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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: 10:30 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

March 17, 2026

State Board of Medicine
March 17, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS:

Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner of
Professional and Occupational Affairs
Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair
Michael R. Ripchinski, M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP, Vice
Chair
Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG
Gerard F. Dillon, Ph.D., Public Member
Robert Bonacci, M.D., on behalf of Debra Bogan, M.D.,
FAAP, Secretary Department of Health
John D. Six, M.D.
John A. Kutz, M.D., FACS
Taliba Foster, M.D.
Adanma S. Okereh, CNM, CRNP, Nurse Midwife - Absent

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel
Ashley Keefer Jones, Esquire, Board Counsel
Jamison Cassel, Board Administrator
Todd P. Kriner, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Patrick Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Nicholas Kahler, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Courtney J. Restemayer, Esquire, Office of General
Counsel
Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk
Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide
Adrienne McClendon, Esquire, Office of General
Counsel
Liliana Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Amanda Richards, Fiscal Supervisor, Bureau of Finance
and Procurement
Taylor Koch, Fiscal Chief, Bureau of Finance and
Procurement

ALSO PRESENT:

Kevin Knipe, MSW, LSW, CCDP Diplomat, Co-Program
Manager, Professional Health Monitoring Program

State Board of MedicineMarch 17, 2026ALSO PRESENT (CONT.):

Sandy Fettrow, CPCS, Credentialing Specialist,
Healthcare Consultant, Zetter HealthCare
William Reynolds, MPAS, PA-C, DFAAPA, Executive
Director, Pennsylvania Society of Physician
Associates
Misha Patel, Esquire, Assistant General Counsel,
Pennsylvania Medical Society
Wesley Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Firm
Ted Mowatt, CAE, Vice President, Wanner Associates
Randy Stevens, M.D., Assistant Professor, Drexel
University College of Medicine
Suzanne Landis Kaczor, D.Ac., Legislation Committee
Head, Association for Professional Acupuncture in
Pennsylvania
Mary Marshall, Senior Director, Workforce and
Professional Development, The Hospital and
Healthcare Association of Pennsylvania
Erin Kawa, Esquire, Post & Schell
Ann Lawall Roque, President, Pennsylvania Orthotic
Prosthetic Society
Joan Orsini Ford, Attorney, Marshall Dennehey
Christian Caicedo, M.D., MBA, CPE, FACHE, Chief
Clinical Officer, PA Next Gen Solutions LLC
Ruth Fagbemi, M.D.
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Erin Badstuebner, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
Inc.

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2 State Board of Medicine

3 March 17, 2026

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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 Dana M. Archer, Esquire, 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 10:30
12 a.m.]

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14 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
15 Board of Medicine was held on Monday, February 2,
16 2026. Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, called
17 the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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19 Acknowledge Public - Turn Off Electronic Devices
20 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, requested all
21 electronic devices be silenced.]

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23 [Dana M. Archer, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel, noted
24 the meeting was being recorded and voluntary
25 participation constituted consent to be recorded.

1 Ms. Archer also noted the Board entered into
2 quasi-judicial deliberations this morning to discuss
3 matters on the agenda and to receive the advice of
4 counsel.]

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6 Roll Call of Board Members

7 [Jamison Cassel, Board Administrator, provided a roll
8 call of Board members. A quorum was present.]

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10 Introduction of Attendees

11 [Jamison Cassel, Board Administrator, provided an
12 introduction of attendees.]

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14 Amendment of Agenda

15 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, noted the
16 Agenda was amended to add Item No. 58 regarding a
17 request to provide support for a particular action to
18 the Federation of State Medical Boards.]

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20 MS. ARCHER:

21 Can we have a vote to amend the Agenda?

22 CHAIR YEALY:

23 Okay. Let me have a motion.

24 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

25 Ripchinski, so moved.

1 DR. KUTZ:

2 Kutz, second.

3 CHAIR YEALY:

4 We have a motion and a second. Any
5 discussion about adding an Agenda Item?

6 Hearing none, Mr. Cassel, can we
7 have a roll call vote please?

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9 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
10 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
11 Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Foster,
12 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

14

15 Approval of Minutes of the February 2, 2026 regular
16 meeting

17 CHAIR YEALY:

18 Next will be the approval of the
19 minutes from February 2, 2026. Those
20 again were circulated in advance.

21 I'm happy to entertain a motion to
22 approve those.

23 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

24 Ripchinski, so moved.

25 DR. KUTZ:

1 Kutz, second.

2 CHAIR YEALY:

3 We have a motion and a second. Any
4 further discussion?

5 Hearing none, may we have a roll
6 call vote please?

7

8 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
9 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
10 Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Foster,
11 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 Appointment - Bureau of Finance and Procurement

15 Fiscal Presentation

16 [Amanda Richards, Fiscal Supervisor, Bureau of
17 Finance and Procurement (BFP), presented the Board
18 with their annual fiscal presentation. Her first
19 slide demonstrated a six-year history of the licensed
20 population. The prior biennium had an average of
21 80,868 licensees. The current biennium reflected an
22 average of 88,947 licensees, an increase of 8,080
23 licenses. The bulk of the increase came from the
24 medical physician and surgeon class and the medical
25 physician assistant class.

1 Ms. Richards next provided a breakdown of the
2 license classes and how much each class pays per
3 biannual renewal. She stated BFP was not projecting
4 any changes in the renewal fees at the current time.
5 She noted the last time a fee increase was approved
6 was in 2002, and renewal fees were waived in 2020.

7 Ms. Richards reviewed the revenue coming into the
8 Board. She noted the prior biennium showed revenue
9 of \$21.69 million. The current biennium reflected a
10 projected revenue of \$22.6 million with renewals
11 making up 92.6 percent of the revenue.

12 Ms. Richards presented the expenses coming into
13 the Board. She explained expenses are in two main
14 categories, administrative and legal. Expenses come
15 into the Board in three ways, direct costs, timesheet
16 based, and by licensed population. She stated the
17 prior biennial period had \$15.69 million in expenses.
18 The current biennial period was projected for \$21.4
19 million in expenses. She noted the bulk of the
20 increase was due to the licensing modernization
21 project or PALS replacement.

22 The final page of her presentation showed the
23 revenues and expenses together. She noted the
24 Board's expenses were under the revenue being
25 generated. She added BFP did not recommend a fee

1 increase anytime soon.

2 Chair Yealy thanked Ms. Richards for the
3 presentation. He noted the data was clear and
4 underscored the value of the Medical Board.]

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6 Report of Prosecuting Attorneys

7 [Todd Kriner, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,
8 presented the VRP Agreements for Agenda Item No. 4,
9 Case No. 26-49-001509; Agenda Item No. 5, Case No.
10 25-49-019494; and Agenda Item No. 6, Case No. 25-49-
11 002594.]

12 MS. KEEFER:

13 I believe the Chair would entertain a
14 motion to adopt the VRP Consent
15 Agreements at Item No. 4, Case No. 26-
16 49-001509; Item No. 5, Case No. 25-49-
17 019494; and Item No. 6, Case No. 25-49-
18 002594.

19 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

20 Ripchinski, so moved.

21 DR. KUTZ:

22 Kutz, second.

23 CHAIR YEALY:

24 We have a motion and a second. Any
25 further discussion on any one of these

1 three VRPs?

2 Seeing none, may we have a roll
3 call vote please?

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5 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
6 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
7 Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Foster,
8 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 [Todd Kriner, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,
12 presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda Item No.
13 7, Case No. 24-49-002311.]

14 MS. KEEFER:

15 I believe the Chair would entertain a
16 motion to adopt the Consent Agreement
17 at Item No. 7, Case No. 24-49-002311.

18 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

19 Ripchinski, so moved.

20 DR. KUTZ:

21 Kutz, second.

22 CHAIR YEALY:

23 We have a motion and a second. Any
24 further discussion?

25 Seeing none, may we have a roll

1 call vote please?

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3 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
4 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
5 Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Foster,
6 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

7 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent for
8 Item No. 7, Case No. 25-49-014518, is Muhammad Saeed,
9 M.D.]

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11 [Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecution
12 Liaison, presented the Consent Agreements for Agenda
13 Item No. 8, Case No. 24-49-011302; Agenda Item No. 9,
14 Case No. 25-49-012452; and Agenda Item No. 10, Case
15 No. 26-49-001762.]

16 MS. KEEFER:

17 I believe the Chair would entertain a
18 motion to adopt the Consent Agreements
19 at Item No. 8, Case No. 24-49-011302;
20 Item No. 9, Case No. 25-49-012452; and
21 Item No. 10, Case No. 26-49-001762.

22 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

23 Ripchinski, so moved.

24 DR. KUTZ:

25 Kutz, second.

1 CHAIR YEALY:

2 We have a motion and a second. Any
3 further discussion?

4 Seeing none, may we have a roll
5 call vote please?

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7 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
8 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
9 Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Foster,
10 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondents are
12 as follows: Item No. 8, Case No. 24-49-011302,
13 Liana L. Bittner, M.D.; Item No. 9, Case No. 25-49-
14 012452, Elis Yngue Olson, M.D.; and Item No. 10, Case
15 No. 26-49-001762, Daniel Hoffman, M.D.]

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17 [Nicholas C. Kahler, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
18 presented the Consent Agreements for Agenda Item No.
19 11, Case No. 25-49-003739; Agenda Item No. 12, Case
20 No. 25-49-001960; and Agenda Item No. 13, Case No.
21 23-49-008939.]

22 MS. KEEFER:

23 I believe the Chair would entertain a
24 motion to adopt the Consent Agreements
25 at Item No. 11, Case No. 25-49-003739;

1 Item No. 12, Case No. 25-49-001960; and
2 Item No. 13, Case No. 23-49-008939.

3 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

4 Ripchinski, so moved.

5 DR. KUTZ:

6 Kutz, second.

7 CHAIR YEALY:

8 We have a motion and a second. Any
9 further discussion?

10 Hearing none, may we have a roll
11 call vote please?

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13 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
14 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
15 Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Foster,
16 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

17 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondents are
18 as follows: Item No. 11, Case No. 25-49-003739,
19 Joseph Jacob Schmidhofer, M.D.; Item No. 12, Case No.
20 25-49-001960, Nabil Gergi Elkhoury, M.D.; and Item
21 No. 13, Case No. 23-49-008939, Benjamin Martin
22 Kotinsley, M.D.]

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24 [Berk V. Dermiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
25 presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda Item No.

1 14, Case No. 22-49-016840.]

2 MS. KEEFER:

3 I believe the Chair would entertain a
4 motion to adopt the Consent Agreement
5 at Item No. 14, Case No. 22-49-016840.

6 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

7 Ripchinski, so moved.

8 DR. KUTZ:

9 Kutz, second.

10 CHAIR YEALY:

11 We have a motion and a second. Any
12 further discussion?

13 Hearing none, may we have a roll
14 call vote please?

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16 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
17 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
18 Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Foster,
19 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent for
21 Item No. 14, Case No. 22-49-016840, is Christopher D.
22 Calixte, M.D.]

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24 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
25 presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda Item No.

1 15, Case No. 25-49-012044.]

2 MS. KEEFER:

3 I believe the Chair would entertain a
4 motion to adopt the Consent Agreement
5 at Item No. 15, Case No. 25-49-012044.

6 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

7 Ripchinski, so moved.

8 DR. KUTZ:

9 Kutz, second.

10 CHAIR YEALY:

11 We have a motion and a second. Any
12 further discussion?

13 Hearing none, may we have a roll
14 call vote please?

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16 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
17 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
18 Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Foster,
19 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent for
21 Item No. 15, Case No. 25-49-012044, is Christopher
22 Churchill.]

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24 [Courtney J. Restemayer, Esquire, Office of General
25 Counsel, presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda

1 Item No. 16, Case No. 25-49-010497.]

2 MS. KEEFER:

3 I believe the Chair would entertain a
4 motion to adopt the Consent Agreement
5 at Item No. 16, Case No. 25-49-010497.

6 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

7 Ripchinski, so moved.

8 DR. KUTZ:

9 Kutz, second.

10 CHAIR YEALY:

11 We have a motion and a second. Any
12 further discussion?

13 Hearing none, may we have a roll
14 call vote please?

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16 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
17 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
18 Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Foster,
19 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent for
21 Item No. 16, Case No. 25-49-010497, is Louis
22 Sonstegard, M.D..]

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24 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Reports from
25 Hearing Examiner

1 MS. ARCHER:

2 At Agenda Items 17 and 18, I believe
3 the Board would entertain a motion to
4 adopt as final the Proposed
5 Adjudications and Orders of the Hearing
6 Examiner for Myah Davis, Behavior
7 Specialist, Case No. 25-49-009876; and
8 Nabil Jabbour, M.D., Case No. 25-49-
9 010423.

10 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

11 Ripchinski, so moved.

12 DR. KUTZ:

13 Kutz, second.

14 CHAIR YEALY:

15 We have a motion and a second. Any
16 further discussion?

17 Hearing none, may we have a roll
18 call vote please?

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20 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
21 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
22 Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, nay on Item 17,
23 aye on Item 18; Dr. Foster, aye; Dr.
24 Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

25 [The motion carried. Mr. Dillon was opposed to the

1 matter for Item No. 17.]

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3 Report of Board Counsel - Adjudications from Hearing
4 Examiner

5 MS. ARCHER:

6 At Agenda Item No. 19, I believe the
7 Board would entertain a motion to adopt
8 as Final the Proposed Adjudication of
9 the Hearing Examiner and substitute and
10 issue a Final Board Order consistent
11 with discussions in Executive Session
12 for Janette Chilson, Respiratory
13 Therapist, Case No. 25-49-012981.

14 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

15 Ripchinski, so moved.

16 DR. KUTZ:

17 Kutz, second.

18 CHAIR YEALY:

19 We have a motion and a second. Any
20 further discussion?

21 Hearing none, may we have a roll
22 call vote please?

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24 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
25 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.

1 Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Foster,
2 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 Report of Board Counsel - Adjudications from Hearing
6 Examiner

7 MS. ARCHER:

8 At Agenda Items 20 and 21, I believe
9 the Board would entertain a motion to
10 direct Board Counsel to draft and issue
11 a Final Adjudication and Order as
12 discussed in Executive Session for
13 Ronald Davis, Respiratory Therapist,
14 Case No. 19-49-017723; and Douglas
15 Jackson, M.D., Case No. 25-49-008469.

16 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

17 Ripchinski, so moved.

18 DR. KUTZ:

19 Kutz, second.

20 CHAIR YEALY:

21 We have a motion and a second. Any
22 further discussion?

23 Hearing none, may we have a roll
24 call vote please?

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1 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
2 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
3 Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Foster,
4 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 Report of Board Counsel - Final Adjudication for
8 Board Approval

9 MS. ARCHER:

10 At Agenda Item No. 22, I believe the
11 Board would entertain a motion to adopt
12 as Final the Draft Adjudication and
13 Order for Khristine Maria Garcia
14 Osorio, Behavior Specialist, Case No.
15 25-49-017954, and noting that Dr. Kutz
16 and Dr. Ripchinski are both recused.

17 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

18 Ripchinski, so moved.

19 DR. KUTZ:

20 Kutz, second.

21 CHAIR YEALY:

22 We have a motion and a second. Any
23 further discussion?

24 Hearing none, may we have a roll
25 call vote please?

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Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.

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Ripchinski, recuse; Dr. Woodland, aye;

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Dr. Kutz, recuse; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.

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Foster, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci,

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aye.

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[The motion carried. Dr. Kutz and Dr. Ripchinski

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recused themselves from deliberations and voting on

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the motion.]

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MS. ARCHER:

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At Agenda Item 23, I believe the Board

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would entertain a motion to adopt as

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Final the Draft Adjudication and Order

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for Iwan Sugiharto Nyotowidjojo, M.D.,

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Case No. 25-49-004698.

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DR. RIPCHINSKI:

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Ripchinski, so moved.

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DR. KUTZ:

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Kutz, second.

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CHAIR YEALY:

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We have a motion and a second. Any

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further discussion?

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Hearing none, may we have a roll

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call vote please?

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Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.

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Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.

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Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Foster,

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aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

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[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Applications for Licensure

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MS. ARCHER:

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Noting that Agenda Item 26 is tabled,

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we can move on to 27 and 29.

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I believe the Board would

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entertain a motion to grant the

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Applications to practice as Behavior

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Specialists for Evelyn Mensah and

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Donovan Oliver Brown.

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DR. RIPCHINSKI:

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Ripchinski, so moved.

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DR. KUTZ:

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Kutz, second.

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CHAIR YEALY:

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We have a motion and a second. Any

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further discussion?

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Hearing none, may we have a roll

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call vote please?

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Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.

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Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.

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Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Foster,

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aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

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[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MS. ARCHER:

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Just noted that Agenda Item 28 is also

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tabled and jumping down to Agenda Item

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I believe the Board would

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entertain a motion to grant the

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Application for a license to practice

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as a Behavior Specialist of Lisa Bailey

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DR. RIPCHINSKI:

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Ripchinski, so moved.

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DR. KUTZ:

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Kutz, second.

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CHAIR YEALY:

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We have a motion and a second. Any

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further discussion?

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Hearing none, may we have a roll

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Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, nay; Dr. Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, nay; Dr. Foster, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

[The motion carried. Dr. Woodland and Mr. Dillion opposed the motion.]

MS. ARCHER:

At Agenda Item 31, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to grant the Application for a license to practice as a Behavior Specialist for Mackenzie Mastro.

DR. RIPCHINSKI:

Ripchinski, so moved.

DR. KUTZ:

Kutz, second.

CHAIR YEALY:

We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion?

Hearing none, may we have a roll call vote please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.

1 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
2 Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, nay; Dr. Foster,
3 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

4 [The motion carried. Mr. Dillion opposed the
5 motion.]

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7 MS. ARCHER:

8 I'm just noting that Agenda Item 32 is
9 tabled to allow the Board to obtain
10 additional information.

11 At Agenda Item 33, I believe the
12 Board would entertain a motion to grant
13 the Application for a license to
14 practice as a Physician and Surgeon of
15 Hussam Tallab, M.D.

16 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

17 Ripchinski, so moved.

18 DR. KUTZ:

19 Kutz, second.

20 CHAIR YEALY:

21 We have a motion and a second. Any
22 further discussion?

23 Hearing none, may we have a roll
24 call vote please?

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1 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
2 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
3 Kutz, nay; Mr. Dillon, nay; Dr. Foster,
4 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

5 [The motion carried. Dr. Kutz and Mr. Dillon opposed
6 the motion.]

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8 MS. ARCHER:

9 I believe the Board would entertain a
10 motion to table Agenda Item 34 and
11 invite Bahareh Mahdikhani, M.D. to
12 apply for and practice on an
13 institutional license for a period of
14 six months to one year.

15 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

16 Ripchinski, so moved.

17 DR. KUTZ:

18 Kutz, second.

19 CHAIR YEALY:

20 We have a motion and a second. Any
21 further discussion?

22 Hearing none, may we have a roll
23 call vote please?

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25 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.

1 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
2 Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Foster,
3 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 MS. ARCHER:

7 At Agenda Item 35, I believe the Board
8 would entertain a motion to
9 provisionally deny the Application of
10 license to practice as a Physician and
11 Surgeon of Gregory Hayner, M.D. and
12 noting that Dr. Yealy is recused.

13 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

14 Ripchinski, so moved.

15 DR. KUTZ:

16 Kutz, second.

17 CHAIR YEALY:

18 We have a motion and a second. Any
19 further discussion?

20 Hearing none, may we have a roll
21 call vote please?

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23 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, recuse;
24 Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
25 Dr. Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.

1 Foster, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci,
2 aye.

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

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6 MS. ARCHER:

7 At Agenda Item 36, I believe the Board
8 would entertain a motion to grant the
9 initial Application for a license to
10 practice Medicine and Surgery for Abdul
11 Mahmood, M.D.

12 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

13 Ripchinski, so moved.

14 DR. KUTZ:

15 Kutz, second.

16 CHAIR YEALY:

17 We have a motion and a second. Any
18 further discussion?

19 Hearing none, may we have a roll
20 call vote please?

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22 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
23 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
24 Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Foster,
25 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 MS. ARCHER:

4 At Agenda Items 37 and 39, I believe
5 the Board would entertain a motion to
6 grant the following Reactivation
7 Applications: Application to practice
8 as an Athletic Trainer of Renee Bosso
9 and Application to practice as a
10 Physician and Surgeon of Anthony Baron
11 Colangelo, M.D.

12 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

13 Ripchinski, so moved.

14 DR. KUTZ:

15 Kutz, second.

16 CHAIR YEALY:

17 We have a motion and a second. Any
18 further discussion?

19 Hearing none, may we have a roll
20 call vote please?

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22 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
23 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
24 Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Foster,
25 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 MS. ARCHER:

4 I believe the Board would entertain a
5 motion to table Agenda Item 38 and 40
6 and send a standard reentry letter to
7 Amy Elizabeth Swegan, M.D. and Elias
8 Durry, M.D.

9 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

10 Ripchinski, so moved.

11 DR. KUTZ:

12 Kutz, second.

13 CHAIR YEALY:

14 We have a motion and a second. Any
15 further discussion?

16 Hearing none, may we have a roll
17 call vote please?

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19 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
20 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
21 Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Foster,
22 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 MS. ARCHER:

1 At Agenda Item 41, I believe the Board
2 would entertain a motion to deny the
3 Reconsideration Request of Aletha
4 Akers, M.D.

5 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

6 Ripchinski, so moved.

7 DR. KUTZ:

8 Kutz, second.

9 CHAIR YEALY:

10 We have a motion and a second. Any
11 further discussion?

12 Hearing none, may we have a roll
13 call vote please?

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15 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
16 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
17 Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Foster,
18 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 Ratifications

22 MS. ARCHER:

23 At Agenda Items 42 through 49, I
24 believe the Board would entertain a
25 motion to ratify the granting of the

1 following Applications to practice as a
2 Physician and Surgeon: Jatana
3 Gurpoonam, M.D., Zehavit Kirshenboim,
4 M.D., Rashad Suktian, M.D., Mragank
5 Gaur, M.D., Kranthi Kuman Marathu,
6 M.D., Juliet Nevins, M.D., Jeffrey
7 Arle, M.D., and Sasank Kalipatnapu,
8 M.D.

9 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

10 Ripchinski, so moved.

11 DR. KUTZ:

12 Kutz, second.

13 CHAIR YEALY:

14 We have a motion and a second. Any
15 further discussion?

16 Hearing none, may we have a roll
17 call vote please?

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19 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
20 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
21 Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Foster,
22 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 Regulatory Report/Other

1 [Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel, reported 16A-
2 4945, General Updates to Licenses and Permits, was
3 approved on March 16, 2026, by the Office of Attorney
4 General and will be going out as proposed.

5 Ms. Archer noted Agenda Item 25, HB 2173, was
6 just an FYI regarding a House Bill.

7 Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, commented
8 the Board should need watch the bill as it proceeds
9 to anticipate future implications for the Board.

10 Chair Yealy agreed with Dr. Woodland. He added
11 the Board needed to watch for implications to the
12 people of the Commonwealth.]

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14 For the Board's Information -
15 Discussion/Miscellaneous

16 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, noted Agenda
17 Items 50 and 51 were an FYI that the Board meeting
18 dates for 2026 and 2027. He stated Agenda Item 52
19 was an FYI for the 2025 Finalized Reports from BPOA.

20 Regarding Agenda Items 53 and 54, Chair Yealy
21 noted no action was needed for either item. Item 53
22 was an FYI on a reconsideration denial and motion.
23 Item 54 was a review by the Board. Ms. Archer noted,
24 for Item 53, Dr. Rizvi's case was closed, and for
25 Item 54, Dr. Shaker's case was pending in the

1 vote. It's basically to approve these
2 courses.

3 I believe the Board would
4 entertain a motion to approve the
5 Pennsylvania Department of Health
6 Office of Drug Surveillance and Misuse
7 program entitled "It Takes a Team:
8 Providing Evidence-Based Care to People
9 Living with Opioid Use Disorder" and
10 "Strategies for Improving Maternal
11 Health and Infant Health Related to
12 Opioid Use." And this would be used to
13 fulfill the Act 124 and Patient Safety
14 Risk Management Education requirements
15 for the PA State Board of Medicine.
16 And I will note Dr. Bonacci is recused.

17 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

18 Ripchinski, so moved.

19 DR. KUTZ:

20 Kutz, second.

21 CHAIR YEALY:

22 We have a motion and a second. Any
23 further discussion? I'll add that I
24 thought these were very well
25 constructed, and I did not see any

1 concerns with them at all.

2 Seeing no other discussion, I'd be
3 happy to have a roll call vote now.

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5 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
6 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.
7 Kutz, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Foster,
8 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Bonacci, recuse.

9 [The motion carried. Dr. Bonacci recused himself
10 from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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12 [Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel, explained
13 Agenda Item 58 related to a request from Patricia
14 Bricker, Program Manager at Pennsylvania Area Health
15 Education Center. Ms. Bricker was requesting a
16 letter of support from the Board to be provided to
17 the FSMB Foundation for a grant to support a study.
18 The two-year study would look at rural primary care
19 shortages and identify the six rural counties with
20 the best PCP retention and the six rural counties
21 with the worst retention. Interviews and local
22 assessments will be conducted to develop strategies
23 to help communities keep their primary care
24 workforce. Study results will be shared with the
25 Medical Board, Osteopathic Board, and Department of

1 Health.]

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3 MS. ARCHER:

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I believe the Board would entertain a motion to approve the request of the Pennsylvania Area Health Education Center for a letter of support from the State Board of Medicine for a Grant Request.

10 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

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Ripchinski, so moved.

12 DR. KUTZ:

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Kutz, second.

14 CHAIR YEALY:

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We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Personally I find this to be very thoughtful and hopefully informative action and look forward to what is produced by the Foundational funding.

21 DR. WOODLAND:

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Just another comment. The FSMB Foundation is there for these types of grants and this kind of funding across the country and a lot of their programs

1 for the Provider Bridge, FSMB's attempt to create a
2 cohort of providers that would be available in case
3 of an emergency or extraneous circumstance anywhere
4 in the country. The second issue was the SHARE Act.
5 He explained the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact
6 relies on information being shared. Some of the
7 information is tied up by current FBI regulations and
8 some state regulations regarding FBI checks. The
9 SHARE Act would eliminate restrictions and allow
10 states to better implement the Compact.

11 Dr. Woodland stated FSMB's Annual Meeting is in
12 April. A poster will be presented regarding
13 mandatory CME on nutrition education for physicians.]

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15 Report of Committee on Legislation/Policy Development
16 and Review

17 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, shared a
18 Pennsylvania report looking at hospitals facing
19 increasing precarious financial futures. The report
20 looked at over a dozen hospitals that might close
21 within the next five years due to financial
22 instability. Two main reasons are challenges from
23 low Medicaid reimbursement and the nation's highest
24 malpractice costs. He added hospital closings could

1 result in job losses, increased travel time for
2 patients seeking care, and access issues.

3 Dr. Woodland reported on the American Medical
4 Association's Advocacy Update. Marketplace Plan
5 changes by the current administration have created
6 challenges for patients, institutions, and providers.
7 The HHS US Exchange Visitor Program may exasperate a
8 physician shortage. He noted both sides of Congress
9 are working to correct visa issues created by matters
10 passed in Big Beautiful Bill.

11 Dr. Woodland reported the House Ways and Means
12 Committee held hearings on rural GME (Graduate
13 Medical Exam) issues as well as looking at expanding
14 GME programs. He noted the hearings were a
15 bipartisan attempt to look at the Resident Physician
16 Shortage Reduction Act (H.R. 4731 and S. 2439). He
17 added the Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act (H.R.
18 5283 and S. 2759) also looks at how provider
19 positivity can be enhanced.

20 Regarding the Association of American Medical
21 College (AAMC), Dr. Woodland shared their legislative
22 policy priorities are highlighting the GLP situation
23 and how that affects changing care and what
24 clinicians need to know and how to respond. AAMC
25 also issued a press release following HHS's education

1 event, recognizing efforts to advance nutrition
2 training in medical education.

3 Dr. Woodland mentioned updated childhood
4 vaccination schedules. He noted academic medical
5 doctors have explained the potential impact of new
6 vaccine guidelines from the CDC, including the
7 potential of marked increases for long forgotten
8 diseases.]

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10 Report of Committee on Health-Related Professionals -

11 No Report

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13 Report of Department of Health

14 [Robert Bonacci, M.D., on behalf of Debra Bogan,
15 M.D., FAAP, Secretary Department of Health, provided
16 a summary of the cold and flu season. He noted flu A
17 largely spiked in January with flu B spiking later
18 and finally starting to down crest. He added RSV
19 cases continued to rise until recently resulting in a
20 late RSV season. Due to the late season, the CDC and
21 Pennsylvania Department of Health enabled RSV vaccine
22 orders of Nirsevimab and Clesrovimab to continue
23 beyond March 31, 2026.

24 Dr. Bonacci reported, for 2026, nationwide cases
25 of measles are at over 1,300 compared to a total of

1 close to 2,300 for 2025. He noted record-breaking
2 years in terms of measles outbreaks across the United
3 States. He stated there had been 12 cases in
4 Pennsylvania. He credited local and county municipal
5 health teams and the DOH team for responding rapidly
6 to newly identified cases. He added the majority of
7 measles cases were in unvaccinated individuals. He
8 reminded all clinicians to have a heightened sense of
9 awareness for anybody presenting with symptoms
10 consistent with measles. He added clinicians should
11 be having conversations with patients regarding
12 vaccination status and ensuring they are up to date
13 on MMR vaccines, which with the full dose series is
14 97 percent protective against measles.

15 Dr. Woodland reported there is a case between the
16 American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and Robert F.
17 Kennedy Jr. and the Department of Health and Human
18 Services related to the vaccine policy. He noted
19 there was a recent preliminary injunction in the case
20 awarded to AAP. He stated the case may cause some
21 confusion regarding vaccines for some people. He
22 provided the reminder that immunization guidance in
23 Pennsylvania relies on medical guidance from AAP, the
24 American Academy of Family Physicians, and the
25 American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

1 He noted information can be found at pa.gov/vaccines.

2 Chair Yealy thanked Dr. Bonacci and DOH for their
3 clarity and consistency in education guidance and
4 messaging.]

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6 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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8 Report of Vice Chair

9 [Michael R. Ripchinski, M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP, Vice
10 Chair, noted in addition to St. Patrick's Day, March
11 17, 2026, is World Social Work Day. World Social
12 Work Day is recognized on the third Tuesday of March
13 each year. Dr. Ripchinski recognized the Social Work
14 Board and all social workers across the Commonwealth
15 who continue to promote social justice, human rights,
16 and take care of individuals, patients, families and
17 communities across Pennsylvania.]

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19 Report of Board Chair

20 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, shared his
21 appreciation for the Board members, staff, and
22 interested parties for all of the work executed
23 between meetings. He noted his pride in serving on
24 the Board and working with the people as part of the
25 Board.]

1 Prosthetic Society, provided a chat comment asking
2 about the recommended avenue for pursuing an update
3 on licensure guidelines related to orthotics and
4 prosthetics.

5 Ms. Archer noted she had received Ms. Lawal's
6 email and was working on a response to soon be sent.

7 Chair Yealy asked if the questions related more
8 to legislative duty rather than a duty of the Board.

9 Ms. Archer stated the question revolved around
10 combining residences for license types and what the
11 pathway may be to change regulations. She noted her
12 response will contain information on what will
13 require legislative change versus what can be changed
14 via regulations based on statutory authority.

15 Ms. Lawall offered to provide additional detail
16 or answer any questions the Board may have. She
17 added, as President of Pennsylvania Orthotic and
18 Prosthetic Society, she wanted to ensure as residents
19 come in, they can get licensed accordingly and have
20 the right credentialing.]

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22 [Ruth Fagbemi, M.D. asked how long it took to get an
23 answer from the Board after submitting a report of a
24 physician reentry program.

25 Mr. Cassel noted receiving her email and would be

1 responding to her soon.]

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3 Adjournment

4 CHAIR YEALY:

5 I thank you all for attending and I'd
6 be happy to entertain a motion to
7 adjourn the meeting.

8 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

9 Ripchinski, so moved.

10 DR. KUTZ:

11 Kutz, second.

12 CHAIR YEALY:

13 Well, I will put this up for
14 acclamation. Is there anyone who
15 objects to that motion and second?

16 Hearing none, I thank you all and
17 enjoy your day.

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19 [There being no other business, the State Board of
20 Medicine Meeting adjourned at 11:51 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.



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