§ 8854. State committee for pathologists' assistants. 1. A state committee for pathologists' assistants shall be appointed by the board of regents upon the recommendation of the commissioner as a committee of the board of medicine to advise solely on matters relating to pathologists' assistants and shall assist on matters of licensure and professional conduct. The pathologists' assistant members of the initial committee need not be licensed prior to their appointment but shall have met all other requirements of licensing pursuant to section eighty-eight hundred fifty-three of this article except the filing of an application and paying a fee.

2. The committee shall consist of no fewer than five individuals, to be composed of a minimum of the following:

(a) one licensed physician who practices pathology;

(b) three licensed pathologists' assistants; and

(c) one public representative.