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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 OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE**

TIME: 10:34 A.M.

Held at

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

2601 North Third Street

One Penn Center, Board Room C

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

**VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

1                    State Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
2                                    October 11, 2023

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5 BOARD MEMBERS:  
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7 Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of  
8 Professional and Occupational Affairs  
9 Sirisha Reddy, Special Assistant, on behalf of Debra  
10 L. Bogen, M.D., FAAP, FABM, Acting Secretary of  
11 Health  
12 John B. Bulger, D.O., MBA, Chairman  
13 Hillary D. Snyder, MSPAS, PA-C, Vice Chairwoman  
14 Bette A. Grey, BA, RRT, CPFT, Secretary  
15 Thomas S. Dardarian, D.O.  
16 Joseph M. Zawisza, D.O.  
17 Jonathan P. Oline, D.O.  
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20 BUREAU PERSONNEL:  
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22 Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel  
23 Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel  
24 Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor  
25 and Prosecution Liaison  
26 Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
27 Mark R. Zogby, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
28 Kelsey B. Ashworth, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
29 Jonelle Harter Eshbach, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
30 Patrick Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
31 Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
32 Lindsay Szymanski, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
33 Priscilla Turek, Board Administrator  
34 Nichole Wray, Division Chief  
35 Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State  
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38 ALSO PRESENT:  
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40 Paul W. Heberle, D.O.  
41 Christine Heberle  
42 Susan DeSantis, PA-C, Pennsylvania Society of  
43 Physician Assistants  
44 Stuart Lewis  
45 Derek Richmond  
46 Misha Patel  
47 Wendy Ruderman  
48 Brenda Dill  
49 Andrew LaFratte  
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2 State Board of Osteopathic Medicine

3 October 11, 2023

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

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14 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
15 Board of Osteopathic Medicine was held on Wednesday,  
16 October 11, 2023. John B. Bulger, D.O., MBA,  
17 Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.]

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19 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

20 [Priscilla Turek, Board Administrator, provided an  
21 introduction of Board members, staff, and audience in  
22 attendance.]

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24 [John B. Bulger, D.O., MBA, Chairman, welcomed Dr.  
25 Oline to the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine and

1 thanked everyone for attending.]

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3 Approval of minutes of the August 9, 2023 meeting

4 CHAIRMAN BULGER:

5 The minutes from August 9, 2023, were  
6 distributed.

7 Are there any additions,  
8 corrections, or changes to those  
9 minutes? Hearing none.

10 I'll accept a motion to approve.

11 DR. ZAWISZA:

12 So moved.

13 MS. GREY:

14 Second.

15 CHAIRMAN BULGER:

16 It's been moved and seconded. Call the  
17 roll.

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19 Arion Claggett, aye; John Bulger, aye;  
20 Hillary Snyder, aye; Bette Grey,  
21 abstain; Thomas Dardarian, abstain;  
22 Joseph Zawisza, aye; Jonathan Oline,  
23 abstain; Sirisha Reddy, aye.

24 [The motion carried. Bette Grey, Thomas Dardarian,  
25 and Jonathan Oline abstained from voting on the

1 motion.]

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3 [John B. Bulger, D.O., MBA, Chairman, reminded  
4 everyone that the meeting was being recorded.]

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6 Report of Prosecuting Attorneys

7 [Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
8 presented the VRP Consent Agreement for Case No. 23-  
9 53-011556.]

10 MS. WUCINSKI:

11 Agenda item 3. I believe the Board  
12 would entertain a motion to adopt the  
13 VRP Agreement at Case No. 23-53-011556.

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15 DR. ZAWISZA:

16 So moved.

17 MS. GREY:

18 Second.

19 CHAIRMAN BULGER:

20 Any discussion? Hearing none. We'll  
21 vote on the motion.

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23 Arion Claggett, aye; John Bulger, aye;  
24 Hillary Snyder, aye; Bette Grey, aye;  
25 Thomas Dardarian, aye; Joseph Zawisza,

1                   aye; Jonathan Oline, aye; Sirisha  
2                   Reddy, aye.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 [Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
6 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 23-53-  
7 007957.]

8 MS. WUCINSKI:

9                   Agenda item 4. I believe the Board  
10                   would entertain a motion to adopt the  
11                   Consent Agreement and Order at Case No.  
12                   23-53-007957.

13 DR. ZAWISZA:

14                   So moved.

15 MS. GREY:

16                   Second.

17 CHAIRMAN BULGER:

18                   Any discussion on the motion? Hearing  
19                   none. We'll vote on the motion.

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21                   Arion Claggett, aye; John Bulger, aye;  
22                   Hillary Snyder, aye; Bette Grey, aye;  
23                   Thomas Dardarian, aye; Joseph Zawisza,  
24                   aye; Jonathan Oline, abstain; Sirisha  
25                   Reddy, aye.

1 [The motion carried. Jonathan Oline abstained from  
2 voting on the motion. The Respondent's name is Irina  
3 Staicu, D.O.]

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5 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the  
6 Board entered into Executive Session for the purpose  
7 of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on a  
8 number of matters currently pending before the Board  
9 and to receive the advice of counsel.]

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11 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Reports from the  
12 Hearing Examiner

13 MS. WUCINSKI:

14 Agenda item 5. I believe the Board  
15 would entertain a motion to direct  
16 Board Counsel to draft an Adjudication  
17 and Order as discussed in Executive  
18 Session for Raymond Kraynak, D.O., at  
19 Case No. 21-53-014250.

20 DR. ZAWISZA:

21 So moved.

22 MS. GREY:

23 Second.

24 CHAIRMAN BULGER:

25 Any discussion on the motion? Hearing

1 none. We'll proceed with the vote.

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3 Arion Claggett, aye; John Bulger, aye;  
4 Hillary Snyder, aye; Bette Grey, aye;  
5 Thomas Dardarian, aye; Joseph Zawisza,  
6 aye; Jonathan Oline, aye; Sirisha  
7 Reddy, aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 Report of Board Counsel - Other

11 MS. WUCINSKI:

12 Agenda item 6. I believe the Board  
13 would entertain a motion to remove the  
14 restriction on the License to Practice  
15 as an Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon  
16 of Paul Heberle, D.O., and to grant him  
17 an unrestricted license.

18 DR. ZAWISZA:

19 So moved.

20 MS. GREY:

21 Second.

22 CHAIRMAN BULGER:

23 Any discussion on the motion? Hearing  
24 none. We'll proceed with the vote.

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1 Arion Claggett, aye; John Bulger, aye;  
2 Hillary Snyder, aye; Bette Grey, aye;  
3 Thomas Dardarian, aye; Joseph Zawisza,  
4 aye; Jonathan Oline, aye; Sirisha  
5 Reddy, aye.

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 MS. WUCINSKI:

9 Agenda item 7. I believe the Board  
10 would entertain a motion to grant Board  
11 Counsel the authority to settle the  
12 matter of Jane Doe, D.O., consistent  
13 with the discussions in Executive  
14 Session at Case Nos. 18-53-012120 & 22-  
15 53-009736.

16 DR. ZAWISZA:

17 So moved.

18 MS. GREY:

19 Second.

20 CHAIRMAN BULGER:

21 Any further discussion? Hearing none.  
22 We'll proceed with the vote.

23

24 Arion Claggett, aye; John Bulger, aye;  
25 Hillary Snyder, aye; Bette Grey, aye;

1                   Thomas Dardarian, aye; Joseph Zawisza,  
2                   aye; Jonathan Oline, aye; Sirisha  
3                   Reddy, aye.

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 MS. WUCINSKI:

7                   Agenda item 8. I believe the Board  
8                   would entertain a motion to direct  
9                   Board Counsel to draft an Adjudication  
10                  and Order consistent with discussions  
11                  in Executive Session for Mahmoud  
12                  Ghaderi, D.O., at Case No. 22-53-  
13                  005578, noting Dr. Dardarian is  
14                  recused.

15 DR. ZAWISZA:

16                   So moved.

17 MS. GREY:

18                   Second.

19 CHAIRMAN BULGER:

20                  Any further discussion? Hearing none.  
21                  We'll proceed with the vote.

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23                  Arion Claggett, aye; John Bulger, aye;  
24                  Hillary Snyder, aye; Bette Grey, aye;  
25                  Thomas Dardarian, recuse; Joseph

1                   Zawisza, aye; Jonathan Oline, aye;  
2                   Sirisha Reddy, aye.

3 [The motion carried. Thomas Dardarian recused  
4 himself from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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6 Report of Board Chair

7 [John B. Bulger, D.O., MBA, Chairman, was honored to  
8 be the Chair and hoped to serve everyone as well as  
9 the past Chairs.]

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11 Report of Vice Chair

12 [Hillary D. Snyder, MSPAS, PA-C, Vice Chair,  
13 addressed her attendance at the 2023 Federation of  
14 State Medical Boards (FSMB) Meeting as a  
15 representative for the House of Delegates from the  
16 State Board of Osteopathic Medicine in May.

17         Ms. Snyder mentioned being able to see people  
18 from other states and interact with colleagues from  
19 the medical board side as well. She noted there was  
20 a mitigating implicit bias session and an update on  
21 the Interstate Compact looking to include physician  
22 assistants (PAs).

23         Ms. Snyder noted that the board from Ohio talked  
24 about their strategic development of assessing and  
25 reassessing sexual misconduct cases, where they are

1 looking at some of the high-profile issues with  
2 physician misconduct and sexual misconduct.

3 Ms. Snyder reported that Ohio chose to  
4 retroactively look back at some cases and offered  
5 opportunities for victims to be reinterviewed to try  
6 to protect the public at a higher level to correct  
7 past mistakes. She also noted Ohio discussed the  
8 importance of having trauma-informed interviews and  
9 counselors when trying to interview victims.

10 Ms. Snyder commented that the meeting was a great  
11 opportunity and highly recommended everyone attend  
12 FSMB meetings in the future.

13 Chair Bulger thanked Ms. Snyder for the update  
14 and representing the Board.]

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16 Report of Acting Commissioner

17 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of  
18 Professional and Occupational Affairs, informed Board  
19 members that the request for proposal (RFP) for the  
20 Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS) replacement went  
21 live on September 28, 2023, and that he would keep  
22 the Board updated as the process moves forward with  
23 finding a replacement.

24 Acting Commissioner Claggett also believed that  
25 the next Board meeting on December 13 would take

1 place at 2525 North 7th Street. He noted the new  
2 address is already on the website and would be  
3 included in the invite.]

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5 Report of Department of Health - No Report

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7 Report of Board Administrator - No Report  
8 [Priscilla Turek, Board Administrator, thanked  
9 everyone who responded to the badge appointment.]

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11 For the Board's Information/Discussion - Board  
12 Meeting Dates  
13 [John B. Bulger, D.O., MBA, noted the remaining 2023  
14 and 2024 Board meeting dates.]

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16 Miscellaneous

17 MS. WUCINSKI:

18 Agenda item 11. I believe the Board  
19 would entertain a motion to grant the  
20 request of Nicholas Pelosi to approve  
21 the fifth attempt at the COMLEX-USA  
22 Level 2.

23 DR. ZAWISZA:

24 So moved.

25 MS. GREY:

1 Second.

2 CHAIRMAN BULGER:

3 Any further discussion? Hearing none.  
4 We'll proceed with the vote.

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6 Arion Claggett, aye; John Bulger, aye;  
7 Hillary Snyder, aye; Bette Grey, aye;  
8 Thomas Dardarian, aye; Joseph Zawisza,  
9 aye; Jonathan Oline, aye; Sirisha  
10 Reddy, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 Miscellaneous

14 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, addressed  
15 House Bill 1722 regarding a military medical  
16 personnel pilot program and requested Board feedback,  
17 noting she and Ms. Walter are working on a bill  
18 analysis.

19 Ms. Wucinski explained the bill would amend Title  
20 51 to require the Pennsylvania Department of Military  
21 and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), along with the  
22 Department of Health and the Department of State, to  
23 develop a pilot program for medically trained  
24 military service personnel to perform certain medical  
25 duties that would constitute the practice of medicine

1 under the supervision of a physician or podiatrist  
2 once they leave the military.

3 Ms. Wucinski noted the bill would require the  
4 Department of Health and the Department of State to  
5 establish general requirements for the program and  
6 draft regulations. She reported a possible concern  
7 that both podiatrists and physicians could supervise  
8 for services that constitutes the practice of  
9 medicine but noted that a podiatrist does not  
10 practice medicine.

11 Ms. Grey asked whether the individual would be  
12 like a corpsman or medic who gets a job and wants to  
13 practice with no limitations on what they can do.

14 Ms. Wucinski explained that it would have to be  
15 within their skills and training, noting the  
16 Department of Health and Department State would have  
17 to create guidelines. She mentioned that physicians  
18 can also delegate medical services to unlicensed  
19 technicians pursuant to the Medical Practice Act. She  
20 believed that the language in this bill is for  
21 medics who come out of the military and cannot get a  
22 job in what they have been trained to do in the  
23 military.

24 Chair Bulger recommended podiatrists clarify  
25 around the practice of medicine if they are

1 practicing medicine, as noted in other acts, because  
2 they would need to be supervised by someone who is  
3 covered by those acts. He also referred to Ms.  
4 Wucinski's point, where podiatrists not covered by  
5 those acts would not be able to supervise and may  
6 just require a clarification in the definitions of  
7 the bill.

8 Chair Bulger mentioned that they would only be  
9 able to work under what is in the scope of the  
10 Podiatry Practice Act if they were working under the  
11 podiatrists.

12 Ms. Wucinski stated the delegated duties had to  
13 be within the military medical personnel's scope of  
14 experience and training which would be defined by the  
15 Board and the Department of Health.

16 Ms. Walter noted there is a Military Occupational  
17 Crosswalk on their website that walks through the  
18 different military specialties and the equivalency  
19 with licenses as far as education received in the  
20 military and how that would translate to skills  
21 regulated by the boards.

22 Ms. Grey commented that it is a good idea with  
23 the current shortage of medical professionals.

24 Dr. Oline mentioned that corpsmen have certain  
25 skills and suggested additional training through a



1 pilot program when they come out of the military to  
2 be able to fit into different professions.

3 Ms. Snyder stated, historically, the physician  
4 assistant profession started with corpsmen from  
5 Vietnam who came out with experience and were  
6 provided a pathway to enter the physician assistant  
7 profession. She mentioned there was still a  
8 certificate program out of California that is a  
9 pathway for a PA certificate but not a Pennsylvania  
10 pathway.

11 Ms. Snyder understood the barriers present for  
12 military service members as far as finding jobs right  
13 away with their experience but requested additional  
14 information regarding how their education lined up  
15 with the expectations of different medical  
16 professionals.

17 Dr. Dardarian asked whether any of the PA schools  
18 give corpsmen a certain number of credits like  
19 advanced standing or credit for some of the basic  
20 assessment skills classes.

21 Ms. Snyder explained that corpsmen do not receive  
22 credit but would receive the patient contact hour  
23 requirements for their experience in the service.  
24 She reported that many people in the PA profession  
25 have a military background, noting they regularly

1 honor veterans in their societies and PA programs  
2 very much like to admit students who have military  
3 experience.

4 Dr. Oline addressed a period during the Vietnam  
5 War, where osteopathic physicians were not considered  
6 full-fledged physicians, noting that it was not so  
7 long ago that their profession was struggling to get  
8 full recognition. He agreed that providing more  
9 training and programs would be a benefit, where  
10 someone may sign up to be a medic in the military  
11 because it could lead to further things.

12 Dr. Oline offered to work with counsel to speak  
13 with recruiters and people who take care of  
14 retirement out-processing concerning schools and jobs  
15 that would be available.

16 Ms. Walter stated someone in the department did  
17 extensive research for all of the branches of the  
18 military and would provide a copy of the document.

19 Ms. Wucinski commented that it would be a benefit  
20 of the bill and would encourage more people to sign  
21 up if they knew they could receive additional  
22 training and a job in certain states.

23 Dr. Dardarian referred back to the 2024 Board  
24 meeting dates and questioned a few of the dates.

25 Ms. Turek read a message from Ms. Wray, noting

1 the dates were different because of conflicts with  
2 other boards having meetings on those dates.]

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4 [John B. Bulger, D.O., Chairman, noted the next  
5 scheduled Board meeting date is December 13, 2023.]

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7 Adjournment

8 CHAIRMAN BULGER:

9 Do I have a motion to adjourn?

10 DR. ZAWISZA:

11 So moved.

12 MS. GREY:

13 Second.

14 CHAIRMAN BULGER:

15 Thank you.

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17 [There being no further business, the State Board of  
18 Osteopathic Medicine Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.]

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## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Osteopathic 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 Osteopathic Medicine meeting.



Derek Richmond,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting  
Service, Inc.

STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE  
REFERENCE INDEX

October 11, 2023

| TIME  | AGENDA                                  |
|-------|---|
| 9:30  | Executive Session                       |
| 10:30 | Return to Open Session                  |
| 10:34 | Official Call to Order                  |
| 10:34 | Introduction of Board Members/Attendees |
| 10:37 | Approval of Minutes                     |
| 10:38 | Report of Prosecuting Attorneys         |
| 10:41 | Report of Board Counsel                 |
| 10:45 | Report of Board Chair                   |
| 10:45 | Report of Vice Chair                    |
| 10:48 | Report of Acting Commissioner           |
| 10:49 | For the Board's Information/Discussion  |
| 10:50 | Miscellaneous                           |
| 11:04 | Adjournment                             |