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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

TIME: 10:29 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

State Board of Medicine
August 6, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:

Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
Professional and Occupational Affairs
Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair
Donald M. Yealy, M.D., Vice Chair
Gerard F. Dillon, Ph.D., Public Member - Absent
Michael R. Ripchinski, M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP
Walter A. Eisenhauer, MMSC, M.Ed., PA-C
Sirisha Reddy, Special Advisor, on behalf of Debra
L. Bogen, M.D., FAAP, FABM, Acting Secretary,
Department of Health
John D. Six, M.D.
John A. Kutz, M.D., FACS
Benjamin S. Abella, M.D., MPhil - Absent
Catherine N. Udekwu, M.D. - Absent
Adanma S. Okereh, CNM, CRNP

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Jason C. Giurintano, Esquire, Deputy Chief
Counsel, Counsel Division, Department of State
Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Acting Senior Board
Counsel
Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
and Prosecution Liaison
Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Patrick Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Courtney J. Restemayer, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Saiyad Ali, Board Administrator
Nichole Wray, Division Chief of the State Boards of
Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, and Podiatry
Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State
Wajdi George Wakim, MPA, Clerical Assistant,
Department of State
Angie Armbrust, Senior Associate, McNeas-Winter
Group LLC
Lisa Claypool Stevenson, Senior Associate Counsel,
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
Kevin Knipe, MSW, LSW, CCDP Diplomate, Program
Manager, Professional Health Monitoring Program
A.J. McClendon

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ALSO PRESENT: (cont.)

- Tanya Miller, MS, LAT, ATC, Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society
- Ted Mowatt, CAE, Vice President/Lobbyist, Wanner Associates
- Mary Marshall, Director, Workforce & Professional Development, The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania
- Misha Patel, M.D., Curriculum Education Assistant, Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine
- Susan DeSantis, PA-C, Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants
- Tracey Ziegler, RN, BSN, NHP, Nurse Consultant and NHP Advisory Committee Member, Physicians' Health Program
- Christina Edwards
- Bobbie Jo (BJ) Putnam, DAC, LOM, Dipl. OM, President, Association for Professional Acupuncture in Pennsylvania
- Brian Fazio
- WeiWei Song
- Jonelle
- Jacob Hill, Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.
- Suzanne Landis Kaczor

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4 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
5 at 8:45 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
6 with Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel,
7 and Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Acting Senior Board
8 Counsel, for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
9 deliberations on a number of matters currently
10 pending before the Board and to receive the advice of
11 counsel. The Board returned to open session at
12 10:29 a.m.]

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14 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
15 Board of Medicine was held on Tuesday, August 6,
16 2024. Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair,
17 called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m.

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19 Acknowledge Public - Turn Off Electronic Devices
20 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair,
21 requested all electronic devices be silenced.

22 Chair Woodland informed everyone that the meeting
23 was being recorded, and those who continued to
24 participate were giving their consent to be
25 recorded.]

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2 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

3 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, provided
4 an introduction of Board members and attendees. A
5 quorum of Board members was present.

6 Jason Giurintano introduced himself as the new
7 Deputy Chief Counsel and provided a brief summary of
8 his professional background.

9 Chair Woodland welcomed Mr. Giurintano.

10 Chair Woodland also introduced new Board member
11 Adanma Okereh and thanked her for the expertise that
12 she will be able to contribute to the Board.

13 Chair Woodland informed Board members that Dr.
14 Abella has resigned and thanked him for his service
15 to the Board and expertise in emergency medicine.

16 Dr. Yealy stated Dr. Abella has been a force in
17 the practice of medicine, primarily at the University
18 of Pennsylvania and the University of Chicago. He
19 reported that Dr. Abella will be moving to New York
20 City to become the chairman of emergency medicine in
21 Mount Sinai and will be missed.

22 Ms. Wray announced her promotion to Division
23 Chief for all of the other health licensing boards
24 and will no longer be the Division Chief for the
25 State Board of Medicine.

1 Chair Woodland thanked Ms. Wray and congratulated
2 her on her new position.]

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4 Approval of minutes of the June 25, 2024 meeting

5 CHAIR WOODLAND:

6 The next thing on the agenda is the
7 approval of the minutes. I would
8 entertain a motion.

9 DR. YEALY:

10 So moved.

11 DR. KUTZ:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR WOODLAND:

14 Any further discussion?

15 [Chair Woodland discussed corrections to the
16 minutes.]

17 Saiyad, I'll entertain a roll call
18 vote.

19

20 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;

21 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;

22 Mr. Eisenhower, aye; Ms. Reddy,

23 abstain; Dr. Six, abstain; Dr. Kutz,

24 aye; Ms. Okereh, abstain.

25 [The motion carried. Sirisha Reddy, John Six, and

1 Adanma Okereh abstained from voting on the motion.]

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3 Report of Prosecuting Attorneys

4 [Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board

5 Prosecutor and Board Prosecution Liaison, presented

6 the VRP Consent Agreement for Case No. 24-49-009797

7 and Case No. 24-49-011221.

8 Dr. Ripchinski commented that the respondent had

9 not necessarily decided to pursue active-retired

10 status.

11 Ms. McCarthy explained that it is contemplated

12 that he may make the petition for active-retired

13 status.

14 Dr. Ripchinski also commented that the respondent

15 could treat himself and/or immediate family members

16 with an active-retired license and asked what the

17 difference is between pursuing the same continued

18 monitoring with an active license versus also

19 continuing that monitoring under an active-retired

20 license for Case No. 24-49-011221.

21 Ms. McCarthy explained that someone could

22 continue monitoring with an active-retired license.

23 She noted they would continue monitoring if the

24 individual wanted to go from active to active-

25 retired, but the individual is not willing to be

1 monitored and stopping cooperation with the VRP. She
2 explained that the discipline for that violation of
3 the Board's Order is the one-month suspension, which
4 is public discipline on his record.

5 Dr. Yealy requested information concerning how
6 prosecution arrived at the one-month suspension.

7 Ms. McCarthy explained that it was determined to
8 be a short suspension that would create public
9 discipline on the record to serve as public notice to
10 protect the public health and safety if anyone wanted
11 to check this physician's licensure history with the
12 Board.

13 Ms. McCarthy noted the licensee was seen as
14 appropriate for the change of status from active
15 practice to a retired status, which he will
16 potentially seek, but to also put the public on
17 notice that there was an impairment issue, which the
18 licensee has acknowledged.

19 Dr. Ripchinski commented that there is nothing in
20 the way the Consent Agreement is written today that
21 would compel the respondent to continue monitoring in
22 an active-retired status if the respondent comes back
23 and asks the Board for an active-retired license.

24 Ms. McCarthy stated the basis of the agreement is
25 that he is not willing to continue monitoring and

1 will not be monitored if he seeks an active-retired
2 license. She explained that the individual cannot
3 simply retire and be done with VRP because of the
4 prior Board order that he will participate for three
5 years. She noted he has not had any violations but
6 wants to cease.

7 Ms. McCarthy explained that he will not be
8 monitored if he comes back to active-retired status.
9 She noted his practice will be very limited, if any,
10 at that point, and that practicing on the general
11 public or anyone else would be a separate
12 disciplinary matter.

13 Ms. McCarthy noted that safeguards would be in
14 place if he were to apply for full active status,
15 where he would have the burden of showing X, Y, and
16 Z; have three years of recovery; and has been
17 evaluated at that time. She mentioned being
18 satisfied with the one-month suspension for
19 discipline for active-retired status.

20 Chair Woodland suggested going back into
21 Executive Session for further discussion, and Board
22 members agreed.]

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24 [Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel,
25 noted the Board entered into Executive Session this

1 morning for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
2 deliberations and to receive the advice of counsel.]

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4 MS. WALTER:

5 Number 3 on the agenda is VRP Case No.
6 24-49-009797.

7 I believe the Board would entertain
8 a motion to approve the VRP Consent
9 Agreement at number 3.

10 DR. YEALY:

11 So moved.

12 DR. KUTZ:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR WOODLAND:

15 Any further discussion on item 3?
16 Hearing none.

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18 Saiyad, could we have a roll call,
19 please?

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21 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
22 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
23 Mr. Eisenhower, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye;
24 Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms.
25 Okereh, aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
4 at 10:49 a.m. the Board entered into Executive
5 Session with Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board
6 Counsel, and Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Acting Senior
7 Board Counsel, for the purpose of conducting quasi-
8 judicial deliberations and to receive the advice of
9 counsel. The Board returned to open session at
10 10:55 a.m.]

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12 MS. WALTER:

13 I believe the Board would entertain a
14 motion to reject as too lenient the
15 Consent Agreement at number 4 on the
16 agenda, Case No. 24-49-011221.

17 DR. YEALY:

18 So moved.

19 DR. KUTZ:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR WOODLAND:

22 Any further discussion on number 4?

23 Hearing none.

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25 Saiyad, could we have a roll call,

1 please?

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3 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
4 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
5 Mr. Eisenhower, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye;
6 Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms.
7 Okereh, aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 [Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
11 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 22-49-
12 007956.]

13 MS. WALTER:

14 I believe the Board would entertain a
15 motion to accept the Consent Agreement
16 at Case No. 22-49-007956 at number 5 on
17 the agenda.

18 DR. YEALY:

19 So moved.

20 DR. KUTZ:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR WOODLAND:

23 Any further discussion on this?

24 Hearing none.

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1 Saiyad, could we have a roll call,
2 please?

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4 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, no;
5 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
6 Mr. Eisenhower, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye;
7 Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, nay; Ms.
8 Okereh, aye.

9 [The motion carried. Mark Woodland and John Kutz
10 opposed the motion. The Respondent's name is
11 Jacqueline Kishbaugh.]

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13 [Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
14 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 23-49-
15 014147.]

16 MS. WALTER:

17 I believe the Board would entertain a
18 motion to accept the Consent Agreement
19 at number 6 on the agenda at Case No.
20 23-49-014147.

21 DR. YEALY:

22 So moved.

23 DR. KUTZ:

24 Second.

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1 CHAIR WOODLAND:

2 Any further discussion for item 6?

3 Hearing none.

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5 Saiyad, could we have a roll call,
6 please?

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8 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;

9 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;

10 Mr. Eisenhower, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye;

11 Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms.

12 Okereh, aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
14 name is Peter A. Karth, M.D.]

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16 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, on
17 behalf of Adam J. Williams, presented the Consent
18 Agreement for Case No. 20-49-014209.]

19 MS. WALTER:

20 I believe the Board would entertain a
21 motion at number 7, Case No. 20-49-
22 014209, to approve the Consent
23 Agreement.

24 DR. YEALY:

25 So moved.

1 DR. KUTZ:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR WOODLAND:

4 Any further discussion on item 7?

5 Hearing none.

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7 Saiyad, could we have a roll call,
8 please?

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10 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;

11 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;

12 Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye;

13 Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms.

14 Okereh, aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
16 name is Noah Wempe, M.D.]

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18 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Reports from
19 Hearing Examiner

20 MS. WUCINSKI:

21 Agenda item 8. I believe the Board
22 would entertain a motion adopt the
23 Proposed Adjudication and Order as
24 Final for Kajal J. Patel, Case No. 24-
25 49-000485, with the minor correction

1 noted in Executive Session.

2 DR. YEALY:

3 So moved.

4 DR. KUTZ:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR WOODLAND:

7 Any further discussion on item 8?

8 Hearing none.

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10 Saiyad, could we have a roll call,
11 please?

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13 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
14 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
15 Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye;
16 Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms.
17 Okereh, aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.

19

20 MS. WUCINSKI:

21 I believe the Board would entertain a
22 motion adopt the Proposed Adjudication
23 and Order as Final for Richard Charles
24 Mendel, M.D., Case No. 23-49-015350.

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1 DR. YEALY:

2 So moved.

3 DR. KUTZ:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR WOODLAND:

6 Any further discussion on item 9?

7 Hearing none.

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9 Saiyad, could we have a roll call,
10 please?

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12 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;

13 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;

14 Mr. Eisenhower, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye;

15 Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms.

16 Okereh, aye.

17 [The motion carried unanimously.

18

19 MS. WUCINSKI:

20 I believe the Board would entertain a
21 motion to direct Board Counsel to draft
22 an Adjudication and Order consistent
23 with discussions in Executive Session
24 for Eric Welling, M.D., Case No. 24-49-
25 003930.

1 DR. YEALY:

2 So moved.

3 DR. KUTZ:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR WOODLAND:

6 Any further discussion? Hearing none.

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8 Saiyad, could we have a roll call,
9 please?

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11 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;

12 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;

13 Mr. Eisenhower, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye;

14 Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms.

15 Okereh, aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously.

17

18 Report of Board Counsel - Other

19 MS. WUCINSKI:

20 I believe the Board would entertain a
21 motion to direct Board Counsel to issue
22 an order granting the Request to
23 Reinstate Non-probationary Status of
24 Gangadhar Madupu, M.D., Case No. 24-49-
25 011263.

1 DR. YEALY:

2 So moved.

3 DR. KUTZ:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR WOODLAND:

6 Any further discussion on item 16?

7 Hearing none.

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9 Saiyad, could we have a roll call,
10 please?

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12 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;

13 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;

14 Mr. Eisenhower, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye;

15 Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms.

16 Okereh, aye.

17 [The motion carried unanimously.

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19 Applications for Licensure - Allied Health

20 Professionals

21 MS. WUCINSKI:

22 Agenda item 17. I believe the Board
23 would entertain a motion to grant the
24 Application to Practice as a
25 Respiratory Therapist of Lyndsey

1 Deborah Antanitis.

2 DR. YEALY:

3 So moved.

4 DR. KUTZ:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR WOODLAND:

7 Any further discussion on item 17?

8 Hearing none.

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10 Saiyad, could we have a roll call,
11 please?

12

13 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;

14 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;

15 Mr. Eisenhower, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye;

16 Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms.

17 Okereh, aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.

19

20 MS. WUCINSKI:

21 Agenda item 18. I believe the Board
22 would entertain a motion to table this
23 agenda item to allow staff to send a
24 standard reentry letter to Thomasine J.
25 Fucetolo.

1 DR. YEALY:

2 So moved.

3 DR. KUTZ:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR WOODLAND:

6 Any further discussion on item 18?

7 Hearing none.

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9 Saiyad, could we have a roll call,
10 please?

11

12 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;

13 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;

14 Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye;

15 Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms.

16 Okereh, aye.

17 [The motion carried unanimously.

18

19 MS. WUCINSKI:

20 At agenda items 19 through 24, I

21 believe the Board would entertain a

22 motion to provisionally deny the

23 following Applications to Practice as a

24 Behavior Specialist: Saida Azimbegova,

25 Skylar Charles, Brian John Fazio,

1 Deanna Gross, Julian Holcomb,
2 Olufunmilola Ologunde.

3 DR. YEALY:

4 So moved.

5 DR. KUTZ:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR WOODLAND:

8 Any further discussion on these items?

9 Hearing none.

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11 Saiyad, could we have a roll call,
12 please?

13

14 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;

15 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;

16 Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye;

17 Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms.

18 Okereh, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.

20

21 MS. WUCINSKI:

22 Agenda item 25. I believe the Board

23 would entertain a motion to

24 provisionally deny the Application to

25 Practice as Physician Assistant of

1 Odianosen Demudia Oriaifo.

2 DR. YEALY:

3 So moved.

4 DR. KUTZ:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR WOODLAND:

7 Any further discussion on item 25?

8 Hearing none.

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10 Saiyad, could we have a roll call,
11 please?

12

13 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
14 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
15 Mr. Eisenhower, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye;
16 Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms.
17 Okereh, aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.

19

20 Applications for Licensure - Unrestricted Physician
21 and Surgeon

22 MS. WUCINSKI:

23 At agenda items 26 through 29, I
24 believe the Board would entertain a
25 motion to grant the Initial Application

1 to Practice as Physician and Surgeon of
2 the following: Taikhoom M. Dahodwala,
3 M.D.; Thar Elbaage, M.D.; Spyridon
4 Karadimas, M.D.; and T.S., M.D.

5 DR. YEALY:

6 So moved.

7 DR. KUTZ:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR WOODLAND:

10 Any further discussion on items 26
11 through 29? Hearing none.

12

13 Saiyad, could we have a roll call,
14 please?

15

16 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
17 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
18 Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye;
19 Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms.
20 Okereh, aye.

21 [The motion carried unanimously.

22

23 MS. WUCINSKI:

24 Agenda item 30. I believe the Board
25 would entertain a motion to table

1 agenda item 30 to allow Applicant,
2 Christoforos Zisis, M.D., to apply for
3 an institutional license.

4 DR. YEALY:

5 So moved.

6 DR. KUTZ:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR WOODLAND:

9 Any further discussion on item 30?

10 Hearing none.

11

12 Saiyad, could we have a roll call,
13 please?

14

15 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;

16 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;

17 Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye;

18 Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms.

19 Okereh, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.

21

22 Ratifications

23 MS. WUCINSKI:

24 Agenda items 31 through 40. I believe
25 the Board would entertain a motion to

1 ratify the granting of the following
2 Applications: The Initial License to
3 Practice as a Physician and Surgeon of
4 Mishref Mohammed Abdelhamid, M.D.; Amer
5 Alzahrni, M.D.; Akshay Chauhan, M.D.;
6 Irina Chernyshkova, M.D.; Leticia
7 Schaefer Abu Hana, M.D.; Dana Harb,
8 M.D.; Noreen Shaaban, M.D.; Qazi
9 Zeeshan, M.D.; Lucian Teixeira
10 Fernandes De Moraes; Joao Arthur Trein,
11 M.D.

12 DR. YEALY:

13 So moved.

14 DR. KUTZ:

15 Second.

16 CHAIR WOODLAND:

17 Any further discussion on items 31
18 through 40? Hearing none.

19
20 Saiyad, could we have a roll call,
21 please?

22
23 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
24 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
25 Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye;

1 Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms.
2 Okereh, aye.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.

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5 Miscellaneous

6 MS. WUCINSKI:

7 I believe the Board would entertain a
8 motion to grant the Reconsideration
9 Request and grant the Initial
10 Application to Practice as a Physician
11 and Surgeon of Maria F. Rodowski, M.D.

12 DR. YEALY:

13 So moved.

14 DR. KUTZ:

15 Second.

16 CHAIR WOODLAND:

17 Any further discussion on item 42?
18 Hearing none.

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20 Saiyad, could we have a roll call,
21 please?

22
23 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
24 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
25 Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye;

1 Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms.
2 Okereh, aye.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.

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5 Miscellaneous - Discussion - Amish Plasminogen
6 Deficiency Family Testing Project

7 [Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel,
8 noted the Board received a letter regarding an Amish
9 plasminogen deficiency family testing project within
10 the Commonwealth in October. She mentioned that it
11 is anticipated that the clinic will be staffed by in-
12 state licensed doctors as well as some physicians
13 licensed in another states.

14 Ms. Walter informed Board members that the
15 physicians will be required to hold some sort of
16 licensure with the Board of Medicine to be able to
17 practice within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
18 She stated 49 Pa. Code § 17.6 has provisions for
19 temporary licensure, including a purpose deemed
20 appropriate by the Board for a duration determined by
21 the Board.]

22 MS. WALTER:

23 I would ask for a motion to grant
24 temporary licenses to otherwise
25 qualified under the regulation

1 physicians who will be participating in
2 the Amish plasminogen deficiency family
3 testing project and for the duration of
4 those licenses to be six months.

5 DR. YEALY:

6 So moved.

7 DR. KUTZ:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR WOODLAND:

10 Any further discussion? Saiyad.

11

12 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;

13 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;

14 Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye;

15 Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms.

16 Okereh, aye.

17 [The motion carried unanimously.

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19 Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Status Report

20 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair,

21 commented that the Regulatory Status Report is a

22 summary of issues that affect or could affect the

23 Board of Medicine and where they currently stand in

24 the legislative process.

25 Ms. Wucinski stated regulatory counsel provides

1 the Regulatory Status Report and reported they
2 currently have two updates.

3 Ms. Wucinski informed Board members that the
4 final rulemaking for 16A-4958 regarding licensure by
5 endorsement was approved by their policy office and
6 delivered as final on July 25, 2024. She mentioned
7 that she will be attending the Independent Regulatory
8 Review Commission (IRRC) Meeting on September 19,
9 along with regulatory counsel.

10 Ms. Walter referred to 16A-4962 regarding opioid
11 treatment programs, noting the annex was voted upon
12 and approved by the Board at the last meeting and
13 noted the preamble and the annex for the Board's
14 information.

15 Chair Woodland commented that opioid use disorder
16 continues to evolve, noting legislation continues to
17 follow with strong work.

18 Susan DeSantis, PA-C, Pennsylvania Society of
19 Physician Assistants, requested an update concerning
20 the package that was to be completed by the end of
21 summer.

22 Ms. Wucinski informed Ms. DeSantis that
23 regulatory counsel is working on that and believed
24 that to still be her goal.]

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1 Report of Board Counsel - FYI - SB 1281 - Licensure
2 for Medical Imaging Professionals
3 [Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel,
4 addressed Senate Bill 1281 regarding licensure for
5 medical imaging professionals, noting it was referred
6 to committee on July 12, 2024. She mentioned seeing
7 this bill several times and will continue to keep the
8 Board updated.

9 Chair Woodland asked whether it totally lifts the
10 supervising statutes or is realigning of the
11 supervising statutes. He stated there are
12 supervising statutes for medical imaging
13 professionals and asked whether this changes the
14 qualifications of who can do medical imaging.

15 Ms. Walter explained that medical imaging
16 professionals are not currently licensed by the
17 Board, and this is a whole new proposal to license
18 them. She noted that the supervisor in the bill is a
19 radiologist.

20 Dr. Yealy reported medical imaging to be in great
21 demand across the Commonwealth and the country. He
22 mentioned that it makes sense to enhance availability
23 and have regulations that allow high-quality imaging
24 without encumbering or creating barriers.

25 Ms. Walter pointed out that the Department of

1 Veterans Affairs is currently working on standard of
2 care guidelines for medical imaging professionals as
3 well.]

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5 Report of Board Counsel - FYI - HB 1490 - Act 38 of
6 2024 for Medical Imaging Professionals
7 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Acting Senior Board
8 Counsel, informed Board members that House Bill 1490
9 is now Act 38 of 2024 and amends the Acupuncture
10 Licensure Act to provide for title protection for
11 acupuncturists and practitioners of oriental
12 medicine.

13 Ms. Wucinski noted it also allows licensed
14 acupuncturists from other jurisdictions to practice
15 in Pennsylvania for the purpose of attending
16 continuing education courses, contains an emergency
17 clause which would allow acupuncturists from other
18 states or other jurisdictions to practice in
19 Pennsylvania during a declared state of emergency,
20 and it requires acupuncturists to attend and complete
21 30 hours of mandatory continuing education (CE)
22 during each renewal cycle.

23 Ms. Wucinski explained that acupuncturists, who
24 are also licensed as physicians, would do 9 hours,
25 and would be part of their 100-hour requirement. She

1 reported that it exempts newly licensed
2 acupuncturists from the first biennial renewal cycle.
3 She mentioned that all of the other changes in the
4 legislation were already in the Board's final
5 rulemaking package at 16A-4956.]

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7 Report of Board Counsel - FYI - HB 2200 - Act 79 of
8 2024

9 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Acting Senior Board
10 Counsel, noted House Bill 2200 is now Act 79 of 2024
11 regarding criminal history background checks. She
12 explained that the act requires an individual
13 applying for licensure, certification, registration,
14 or for a permit as a healthcare practitioner to
15 submit a full set of fingerprints to the Pennsylvania
16 State Police.

17 Ms. Wucinski further explained that the
18 Pennsylvania State Police checks the fingerprints
19 against records in the central repository for the
20 purpose of obtaining a current record of any criminal
21 arrests or convictions. She mentioned that the
22 legislation will allow Pennsylvania to eventually
23 participate in the Interstate Medical Licensure
24 Compact.]

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1 Report of Department of Health
2 [Sirisha Reddy, Special Advisor to the Secretary of
3 Health, Department of Health, on behalf of Debra L.
4 Bogen, M.D., reported that there was a listeria
5 breakout and a recall on Boar's Head deli meats,
6 specifically for liverwurst that was sold nationwide.

7 Ms. Reddy announced that a Department of Health
8 potassium iodide tablets event will be held on August
9 22 for Pennsylvanians who live or work within 10
10 miles of the state's four active nuclear power plants
11 as part of the department's routine preventative
12 efforts in case of future emergencies. She noted
13 Chester and Montgomery counties will also be holding
14 their own events on August 23 and 24.

15 Ms. Reddy stated the Department of Health is
16 hosting its first virtual menthol summit on August 22
17 from 9 a.m. till noon to bring together tobacco
18 control advocates, community leaders, public health
19 professionals, and community-based organizations from
20 across the state. She offered to provide the
21 registration link.

22 Ms. Reddy noted the Department of Health promotes
23 National Breastfeeding Awareness Month in August and
24 reported August 1 through August 7 is World
25 Breastfeeding Week.

1 Ms. Ready recognized International Overdose
2 Awareness Day on August 31. She stated the Office of
3 Drug Surveillance and Misuse Prevention (ODSMP) put
4 together 50,000 wound care kits, which were
5 distributed to 200 medical and harm reduction
6 organizations across the state.

7 Chair Woodland noted that he mentioned earlier
8 that he would like to invite someone from the
9 Department of Health to speak on the syphilis
10 situation and may have the report in September.]

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12 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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14 Report of Board Chair

15 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair,
16 addressed National Health Observances (NHOs) for July
17 and August. He noted Zero Human Immunodeficiency
18 Virus (HIV) Stigma Day was in July to raise awareness
19 about HIV in communities that HIV is a preventable
20 and manageable disease that requires testing and
21 treatment, along with the importance of reducing the
22 stigma.

23 Chair Woodland stated July 28 was World Hepatitis
24 Day, which celebrates hepatitis information to
25 educate about viral hepatitis to raise awareness and

1 support networks to encourage people to get screened
2 and seek treatment and protection, especially where
3 vaccines are available.

4 Chair Woodland also recognized August is
5 National Breastfeeding Month. He mentioned it is not
6 only to highlight breastfeeding but also protecting,
7 promoting, and supporting lactation as an important
8 event for parents and families, and to support eating
9 healthy for breastfeeding moms.

10 Chair Woodland highlighted some of the obvious
11 inequities experienced, especially in maternity care.
12 He noted Black Breastfeeding Awareness Week is August
13 25 through August 31, 2024, to raise awareness among
14 black mothers about the benefits of breastfeeding,
15 reduce racial disparities in breastfeeding rates, and
16 to spread the word about breastfeeding throughout the
17 communities.

18 Ms. Okereh encouraged all mothers to breastfeed
19 if they can.

20 Chair Woodland noted August is also National
21 Immunization Awareness Month to highlight the
22 importance of routine vaccinations to help protect
23 people and their health and stay up to date on
24 vaccines.

25 Chair Woodland stated August is also Children's

1 Eye Health and Safety Month to emphasize and
2 celebrate the importance of protecting vision and eye
3 health. He noted the National Eye Institute (NEI)
4 has kid-friendly resources to help kids and parents
5 learn about eye health, as does the Centers for
6 Disease Control and Prevention.

7 Chair Woodland addressed the 2024 Paris Olympic
8 Games and highlighted that it marks the centenary of
9 Paris in 1924 to 2024, which in turn marks the
10 centenary of the Winter Olympics, noting it is the
11 sixth Olympic Games hosted by France.

12 Chair Woodland stated the U.S. Olympic Healthcare
13 Network supplies healthcare to the Olympians and
14 provided the website, because it not only includes
15 orthopedics and sports medicine but general medicine,
16 women's health, and more. He noted eligible athletes
17 may also receive travel assistance and a broad range
18 of medical services at reduced or no cost through the
19 network.

20 Chair Woodland gave a shout-out to Pennsylvania
21 Olympians and provided a list of the 27 Pennsylvania
22 Olympians, noting they represent 5% of the 594
23 Olympians. He also reported 3 healthcare provider
24 Olympians, and 9 Paralympians will be competing in
25 September.

1 Chair Woodland addressed a highlight from the
2 Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and gave a
3 shout-out to Mr. Dillon, who was recognized by the
4 United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE)
5 for his volunteer services. He mentioned there was a
6 nice spotlight listed in the USMLE quarterly FSMB
7 update and provided the full release in his report
8 about Mr. Dillon's contributions and to recognize
9 their expertise on their Board regarding issues with
10 the USMLE.

11 Chair Woodland noted FSMB released
12 recommendations on responsible and ethical
13 incorporation of artificial intelligence (AI) into
14 clinical practice last month. He mentioned being
15 involved as chair of the Ethics and Professionalism
16 Committee and provided the website and connection to
17 those regulations. He expressed a concern with what
18 AI will add to physician wellness and the expense of
19 medicine, noting what the electronic medical record
20 (EMR) did to providers and cost of medicine.

21 Chair Woodland addressed Alabama's launch of a
22 new physician training program by the Medical
23 Association of the State Alabama and the Alabama
24 Board of Directors to address their doctor shortage.
25 He noted Alabama has a Bridge Year Graduate Physician

1 Program established under the Physician Workforce Act
2 that was signed by Governor Kate Ivey in 2023.

3 Chair Woodland explained that it allows medical
4 school graduates, who did not match into a residency
5 program to gain valuable experience and skills under
6 the supervision of licensed physicians. He reported
7 10 other states have similar initiatives.

8 Chair Woodland commented that Pennsylvania may
9 have to consider alternative paths to licensure and
10 training as far as the workforce shortage. He
11 mentioned there is a Medical Board new member
12 training program from FSMB and included the dates in
13 his report.

14 Chair Woodland also mentioned that FSMB put forth
15 a directory of physician assessment and remedial
16 education programs, which is a helpful inventory to
17 access a resource to counsel physicians who need help
18 in those areas.

19 Chair Woodland informed Board members that he
20 will be attending the 2024 International Association
21 of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA) Symposium
22 on September 20, 2024, and will be looking at AI and
23 medical regulation, realities, risks, and regulatory
24 responses.

25 Chair Woodland provided the Association of

1 American Medical Colleges (AAMC) updates stressing
2 the importance of diversity in healthcare and the
3 need for more black women in biomedical sciences,
4 along with stressing environmental justice and the
5 youngest Americans who are listed as most concerned
6 about climate change and their readiness to act. He
7 provided highlights from their environmental justice
8 program in his report.

9 Chair Woodland mentioned that institutions of
10 academic medicine throughout the state will be
11 holding white-coat ceremonies to emphasize the start
12 of new classes in August 2024 and will be receiving
13 new medical students as they move into the medical
14 school education programs. He reported third-year
15 medical students (MS3s) started in their clinical
16 rotations on July 1, 2024, and noted the importance
17 of emphasizing what that looks like for academic
18 medical centers throughout the state.

19 Chair Woodland noted it was legislated this year
20 to have Academic Medical Center Week in June to
21 recognize the contributions of academic medical
22 centers. He mentioned the need to highlight and
23 celebrate the abundance of academic medical centers
24 in Pennsylvania.]

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1 Report of Vice Chair

2 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., Vice Chair, welcomed Ms.
3 Okereh to the State Board of Medicine. He thanked
4 Dr. Abella for his service. He also congratulated
5 Mr. Dillon for the noted recognition.]

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7 Report of Committee on Health-Related Professionals -
8 No Report

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10 Report of Committee on Legislation/Policy Development
11 and Review - No Report

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13 Report of Committee on Licensure Qualifications
14 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., Vice Chair, informed Board
15 members that the Committee on Licensure
16 Qualifications is actively reviewing all of the
17 nontraditional applications. He noted ongoing
18 dialogue but nothing else to report.

19 Chair Woodland referred to the list of committees
20 and mentioned that a new committee structure may be
21 announced at the next meeting.]

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23 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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25 Miscellaneous - SB 559 - Right to Practice Medicine,

1 Surgery, and Medically Related Acts

2 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Acting Senior Board
3 Counsel, addressed Senate Bill 559 regarding the
4 right to practice medicine, surgery, and medically-
5 related acts for athletic trainers. She reported the
6 legislation amends the definition of physically
7 active person to read that a physically active person
8 is an individual who participates in individual or
9 team sports, an athletic competition, a performing
10 art, a recreational activity, or a military exercise.

11 Ms. Wucinski also noted the prohibition section
12 of the regulations is amended to read that an
13 athletic trainer cannot perform surgery, prescribe
14 controlled substances, or do invasive procedures with
15 some exceptions outlined. She informed Board members
16 that the bill is now Act 83 of 2024.]

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18 For the Board's Information - Board Meeting Dates

19 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, noted
20 the upcoming 2024 and 2025 meeting dates are listed
21 on the agenda.]

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23 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, stated
24 he admired and was impressed with how the Medical
25 Board processes so much information. He expressed

1 appreciation for everyone who contributes to the
2 Medical Board and participates in their meetings. He
3 again welcomed new members and said goodbye to old
4 members. He noted the next Board meeting is
5 September 17.]

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7 Adjournment

8 CHAIR WOODLAND:

9 I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

10 DR. YEALY:

11 So moved.

12 DR. KUTZ:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR WOODLAND:

15 Thank you very much everybody for being
16 here.

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18 [There being no other business, the State Board of
19 Medicine Meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.]

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I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Medicine meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Medicine meeting.

Jacob Hill

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