JOINT COMMITTEE for ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING
Alabama Board of Nursing and Alabama Board of Medical Examiners
770 Washington Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama

Fiscal Year 2026
September 16, 2026
Scheduled Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Dr. Sharon Holley, DNP, CNM, FACNM, FAAN, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. on September 16, 2026.

Joint Committee members present:
John Sams Elebash, CRNP
Adam Harrison, DO
Sharon Holley, DNP, CNM, FACNM, FAAN
Richard "Wade" Menefee, III, CRNP, AGACNP-BC
Charles "Max" Rogers, MD
Jane Weida, MD, FAAFP

Staff members present:
The Alabama Board of Nursing:
Laura Hart, DNP, CRNP, FNP-BC, Nurse Consultant for Advanced Practice
Honor Ingels, Chief Policy Officer, Chief Communications Officer
Brad Jones, IT Director
Alice Maples Henley, General Counsel
Sharon Owen, Advanced Practice Administrative Assistant

The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners:
Matt Hart, Special Counsel to the Executive Director
Alicia Harrison, Associate General Counsel
Effie Hawthorne, Associate General Counsel
Wilson Hunter, General Counsel
Sandi Kirkland, RN, Advanced Practice Nurse Consultant
William Perkins, Executive Director
Suzanne Powell, RN, Director of Advanced Practice Providers
Leslie Roberts, RN, Advanced Practice Nurse Consultant
Tonya Vice, RN, Advanced Practice Nurse Consultant

Joint Committee visitors:
Kayla Lott, NPAA
Eileen Meyer, UAB, NPAA

B. Declaration of Quorum

A quorum was declared with three nurse members, and three physician members present.

C. Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act

Prior notice of the meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's website in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

D. Review of Full Agenda

1. Additions, Modifications, Reordering

On September 16, 2026, the next Joint Committee meeting date was corrected from November 11, 2026, to November 4, 2026.

E. Approval of Full Agenda

On September 16, 2026, Dr. Harrison moved the Joint Committee adopt the agenda to include the correction for the next meeting date. Dr. Rogers seconded. Motion carried without objection.

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES

On September 16, 2026, Dr. Rogers moved that the Joint Committee approve the minutes of July 15, 2026, as presented. Dr. Weida seconded. Motion carried without objection.

III. OLD BUSINESS/FOLLOW-UP

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Attorney General's Opinion RE: Joint Committee

The Alabama Board of Nursing submitted a request for an Attorney General's opinion on the role of the Joint Committee regarding recommendations for consideration by the Alabama Board of Nursing and the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners addressing collaborative relationships between physicians and Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners and/or Certified Nurse Midwives.

The role of the Joint Committee is further clarified by the opinion. This clarification will necessitate Board rule changes for the Alabama Board of Nursing and the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.

On September 16, 2026, the Joint Committee members received as information.

B. Proposed Rule Revisions Resulting from AG Opinion

The Alabama Board of Nursing submitted a request for an Attorney General's opinion on the role of the Joint Committee regarding recommendations for consideration by the Alabama Board of Nursing and the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners addressing collaborative relationships between physicians and Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners and/or Certified Nurse Midwives.
Administrative rule changes at both the Alabama Board of Nursing and the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners are required to align the Joint Committee's role and

responsibilities with this interpretation of current law.

On September 16, 2026, Dr. Harrison moved that the Joint Committee approve the proposed rule revisions as presented. Mr. Elebash seconded. Motion carried without objection.

C. Orthopedic Specialty Protocol Proposed Revisions

At the July 11, 2026, meeting of the Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN), revisions to the Orthopedic Specialty Protocol were proposed and received a favorable vote. The revised protocol was presented at the Joint Committee meeting, held on July 15, 2026. The Joint Committee voted in favor of the proposed revisions to the Orthopedic Specialty Protocol on that date.

The revised Orthopedic Specialty Protocol was then reviewed at the July 16, 2026, meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners (ALBME). After reviewing the Orthopedic Protocol revisions, ABME suggested further revisions to remove practice site restrictions for glenohumeral and sacroiliac joint injections.

On September 16, 2026, Dr. Harrison moved that the Joint Committee approve the revisions to the Orthopedic Specialty Protocol for CRNPs in collaborative practice. Dr. Weida seconded. Motion carried without objection.

D. Proposed Urology Specialty Protocol

On July 21, 2026, the Alabama Urology Network requested the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners (ABME) consider a statewide protocol for office-based urological procedures to improve access to quality urology services for patients in Alabama. The protocol was approved by the ABME for Physician Assistant use at their August 2026 board meeting.

Dr. Hart recommended the following revision to the ABME approved Urology Specialty Protocol for Advanced Practice Providers (PA/CRNP).

Proposed Language:
NOTES: Urology skills/procedures must be included and documented in the quality assurance plan.

Revised Language:
NOTES: Quality Assurance performed under this protocol must contain a representative sample of the APP's urological clinical practice and may not include non-urological skills or patient records.

On September 16, 2026, Dr. Weida recommended that the Joint Committee approve the Urology Specialty Protocol to include the revision regarding Quality Assurance Monitoring on the ABME approved Urology Specialty Protocol for Advanced Practice Providers (PA/CRNP). Dr. Rogers seconded. Motion carried without objection.

E. Election of Joint Committee Chair for FY 2027

The position of the chairperson alternates each year between physicians and nurses. The term of office begins October 1st per the Code of Alabama Section §34-21-82.

On September 16, 2026, Dr. Rogers recommended that the Joint Committee elect Dr. Harrison as the chair for FY 2027. Dr. Weida seconded. Motion carried without objection.

V. INFORMATION

None.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Joint Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Joint Committee meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. on September 16, 2026.

Sharon Holley, DNP, CNM, FACNM, FAAN

11/4/2026
Date of Approval

Submitted by:

Laura Hart, DNP, CRNP, FNP-BC
Nurse Consultant for Advanced Practice
Alabama Board of Nursing

Sharon Owen, Recorder, September 16, 2026
Alabama Board of Nursing