time spent assisting in non-CRNP role to count towards half the requirement”
- b. Physician to be present during training only
- c. Physician to be readily available when the CRRNP is performing the procedure

C. **ABN Revised Cosmetic Botulinum Toxin Injection Protocol** - After discussion, Jane Weida, MD, made a motion to approve the modifications to the Cosmetic Botulinum Toxin Injection Protocol. Natalie Baker, DNP, seconded the motion. Charles M. A. Rogers, MD, Jane Weida, MD, Adam Harrison, DO, Sharon Holley, DNP, Tochie Lofton, DNP, and Natalie Baker, DNP, voted in favor of the motion. Noted approved modifications include:

- a. Add Board Certified DO to the qualified physician training requirement
- b. Allow physician injection experience from another state to count towards the 8 hour requirement if not board certified

- c. Remove “hands on training” from the 10 hour didactic portion with the understanding that hands on training is still required after receiving the request to train
- d. Allow previous training in another state on a case by case basis for the course requirement

In addition, the Joint Committee recommended the following items be deferred for further evaluation:

- a. ABN proposed to change “physician’s office” to “healthcare clinic”. Consider alternate option to “healthcare clinic”
- b. Physician only present during training
- c. Physician to be readily available when the APP is performing the procedure
- d. Allowing CRNPs to purchase after direct consultation with physician from FDA approved manufacturer
- e. Decreasing initial and annual maintenance numbers from 50/25 to 25/15

D. ABN CRNP Standard Protocol - After discussion, Natalie Baker, DNP, made a motion to approve the skills below to the CRNP standard protocol for Adult Acute, Gerontology, Pediatric Acute, Adult, Adult/Gerontology Primary, Family, Gerontology, and Pediatric certifications. Adam Harrison, DO, seconded the motion. Charles M. A. Rogers, MD, Jane Weida, MD, Adam Harrison, DO, Sharon Holley, DNP, Tochie Lofton, DNP, and Natalie Baker, DNP, voted in favor of the motion.

- a. Removal of mediastinal chest tubes
- b. Removal of Pacing Wires
- c. Removal of Pulmonary Artery Catheter (Swan-Ganz Catheter)

In addition, the following items were deferred for acute certifications:

- a. Central Venous Line Removal- Tunneled
- b. Chest tube insertion
- c. Paracentesis
- d. Removal of Left Atrial Catheter
- e. Thoracentesis

The following items were deferred for primary certifications:

- a. Central Venous Line Removal- Tunneled
- b. Removal of Left Atrial Catheter

E. ABN New Critical Care Protocol – After discussion, Adam Harrison, DO, made the motion to defer consideration of the new Critical Care Protocol for further information.

Sharon Holley, DNP, seconded the motion. Charles M. A. Rogers, MD, Jane Weida, MD, Adam Harrison, DO, Sharon Holley, DNP, Tochie Lofton, DNP, and Natalie Baker, DNP, voted in favor of the motion.

- F. **BME Request for Dermal Fillers** – The Joint Committee considered a request from Dr. Cash to allow APPs to perform dermal fillers. Natalie Baker, DNP, made a motion to approve the request. Sharon Holley, DNP, seconded the motion. Charles M. A. Rogers, MD, Jane Weida, MD, Adam Harrison, DO, voted against the motion. Sharon Holley, DNP, Tochie Lofton, DNP, and Natalie Baker, DNP, voted in favor of the motion.
- G. **ABN New Oculoplastic Protocol** –After discussion, Natalie Baker, DNP, made a motion to not approve the Oculoplastic Specialty Protocol. Tochi Loftin, DNP, seconded the motion. Charles M. A. Rogers, MD, Jane Weida, MD, Adam Harrison, DO, Sharon Holley, DNP, Tochie Lofton, DNP, and Natalie Baker, DNP, voted in favor of the motion.
- H. **Skill Request and Request to Train Oculoplastic Skills for Shelby Gerhardt, CRNP and Matthew Vicinanza, MD** –After discussion, Sharon Holley, DNP, made the motion to approve the oculoplastic skill request with the modification of training numbers presented in the protocol and the addition of didactic training per skill. Natalie Baker, DNP, seconded the motion. Charles M. A. Rogers, MD, Jane Weida, MD, Adam Harrison, DO, Sharon Holley, DNP, Tochie Lofton, DNP, and Natalie Baker, DNP, voted in favor of the motion.

Next Meeting Date

The next scheduled meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on September 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at the office of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners in Montgomery.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Suzanne Powell

Minutes approved by: Charles M. A. Rogers, MD


