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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: 10:38 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, September 17, 2024

State Board of Medicine
September 17, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel
Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Acting Senior Board
Counsel
Michael Merten, Counsel Division, Department of State
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
Riley Baker, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Adrienne Rachelle McClendon, Esquire, Board
Prosecutor
Courtney J. Restemayer, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Nichole Wray, Division Chief, Health Licensing
Division, on behalf of Saiyad Ali, Board
Administrator
Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State
Carlton Smith, Deputy Chief Counsel, Prosecution
Division, Department of State

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ALSO PRESENT:

- Susan DeSantis, PA-C, Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants
- Angie Armbrust, Senior Associate, McNees-Winter Group LLC
- Lisa Claypool Stevenson, Senior Associate Counsel, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
- 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
- Randy Stevens, Director of Legislative Affairs, Pennsylvania Orthotic and Prosthetic Society
- 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
- Weiwei Song, M.D.
- Gregory Dischman, M.D.
- Wendy Ruderman, Staff Writer, Philadelphia Inquirer
- Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC
- Anuradha Bishnoi, M.D.
- Heather Wilson, MSW, CFRE, Executive Director, Physicians' Health Program, Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society
- AK
- Arvine
- Dr. Barrett
- Ivan Garcia
- Brian Fazio
- Raed Mousa, M.D.
- Maul Mousa
- Allison Walker, Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.

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2 State Board of Medicine

3 September 17, 2024

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
6 at 8:45 a.m. the Board entered into Executive
7 Session with Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board
8 Counsel, and Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Acting Senior
9 Board Counsel, for the purpose of conducting quasi-
10 judicial deliberations on a number of matters
11 currently pending before the Board and to receive the
12 advice of counsel. The Board returned to open
13 session at
14 10:30 a.m.]

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16 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
17 Board of Medicine was held on Tuesday, September 17,
18 2024. Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair,
19 called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

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

24 Chair Woodland informed everyone that the meeting
25 was being recorded, and those who continued to

1 participate were giving their consent to be recorded.

2 Chair Woodland recognized September 17, 2024, as
3 Constitution Day, which commemorates the signing of
4 the United States Constitution in 1787, noting it to
5 be an important date to remember as everyone enters
6 into the foray of the upcoming election.

7 Chair Woodland referred to the annual observance
8 of 9/11 and the remarkable impact on the country as a
9 whole and individually. He asked everyone to take a
10 moment to reflect where they were and the thoughts
11 they had that day. He mentioned that 911 has been
12 renamed Patriots Day because it was a time in the
13 country where everyone came together in a very unique
14 manner to support each.]

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16 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

17 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, provided
18 an introduction of Board members and attendees. A
19 quorum of Board members was present.

20 Chair Woodland introduced Michael Martin with the
21 counsel section.

22 Chair Woodland requested Ms. Wray also introduce
23 the remaining attendees.]

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25 Approval of minutes of the August 6, 2024 meeting

1 CHAIR WOODLAND:

2 The first order of business on the
3 agenda is approval of the minutes. I
4 just want to thank everybody for
5 reviewing the August 6, 2024 minutes.

6 Do I have a motion to approve?

7 DR. YEALY:

8 So moved.

9 DR. KUTZ:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR WOODLAND:

12 Any further discussion? I really do
13 appreciate everybody looking at these
14 minutes and reviewing them and giving
15 feedback. I know Saiyad and I talked a
16 little about the feedback that he gets
17 from everybody, so thank you very much.

18 Hearing no other further
19 discussion, Nikki, could we have a roll
20 call, please?

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22 Mr. Eaton, abstain; Dr. Woodland, aye;

23 Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, abstain;

24 Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye;

25 Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye.

1 [The motion carried. Matthew Eaton and Gerard Dillon
2 abstained from voting on the motion.]

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4 Report of Prosecuting Attorneys

5 [Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board
6 Prosecutor and Board Prosecution Liaison, presented
7 the VRP Consent Agreement for Case No. 24-49-011138.
8 She also presented the Consent Agreements for Case
9 No. 24-49-011221 and Case No. 22-49-002205.]

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11 [Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel,
12 noted the Board entered into Executive Session this
13 morning for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
14 deliberations and to receive the advice of counsel.]

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16 MS. WALTER:

17 Number 3 on the agenda is VRP Case No.
18 24-49-011138. I believe the Board
19 would entertain a motion to adopt the
20 VRP Consent Agreement.

21 DR. YEALY:

22 So moved.

23 DR. KUTZ:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR WOODLAND:

1 Any further discussion on this issue?
2 Hearing none. Nikki, could we have a
3 roll call vote?

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5 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
6 Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
7 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.
8 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye.

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 MS. WALTER:

12 I believe the Board would entertain a
13 motion to adopt the Consent Agreements
14 at numbers 4 and 5 on the agenda at
15 Case No. 24-49-011221 and Case No. 22-
16 49-002205.

17 DR. YEALY:

18 So moved.

19 DR. KUTZ:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR WOODLAND:

22 Any further discussion on these two
23 items? Hearing none. Nikki, could we
24 have a roll call vote, please?

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1 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
2 Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
3 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.
4 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye.

5 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
6 name at number 4 is Brent Ernest Cain, M.D. The
7 Respondent's name at item 5 is William M. Hilton, M.D.]

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9 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
10 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 24-49-
11 011408.]

12 MS. WALTER:

13 I believe the Board would entertain a
14 motion to adopt the Consent Agreement
15 at number 6 on the agenda at Case No.
16 24-49-011408.

17 DR. YEALY:

18 So moved.

19 DR. KUTZ:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR WOODLAND:

22 Any further discussion on item number
23 6? Hearing none. Nikki, could we have
24 a roll call vote, please?
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1 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
2 Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
3 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.
4 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye.

5 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
6 name at number 6 is Martin J. Maassen, M.D.]

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8 [Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
9 presented the Consent Agreements for Case No. 24-49-
10 010834, Case No. 24-49-002847, and Case No. 24-49-
11 010547.]

12 MS. WALTER:

13 I believe the Board would entertain a
14 motion to adopt the Consent Agreement
15 at number 7 on the agenda at Case No.
16 24-49-010834; number 8, Case No. 24-49-
17 002847; and number 9, Case No. 24-49-
18 010547.

19 DR. YEALY:

20 So moved.

21 DR. KUTZ:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR WOODLAND:

24 Any further discussion on any of the
25 items 7 through 9? Hearing none.

1 Nikki, could we have a roll call vote,
2 please?

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4 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
5 Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
6 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.
7 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
9 name at Case No. 24-49-010834 is Gary D. Vogin, M.D.;
10 number 8, Case No. 24-49-002847, Patrick W. Slater
11 II, M.D.; and number 9, Case No. 24-49-010547,
12 Milford James Huffnagle II, M.D.]

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14 [Patrick M. Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
15 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 23-49-
16 010140.]

17 MS. WALTER:

18 I believe the Board would entertain a
19 motion to reject as too lenient the
20 Consent Agreement at Case No. 23-49-
21 010140.

22 DR. YEALY:

23 So moved.

24 DR. KUTZ:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR WOODLAND:

2 Any further discussion on this item? I
3 will just note the sequence of events,
4 Patrick, that you presented to explain
5 further for us, looking at the VRP and
6 then the situation of the conviction.
7 Thank you very much for that. I
8 appreciate that.

9 DR. YEALY:

10 I think we're separating the individual
11 opportunity for recovery from the
12 actual criminal offense, and the latter
13 couldn't be adjudicated until now.

14 CHAIR WOODLAND:

15 Any other further discussion? Hearing
16 none. Nikki, could we have a roll call
17 vote, please?

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19 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
20 Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
21 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.
22 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye.

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Reports from

1 Hearing Examiner

2 MS. WUCINSKI:

3 I believe the Board would entertain a
4 motion to table agenda item 11 to allow
5 time for the filing of a response brief
6 by the Commonwealth for Lorveline
7 Salomon at Case No. 24-49-002053.

8 DR. YEALY:

9 So moved.

10 DR. KUTZ:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR WOODLAND:

13 Any further discussion on item 11?
14 Hearing none. Nikki, could we have a
15 roll call vote, please?

16
17 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
18 Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
19 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.
20 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye.

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 MS. WUCINSKI:

24 I believe the Board would entertain a
25 motion to adopt the Proposed

1 Adjudication and substitute the Final
2 Board Order for G.F., M.D., at Case No.
3 24-49-001498.

4 DR. YEALY:

5 So moved.

6 DR. KUTZ:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR WOODLAND:

9 Any further discussion on item 12?
10 Hearing none. Nikki, could we have a
11 roll call vote, please?

12
13 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
14 Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
15 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.
16 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye.

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 MS. WUCINSKI:

20 I believe the Board would entertain a
21 motion to direct Board Counsel to draft
22 an Adjudication and Order addressing
23 exceptions for Mahendra J. Panchal,
24 M.D., at Case No. 22-49-013015.

25 DR. YEALY:

1 So moved.

2 DR. KUTZ:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR WOODLAND:

5 Any further discussion on item 13?

6 Hearing none. Nikki, could we have a
7 roll call vote, please?

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9 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
10 Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
11 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.
12 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

14

15 Report of Board Counsel - Final Adjudication for
16 Board Approval

17 MS. WUCINSKI:

18 I believe the Board would entertain a
19 motion to adopt as Final the draft
20 Adjudication and Order for Eric
21 Welling, M.D., at Case No. 24-49-
22 003930.

23 DR. YEALY:

24 So moved.

25 DR. KUTZ:

1 Second.

2 CHAIR WOODLAND:

3 Any further discussion on item 14?

4 Hearing none. Nikki, could we have a
5 roll call vote, please?

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7 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.

8 Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.

9 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.

10 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 Applications for Licensure - Allied Health

14 Professionals

15 MS. WUCINSKI:

16 I believe the Board would entertain a
17 motion to provisionally deny the
18 Application for a License to Practice
19 as a Behavior Specialist for Johanna
20 Conrad.

21 DR. YEALY:

22 So moved.

23 DR. KUTZ:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR WOODLAND:

1 Any further discussion? Hearing none.
2 Nikki, could we have a roll call vote,
3 please?

4
5 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
6 Yealy, nay; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
7 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.
8 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, nay.

9 [The motion carried. Donald Yealy and Adanma Okereh
10 opposed the motion.]

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12 MS. WUCINSKI:

13 I believe the Board would entertain a
14 motion to provisionally deny the
15 Application for a License to Practice
16 as a Behavior Specialist for Zakkiyah
17 Dixon.

18 DR. YEALY:

19 So moved.

20 DR. KUTZ:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR WOODLAND:

23 Any further discussion on item 21?
24 Hearing none. Nikki, could we have a
25 roll call vote, please?

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Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, nay; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, nay.

[The motion carried. Donald Yealy and Adanma Okereh opposed the motion.]

Applications for Licensure - Unrestricted Physicians and Surgeons

MS. WUCINSKI:

At agenda item 22, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to table this agenda item and invite Anuradha Bishnoi, M.D., to apply for an Institutional License.

DR. YEALY:

So moved.

DR. KUTZ:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Any further discussion on this item? Hearing none. Nikki, could we have a roll call vote, please?

1 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
2 Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
3 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.
4 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye.

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 MS. WUCINSKI:

8 I believe the Board would entertain a
9 motion to table agenda item 23 until
10 the January meeting to allow Atul
11 Kakkar, M.D., to practice on an
12 Institutional License for an additional
13 period of time.

14 DR. YEALY:

15 So moved.

16 DR. KUTZ:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR WOODLAND:

19 Any further discussion on item 23?
20 Hearing none. Nikki, could we have a
21 roll call vote, please?

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23 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
24 Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
25 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.

1 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 MS. WUCINSKI:

5 I believe the Board would entertain a
6 motion to table agenda item 24 to allow
7 Dr. Raed Mousa to provide additional
8 information so that the Application
9 could be considered under Act 41 at the
10 Board's next meeting.

11 DR. YEALY:

12 So moved.

13 DR. KUTZ:

14 Second.

15 CHAIR WOODLAND:

16 Any further discussion on this item?
17 Hearing none. Nikki, could we have a
18 roll call vote, please?

19
20 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
21 Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
22 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.
23 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 MS. WUCINSKI:

2 I believe the Board would entertain a
3 motion to grant the initial Application
4 for a License to Practice as a
5 Physician and Surgeon of Zakari
6 Suleiman, M.D.

7 DR. YEALY:

8 So moved.

9 DR. KUTZ:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR WOODLAND:

12 Any further discussion on item 25?
13 Hearing none. Nikki, could we have a
14 roll call vote, please?

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16 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
17 Yealy, nay; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
18 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.
19 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye.

20 [The motion carried. Donald Yealy opposed the
21 motion.]

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23 Applications for Licensure - Reactivations

24 MS. WUCINSKI:

25 I believe the Board would entertain a

1 motion to table agenda items 26 and 27
2 to allow the following applicants to
3 complete a reentry program: The
4 Application for a License to Practice
5 as a Respiratory Therapist of Cheryl L.
6 Henderson and the Application to
7 Practice as a Physician and Surgeon of
8 Gregory D. Dischman, M.D.

9 DR. YEALY:

10 So moved.

11 DR. KUTZ:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR WOODLAND:

14 Any further discussion on items 26 or
15 27?

16 [Board Counsel answered questions from Dr. Dischman
17 regarding the reentry program and the timeline.]

18 CHAIR WOODLAND:

19 Any other discussion or questions?

20 Hearing none. Nikki, could we have a
21 roll call vote, please?

22

23 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
24 Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
25 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.

1 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously]

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4 Ratifications

5 MS. WUCINSKI:

6 I believe the Board would entertain a
7 motion to Ratify the granting of the
8 following Applications: Sandeep
9 Kandregula, M.D.; Mohamed Khallaf,
10 M.D.; Maria I. Longo, M.D.; Najla I.
11 Najim, M.D.

12 DR. YEALY:

13 So moved.

14 DR. KUTZ:

15 Second.

16 CHAIR WOODLAND:

17 Any further discussion on these four
18 items? Hearing none. Nikki, could we
19 have a roll call vote, please?

20
21 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
22 Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
23 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.
24 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye.

25 [The motion carried unanimously]

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2 Miscellaneous - Weiwei Song, M.D. - Request for
3 Reconsideration

4 MS. WUCINSKI:

5 I believe the Board would entertain a
6 motion to provisionally deny the
7 initial Application for a License to
8 Practice as a Physician and Surgeon of
9 Weiwei Song, M.D.

10 DR. YEALY:

11 So moved.

12 DR. KUTZ:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR WOODLAND:

15 Any further discussion on item 33?
16 Hearing none. Nikki, could we have a
17 roll call vote, please?

18
19 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
20 Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
21 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.
22 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye.

23 [The motion carried unanimously]

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25 [Board Counsel answered questions from Dr. Weiwei

1 Song regarding the provisional denial and explained
2 that Dr. Song would have the opportunity to appeal
3 the provisional denial and have a hearing. Board
4 Counsel informed Dr. Song that she could also supply
5 the Board with licensing requirements of her home
6 jurisdiction for the Board to consider her under Act
7 41.]

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9 Miscellaneous - Letter from the Department of
10 Veterans Affairs
11 [Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel,
12 stated the Department of Veterans Affairs is
13 currently trying to update standards of care and
14 requesting comments from the Board relating to
15 therapeutic radiologic technologists. She noted the
16 Board does not currently license therapeutic
17 radiologic technologists.]

18 MS. WALTER:

19 I am asking for a vote from the Board
20 to respond to Veterans Affairs
21 indicating that we do not currently
22 license technologists, and for that
23 reason, we will be providing no
24 comment.

25 DR. YEALY:

1 So moved.

2 DR. KUTZ:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR WOODLAND:

5 Any further discussion? Hearing none.
6 Nikki, let's have a roll call vote on
7 this, please.

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9 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
10 Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
11 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.
12 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously]

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15 Miscellaneous - Letter of Correspondence -

16 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

17 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Acting Senior Board

18 Counsel, referred to correspondence from Larry Cook

19 asking the Board to consider requiring hospitals to

20 post their Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

21 (CMS) rating in their lobbies and emergency rooms for

22 patients and the general public.

23 Ms. Wucinski explained that the Board does not
24 regulate hospitals and cannot really comment on that
25 issue. She noted the matter should be directed to

1 the Department of Health.

2 Chair Woodland mentioned that the CMS ranking
3 process and rankings are available online at
4 data.cms.gov.

5 Ms. Wucinski addressed a comment in chat
6 indicating that they represent a group of physicians
7 who submitted their completed Physician and Surgeon
8 Applications to the Board but did not receive a
9 response. She requested that they email their name
10 and application number to her, Ms. Walter, or Mr. Ali
11 and offered to look into that matter.]

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13 Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Report
14 [Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel,
15 provided a Status of Regulations Report for the
16 Board's review.

17 Ms. Wolfgang addressed the PA-SUPPORT Curriculum,
18 noting the Board has to to consider Act 126 of 2016
19 as a part of the regulation, which requires the State
20 Board of Medicine to adopt an opioid education
21 curriculum to be offered in colleges or by providers
22 approved by the Board.

23 Ms. Wolfgang stated the curriculum must include
24 all of the current age-appropriate information
25 relating to pain management, multimodal treatments

1 for chronic pain that minimize the use of controlled
2 substance containing an opioid, identification of
3 patients, who have risk factors for developing
4 problems with prescription of a controlled substance
5 containing an opioid, and training on managing
6 substance use disorders as a chronic disease.

7 Ms. Wolfgang mentioned that the Department of
8 State entered into a contract with Temple University
9 School of Medicine to develop the PA-SUPPORT
10 curriculum. She explained that the curriculum
11 offered is not a mandate to the curriculum necessary
12 for graduation though colleges may require the
13 curriculum to be necessary to graduate after August
14 1, 2017. She noted the curriculum may also be used
15 by continuing education providers.

16 Ms. Wolfgang stated the required curriculum
17 relates to the safe prescribing of opioid medications
18 for healthcare professions in accordance with Act 126
19 of 2016. She reported other licensing boards,
20 including state boards of dentistry, nursing,
21 optometry, osteopathic medicine, and podiatry have
22 either adopted this curriculum or will do so in the
23 near future.

24 Chair Woodland noted being touched by the
25 comprehensive nature of the curriculum and the fact

1 that it seemed to cover many items in other
2 curriculum required for licensure. He asked whether
3 it was the model for this or whether it would be a
4 prelude to what is mandated for the curriculum or
5 what could be used for curriculum for licensure
6 requirements.

7 Ms. Wolfgang explained that the curriculum is not
8 required, noting there are a variety of places where
9 an applicant or licensee can obtain the opioid
10 continuing education requirement currently in place,
11 as well as the initial opioid education. She further
12 explained that this is just an option to tell the
13 licensee or the applicant that it is PA curriculum
14 that is approved by the Board.

15 Chair Woodland commented that the curriculum was
16 developed by Temple University and asked how it would
17 be promoted by the State Board of Medicine and
18 whether it would be promoted as a Temple University
19 curriculum or be promoted as a curriculum developed
20 by Temple University approved by the Board and be a
21 Board curriculum.

22 Ms. Wolfgang explained that it would be a Temple
23 University curriculum adopted by the Board. She
24 offered to coordinate with the Board administrator
25 and Board Counsel with putting a notice on the

1 Board's website regarding the Board's adoption and
2 then incorporate the curriculum into 16A-4960.

3 Chair Woodland asked whether the individuals who
4 helped develop the curriculum will get notice or
5 feedback from the Board if they vote to adopt the
6 curriculum. He believed the Board should provide
7 feedback because of the time and effort put into
8 developing the curriculum and thank them for their
9 efforts.

10 Ms. Wolfgang offered to coordinate that with
11 Board Counsel as well.]

12 MS. WOLFGANG:

13 At this time, would the Chair entertain
14 a motion to adopt the PA-SUPPORT
15 curriculum?

16 DR. YEALY:

17 So moved.

18 DR. KUTZ:

19 Second.

20 CHAIR WOODLAND:

21 Any further discussion?

22 [Ms. Wolfgang answered a question from Mr. Dillon
23 about what the adoption means in a practical way,
24 where it is the Board approving a curriculum
25 available to individuals seeking to obtain initial

1 education for licensure. She noted it would be
2 available to colleges, universities, and continuing
3 education providers.

4 Chair Woodland mentioned that it facilitates
5 moving forward on education for providers on opioid
6 use disorder in different parameters in a standard
7 fashion. He commented that there have been
8 requirements but not a standard template for
9 curriculum in the past.]

10 CHAIR WOODLAND:

11 Any further discussion? Hearing none.
12 Nikki, could we have a roll call vote,
13 please?

14
15 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
16 Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
17 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.
18 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously]

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21 Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Report
22 [Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel,
23 referred to the draft annex for 16A-4960 regarding
24 the opioid education and organ donation regulation.
25 She explained that the regulation implements a

1 variety of laws that were passed. She noted Act 124
2 implements the amendments to Achieving Better Care by
3 Monitoring All Prescription programs, known as the
4 (ABC-MAP) Act.

5 Ms. Wolfgang stated Act 124 requires licensing
6 boards to require education in pain management,
7 addiction, and prescribing and dispensing practices
8 for opioids, including the initial 4 hours of
9 education and the 2 hours of biennial renewal
10 education.

11 Ms. Wolfgang mentioned that the Board already
12 implemented Act 124, and the proposed regulation is
13 basically updating the Board's regulations to reflect
14 Act 124 requirements.

15 Ms. Wolfgang noted the other law the annex
16 addresses is Act 126 regarding PA-SUPPORT curriculum.
17 She explained that the rulemaking would also add a
18 provision to the Board's regulations indicating that
19 a violation of Act 122 of 2022, which is the Safe
20 Emergency Prescribing Act, is subject to disciplinary
21 action.

22 Ms. Wolfgang stated the rulemaking would also
23 implement Act 90 regarding organ donation education
24 requirements and require physicians to receive organ
25 and tissue donation and recovery education by

1 completing a 2-hour course on organ and tissue
2 donation and recovery designed to address the
3 clinical aspects of the donation and recovery process
4 as a condition of license renewal. She explained
5 that the course must be completed within five years
6 of initial licensure or within five years of
7 licensure renewal.

8 Ms. Wolfgang updated § 16.18 under the volunteer
9 license regulations and also updated the volunteer
10 license regulations to reflect the updates to the
11 Volunteer Health Services Act that occurred in 2000,
12 2002, 2007, and 2014. She reported that most of the
13 amendments had been implemented, and she was just
14 cleaning up the regulations.

15 Chair Woodland referred to the 2-hour mandated
16 course for licensure, noting they were presented with
17 other aspects of medical care, such as explicit bias
18 issues and how that might affect medicine. He
19 commented that most of them do organ donation
20 explanation and learning in medical school and
21 throughout their careers.

22 Chair Woodland also mentioned that most of the
23 public sign an advanced directive regarding organ
24 donation in the state of Pennsylvania and asked why
25 they need to mandate another 2-hour training session

1 for clinical providers.

2 Dr. Yealy stated having an enhanced organ donor
3 pool is of great benefit to many people, and there is
4 a gap in patients and providers awareness and closure
5 on this.

6 Dr. Yealy mention that the overwhelming majority
7 of the people that they license to practice medicine
8 in the Commonwealth will not be a part of the high-
9 yield organ donation moments and is another 2-hour
10 training that will not apply to most people.

11 Ms. Wolfgang explained that Act 90 requires the
12 education and is something the Board is duty-bound to
13 include it in the regulations and enforce. She
14 reported that the State Board of Nursing took the
15 lead on developing the correct curriculum, and it is
16 on the verge of being finalized.

17 Chair Woodland mentioned that the majority of
18 clinical providers have nothing to do with organ
19 donation. He noted the pipeline is with the public
20 and is why they originally went through the advanced
21 directive being put on all of their licenses, because
22 if that advanced directive is on that license, then
23 immediately that fuels the need or the resource for
24 organ donation on the front side.

25 Chair Woodland commented that the public needs to

1 be educated as to why it is important to be an organ
2 donor. He referred to the Women's Health Caucus and
3 asked how the Board would address them when they want
4 to impact them with bias training, which is
5 meaningful for providers. He noted the 2-hour organ
6 donation training counts toward the 100 CMEs after
7 receiving that question in chat.

8 Ms. Wolfgang clarified that it is a one-time 2-
9 hour course that must be taken within five years and
10 is not a recurring requirement.

11 Chair Woodland commented that maybe this is the
12 disconnect between the medical community and the
13 legislative community, where the medical community
14 knows all of their issues and to do something that is
15 to meet a legislative initiative that is not
16 consistent with the medical care they provide every
17 day is extraordinary, even if it is one time or
18 repetitive.

19 Chair Woodland asked when the repetitive opioid
20 use disorder training becomes more of a nuisance than
21 help in getting providers to be able to work through
22 the issues. He suggesting having rotating command
23 education issues every two years, so that it is one
24 less time for them as providers while highlighting
25 the need for those issues each year. He noted the

1 importance of voicing what he has heard in the
2 community and believed it is imperative that he, as
3 the Chair of the State Board of Medicine, bring this
4 up to everybody to make them realize that the Board
5 is not ignorant to what the community is saying about
6 these issues.

7 Dr. Ripchinski commented that the challenge for
8 him is talking about an act from 2018 but now having
9 to deal with regulations based on that act. He noted
10 the importance of informing the public on how the
11 acts get created and how to work to get them changed,
12 which is oftentimes through the legislature and not
13 the Board.

14 Dr. Ripchinski mentioned that it is good that it
15 is a one-time action. He stated it would not be
16 unchanged in this meeting but does represent an area
17 of opportunity for those in the Commonwealth to work
18 with their representatives and senators regarding
19 changes from the physician community.

20 Chair Woodland mentioned that Drexel University
21 has a 4-hour session dedicated to organ donation and
22 asked whether it would suffice the requirement if an
23 applicant can verify that training in medical school
24 because it would hit everybody graduating and who
25 would potentially be applying in addition to this

1 other mandate so that there is another pathway to
2 getting this satisfied.

3 Ms. Wolfgang explained that it is mandatory
4 continuing education and did not believe that is a
5 possibility but offered to review the law again to
6 make sure they cannot interpret it that way. She
7 agreed to working offline with Chair Woodland at his
8 request and bringing it back to the Board at the
9 November meeting.

10 Ms. Wolfgang asked whether Board members wished
11 to send it out as an exposure draft for comments,
12 noting the draft could always be changed before it
13 goes to proposed.

14 Chair Woodland commented that the Board has
15 purview over medical education institutions in some
16 cases and noted that the Board has a Committee on
17 Legislation/Policy Development and Review and asked
18 Dr. Ripchinski to meet with Ms. Wolfgang to work on
19 this. He also offered to sit in at that meeting and
20 mentioned Dr. Yealy and Dr. Kutz are also on that
21 committee. He also welcomed any feedback or comments
22 from the public.]

23 MS. WOLFGANG:

24 At this time, would the Board consider
25 a motion to release an exposure draft

1 of the proposed annex to interested
2 parties and stakeholders for comment?

3 DR. YEALY:

4 So moved.

5 DR. KUTZ:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR WOODLAND:

8 Any other further discussion? Hearing
9 none. Nikki, could we have a roll call
10 vote on the draft being released?

11

12 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
13 Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, abstain; Dr.
14 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.
15 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, abstain.

16 [The motion carried. Gerard Dillon and Adanma Okereh
17 abstained from voting on the motion.]

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19 Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Report

20 [Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel,
21 reminded Board members that 16A-4955 regarding the
22 physician assistant regulation was published as
23 proposed on December 16, 2023. She noted the Board
24 received over 300 comments in support of the proposed
25 regulation, and the Independent Regulatory Review

1 Commission (IRRC) also submitted comments.

2 Ms. Wolfgang addressed the final rulemaking annex
3 and preamble drafts and referred to § 18.151 (c),
4 noting IRRC questioned the use of the term
5 "determine" and questioned whether determining the
6 cause of death is synonymous with medically
7 certifying a report of death. She provided the
8 terminology to determine the cause of death, which
9 was the language in the existing regulations.

10 Ms. Wolfgang stated Act 17 of 2017, the Vital
11 Statistics Law, changed physician assistants'
12 authority and gave physician assistants the authority
13 to provide a medical certification, which would
14 include the authority to pronounce death as well as
15 determining cause of death. She believed IRRC was
16 focusing on the term "certifying" because that is in
17 Act 17, but she thought they should use the language
18 already in the regulation.

19 Dr. Yealy commented that being consistent with
20 the regulation makes sense.

21 Ms. Wolfgang also made revisions in that
22 subsection to make sure that determining language was
23 followed along with respect to the signatures by the
24 physician assistant relating to pronouncing and
25 determining the cause of death. She stated updates

1 would also be made regarding the term "attending
2 physician." She noted IRRC suggested using the words
3 "supervision physician", and she agreed with IRRC.]

4 MS. WOLFGANG:

5 I would like to have a vote to approve
6 the final regulation, which would
7 include the preamble and annex, which
8 is 16A-4955 relating to physician
9 assistants and direct regulatory
10 counsel to move the final-form
11 rulemaking through the regulatory
12 process.

13 DR. YEALY:

14 So moved.

15 DR. KUTZ:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR WOODLAND:

18 There were five major items in here,
19 one that puts a permanent member on the
20 Medical Board for a physician
21 assistant. It removes the 100% co-
22 signature issue. It also makes the
23 written agreements be filed, not
24 approved by the Board, and it continues
25 appropriate supervision requirements

1 while it does increase the number of
2 PAs from four to six at any given time.

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4 Any other comments or conversation?
5 Hearing none. Can we go forward,
6 Nikki, with a vote?

7
8 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
9 Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
10 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.
11 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 Report of Board Counsel - Other

15 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair,
16 requested approval for the Federation of State
17 Medical Boards (FSMB) Board Attorney Workshop. He
18 noted the workshops are really helpful for their
19 administrators, new board members, and attorneys.]

20 MS. WALTER:

21 I believe the Board would entertain a
22 motion to send Dana Wucinski to the
23 FSMB Attorney Workshop.

24 DR. YEALY:

25 So moved.

1 DR. KUTZ:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR WOODLAND:

4 Any further discussion? Hearing none.
5 Could we have a roll call vote, Nikki,
6 please?

7
8 Mr. Eaton, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
9 Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
10 Ripchinski, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.
11 Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 [Susan DeSantis, PA-C, Pennsylvania Society of
15 Physician Assistants, thanked the Board and the
16 attorneys for their work on the final regulation
17 package.

18 Chair Woodland also thanked the Pennsylvania
19 Society of Physician Assistants for their feedback
20 and help with regulations.]

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22 For the Board's Information/Discussion - Board
23 Meeting Dates

24 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, noted
25 upcoming 2024 and 2025 Board meeting dates listed on

1 the agenda for the Board's review.]

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3 Report of Board Chair

4 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, provided
5 Board members with a copy of his report. He informed
6 everyone that the National Health Observances for
7 September are Healthy Aging Month, National Recovery
8 Month, National Sickle Cell Awareness Month, Fungal
9 Disease Awareness Week, National HIV/AIDS and Aging
10 Awareness Day, and National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS
11 Awareness Day.

12 Chair Woodland provided statistics on HIV-related
13 deaths and diagnoses throughout the state and
14 country. He stated HIV has become more of a chronic
15 disease but is important, just like with any other
16 infectious diseases, to know people still die from
17 this, and it still impacts their healthcare community
18 in a big way.

19 Chair Woodland again mentioned the 2024 FSMB
20 Board Attorneys Workshop. He referred to the
21 Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) in
22 Pennsylvania and requested an update from Board
23 Counsel at the next Board meeting.

24 Chair Woodland noted FSMB released their annual
25 report this past month, and presentation abstracts

1 are due this Friday for the annual meeting. He
2 mentioned that the Pennsylvania State Board of
3 Medicine has presented different things, including
4 starting the interesting case group that has now
5 ventured into three sessions at FSMB's Annual
6 Meeting.

7 Chair Woodland noted there will be an
8 administrative medicine fall workshop that Mr. Ali
9 may want to attend and a lot of information on
10 artificial intelligence (AI) and what that looks like
11 with replacing providers in the future.

12 Chair Woodland stated the American Medical
13 Association (AMA) came out with a survey concerning
14 physician burnout. He reported physician burnout to
15 be down but has not gone away, noting certain
16 specialties have not been touched at all. He
17 addressed issues that can signal physician burnout in
18 a practice.

19 Chair Woodland also reported women physicians
20 still feel burdened by this more than male
21 physicians. He again mentioned that burnout is on
22 the way down but pajama time still remains high. He
23 noted the importance of allowing physicians delegate
24 how to help reduce physician burnout.

25 Chair Woodland announced the Association of

1 American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Annual Meeting is
2 next month and is called a Healthier Future for All,
3 looking at many things, including the 10 initiatives
4 of their strategic plan.]

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6 Report of Vice Chair - No Report

7 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., Vice Chair, congratulated the
8 Commonwealth for the progress on the Interstate
9 Medical Licensure Compact, noting it to be a
10 tremendous advancement for providing the best
11 possible care.]

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13 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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15 Report of Department of Health - No Report

16 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair,
17 mentioned that it is vaccine season for influenza and
18 COVID. He also reminded everyone to be careful of
19 other mosquito-borne diseases, like West Nile.]

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21 Report of Committee on Health-Related Professionals -
22 No Report

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24 Report of Committee on Legislation/Policy Development
25 and Review - No Report

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2 Report of Committee on Licensure Qualifications - No
3 Report

4 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, thanked
5 everyone for their review of all of the issues and
6 periodic communications and work in between meetings.

7 Mr. Dillon informed Board members that he would
8 be attending the State Board Advisory Panel to the
9 United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE)
10 Meeting a week after their next meeting. He asked
11 Board members and staff to reach out to him if they
12 have any questions about the testing programs, so he
13 could present those at the upcoming meeting.

14 Chair Woodland thanked Mr. Dillon for his work
15 with FSMB and being part of a team that provides
16 information ahead of time and keeps the Board current
17 on all of the issues.]

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19 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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21 Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Report

22 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Acting Senior Board
23 Counsel, noted Act 83 of 2024 for the Board's review.
24 She explained that it involves athletic trainers and
25 the right to practice medicine, surgery, and

1 medically related acts.

2 Ms. Wucinski explained that Act 83 expands the
3 definition of physically active person, where it used
4 to be an individual who participates in team sports,
5 athletic games, or recreational sport activity, and
6 now includes an individual who participates on an
7 individual or team score, an athletic competition,
8 performing art, a recreational activity, or a
9 military exercise.

10 Ms. Wucinski noted it also amends the definition
11 of athletic training service to specify what is
12 excluded from athletic trainers during practice. She
13 stated it took effect immediately, and regulations
14 will be updated to reflect the changes.

15 Nichole Wray, Division Chief, Health Licensing
16 Division, referred to the compact and reported that
17 the biggest issue causing delays for anyone
18 interested in applying is the completion of the child
19 abuse continuing education. She reminded everyone
20 that it is important that state regulations and law
21 still be completed as well to be compliant with the
22 ability to issue that license.

23 Ms. Wray further explained that it is a partial
24 implementation, and they are not currently
25 participating as a state of principal licensure and

1 are simply accepting them as non-principal licenses
2 for those who are already a member of the compact
3 through another state.

4 Ms. Wray mentioned that there is a link on the
5 Department of State's website of a list of approved
6 continuing education providers for child abuse
7 through the Department of Human Services, many of
8 which are available online and at no cost.

9 Chair Woodland noted the next scheduled Board
10 meeting is November 5.]

11 ***

12 Adjournment

13 CHAIR WOODLAND:

14 I would entertain a motion to adjourn
15 our meeting and see everybody in
16 November.

17 DR. YEALY:

18 So moved.

19 DR. KUTZ:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR WOODLAND:

22 Thank everyone for participating.

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24 [There being no other business, the State Board of
25 Medicine Meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.]

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