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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: 10:32 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, August 9, 2023

1                    State Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
2                                    August 9, 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 William B. Swallow, D.O., Chairman  
13 John B. Bulger, D.O., Vice Chairman  
14 Bette A. Grey, BA, RRT, CPFT, Secretary - Absent  
15 Thomas S. Dardarian, D.O. - Absent  
16 George J. Wolters, D.O.  
17 Joseph M. Zawisza, D.O.  
18 Hillary D. Snyder, MSPAS, PA-C  
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21 BUREAU PERSONNEL:  
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23 Dean F. Picarella, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel  
24 Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel  
25 Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel  
26 Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor  
27 and Prosecution Liaison  
28 Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
29 Mark R. Zogby, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
30 Kelsey B. Ashworth, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
31 Jonelle Harter Eshbach, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
32 Priscilla Turek, Board Administrator  
33 Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State  
34 Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director,  
35 Department of State  
36 Michael McDonald, Policy Director, Department of  
37 State  
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40 ALSO PRESENT:  
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42 Andy Sandusky, Executive Vice President, Public  
43 Policy  
44 and Association Affairs, Pennsylvania Osteopathic  
45 Medical Association  
46 Wendy Ruderman, Staff Writer, Philadelphia Inquirer  
47 Susan DeSantis, PA-C, Pennsylvania Society of  
48 Physician Assistants  
49 Victoria Lantz  
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2 State Board of Osteopathic Medicine

3 August 9, 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 August 9, 2023. William B. Swallow, D.O., Chairman,  
17 called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

18 Chair Swallow informed everyone that the Board  
19 meeting was being recorded, and voluntary  
20 participation constituted consent to be recorded.]

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22 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

23 [Priscilla Turek, Board Administrator, provided an  
24 introduction of the Board members, staff, and  
25 audience in attendance.]

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2 Amendments to the Agenda

3 MS. WALTER:

4 I believe the Board would entertain a  
5 motion to amend the meeting agenda for  
6 today to add New Business and the  
7 Election of Officers through the  
8 conclusion of December 2024.

9 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

10 Is there a motion?

11 DR. ZAWISZA:

12 So moved.

13 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

14 Second?

15 DR. WOLTERS:

16 Second.

17 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

18 Any discussion? Hearing none. Ms.  
19 Turek, would you call the vote?

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21 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Swallow, aye;  
22 Dr. Bulger, aye; Dr. Wolters, aye; Dr.  
23 Zawisza, aye; Ms. Snyder, aye; Ms.  
24 Reddy, aye.

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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2 Approval of minutes of the June 14, 2023 meeting

3 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

4 You have all received the minutes of  
5 the last meeting electronically.

6 Are there any additions or  
7 corrections? Hearing none.

8 Is there a motion to approve?

9 DR. ZAWISZA:

10 So moved.

11 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

12 Second?

13 DR. WOLTERS:

14 Second.

15 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

16 Any discussion? Hearing none. Ms.  
17 Turek, please call the vote?

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19 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Swallow, aye;  
20 Dr. Bulger, aye; Dr. Wolters, aye; Dr.  
21 Zawisza, aye; Ms. Snyder, abstain; Ms.  
22 Reddy, aye.

23 [The motion carried. Hillary Snyder abstained from  
24 voting on the motion.]

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1 Report of Prosecuting Attorneys - No Report

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3 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Reports from the  
4 Hearing Examiner

5 MS. WALTER:

6 Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the  
7 Sunshine Act, the Board entered into  
8 quasi-judicial deliberations at  
9 9:30 a.m. this morning to discuss items  
10 3 and 7 on the agenda and to receive  
11 advice of counsel.

12 MS. WUCINSKI:

13 At agenda item 3, I believe the Board  
14 would entertain a motion to adopt as  
15 Final the Draft Adjudication and Order  
16 for Charles Gartland, D.O., Case No.  
17 22-53-015550.

18 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

19 May I have a motion, please?

20 DR. ZAWISZA:

21 So moved.

22 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

23 Second, please?

24 DR. WOLTERS:

25 Second.

1 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

2 Any discussion? Hearing none. Ms.  
3 Turek, will you call the vote, please?

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5 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Swallow, aye;  
6 Dr. Bulger, aye; Dr. Wolters, aye; Dr.  
7 Zawisza, aye; Ms. Snyder, aye; Ms.  
8 Reddy, aye.

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 Ratifications

12 MS. WUCINSKI:

13 At agenda item 7, I believe the Board  
14 would entertain a motion to ratify the  
15 granting of the Application to Practice  
16 as an Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon  
17 of Eva Notis, D.O.

18 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

19 Motion, please?

20 DR. ZAWISZA:

21 So moved.

22 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

23 Second, please?

24 DR. WOLTERS:

25 Second.

1 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

2 Ms. Turek.

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4 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Swallow, aye;  
5 Dr. Bulger, aye; Dr. Wolters, aye; Dr.  
6 Zawisza, aye; Ms. Snyder, aye; Ms.  
7 Reddy, aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 Report of Board Counsel - Other

11 [Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel, addressed  
12 House Bill 1364, which authorizes boards and  
13 commissions to issue advisory opinions. She stated  
14 the bill would give specific authority for boards and  
15 commissions to respond to inquiries requesting advice  
16 of the Board and provide immunity from criminal and  
17 civil liability for actions occurring as a result of  
18 the advisory opinion. She noted the bill was  
19 referred to the Professional Licensure Committee in  
20 June 2023.

21 Ms. Walter referred to House Bill 1512 regarding  
22 telemedicine. She explained that the bill is largely  
23 related to insurance coverage for telemedicine,  
24 define telemedicine, and require individuals  
25 practicing telemedicine to adhere to the same



1 standard of care as under normal in-person  
2 interactions. She noted that bill has been referred  
3 to the Committee on Insurance.

4 Ms. Wucinski addressed House Bill 19, Licensure  
5 of Behavior Analysts, which would create professional  
6 licensure for behavior analysts and assistant  
7 behavior analysts under the department and State  
8 Board of Medicine. She explained that applied  
9 behavior analysis is a type of therapy that focuses  
10 on improving specific behaviors that include social  
11 skills, communication, reading, academics, and  
12 adaptive learning skills.

13 Ms. Wucinski stated it would allow them to work  
14 with insurance companies to reduce insurance costs  
15 and provide public protection. She noted the bill  
16 was referred to the House Professional Licensure  
17 Committee on July 5.

18 Ms. Wucinski informed Board members that counsel  
19 would reach out to them if any of those start to gain  
20 traction.]

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22 Report of Board Chair - No Report

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24 Report of Vice Chair - No Report

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1 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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3 Report of Department of Health - No Report

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5 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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7 Election of Officers

8 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

9 Are there any nominations for Chair?

10 DR. ZAWISZA:

11 I'd like to nominate John Bulger, D.O.,  
12 for Chair.

13 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

14 Are there any other nominations?

15 Hearing none.

16 Is there a motion to accept by  
17 acclamation Dr. Bulger for Chair of the  
18 State Board of Osteopathic Medicine?

19 DR. ZAWISZA:

20 So moved.

21 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

22 Is there a second?

23 DR. WOLTERS:

24 Second.

25 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

1 Any discussion. Just as a reminder,  
2 this would be for the October meeting  
3 and December meeting of 2023 and the  
4 entire year of 2024, 14 months  
5 inclusive.

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7 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Swallow, aye;  
8 Dr. Bulger, abstain; Dr. Wolters, aye;  
9 Dr. Zawisza, aye; Ms. Snyder, aye; Ms.  
10 Reddy, aye.

11 [The motion carried. John Bulger abstained from  
12 voting on the motion.]

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14 [Chairman Swallow congratulated Dr. Bulger. Dr.  
15 Bulger thanked Chairman Swallow for his service.

16 Ms. Walter clarified that Dr. Bulger's term as  
17 Chairperson would begin effective tomorrow.]

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19 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

20 Are there any nominations for Vice  
21 Chair?

22 DR. BULGER:

23 I nominate Hillary Snyder for Vice  
24 Chair.

25 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

1 Are there any further nominations for  
2 Vice Chair? Hearing none.

3 Is there a motion to elect by  
4 acclamation?

5 DR. ZAWISZA:

6 So moved.

7 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

8 Second?

9 DR. WOLTERS:

10 Second.

11 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

12 Any discussion. Ms. Turek.

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14 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Swallow, aye;  
15 Dr. Bulger, aye; Dr. Wolters, aye; Dr.  
16 Zawisza, aye; Ms. Snyder, abstain; Ms.  
17 Reddy, aye.

18 [The motion carried. Hillary Snyder abstained from  
19 voting on the motion.]

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21 [Chairman Swallow congratulated Ms. Snyder. Ms.  
22 Snyder thanked Chairman Swallow for his leadership  
23 and high standards.]

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25 For the Board's Information/Discussion - Board

1 Meeting

2 Dates

3 [William B. Swallow, D.O., Chairman, noted the  
4 remaining 2023 and entire 2024 Board meeting dates.]

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6 New Business

7 [William B. Swallow, D.O., Chairman, informed  
8 everyone that the reason for the special election was  
9 due to his resignation effective close of business  
10 this date from the Chairmanship and membership from  
11 the state Board.

12 Dr. Wolters noted his resignation is effective at  
13 the end of the meeting.

14 Ms. Walter stated Ms. Snyder's term would be  
15 effective August 10 and continue through December  
16 2024.

17 Chairman Swallow thanked everyone for attending  
18 the meeting and noted appreciation for all of the  
19 support through his years on the Board.]

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21 Adjournment

22 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

23 I need a motion to adjourn.

24 DR. ZAWISZA:

25 So moved.

1 DR. WOLTERS:

2 Second.

3 CHAIRMAN SWALLOW:

4 We stand adjourned.

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6 [There being no further business, the State Board of  
7 Osteopathic Medicine Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.]

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10 CERTIFICATE

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

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Victoria Lantz,

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Minute Clerk

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Sargent's Court Reporting

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Service, Inc.

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STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE  
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August 9, 2023

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10:36	Report of Board Counsel
10:37	Ratifications
10:37	Report of Board Counsel (cont.)
10:39	Election of Officers
10:43	For the Board's Information/Discussion
10:43	New Business
10:45	Adjournment