

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

May 19, 2026

State Board of Medicine
April 22, 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

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel
Ashley Keefer Jones, Esquire, Board Counsel
Todd P. Kriner, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Deidre Bowers, Board Administrator
Jason C. Giurintano, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel
Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Patrick Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Liliana G. Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Nicholas C. Kahler, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Courtney J. Restemayer, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide
Adrianne McClendon, Esquire, Office of General
Counsel
Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk
Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,
Prosecution Division

ALSO PRESENT:

Justin Kopicki, University of Oregon
Lisa E. Claypool Stevenson, Esquire, Senior Associate
Counsel at UPMC
Misha Patel, Esquire, Assistant General Counsel,
Pennsylvania Medical Society

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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

Ted Mowatt, CAE, Vice President, Wanner Associates
Mary Marshall, Senior Director, Workforce and
Professional Development, The Hospital and
Healthcare Association of Pennsylvania
Tanya Miller, MS, LAT, ATC, NASM-CES, Assistant
Director of Sports Medicine, Shippensburg
University
Suzanne Landis Kaczor, D.Ac., Legislation Committee
Head, Association for Professional Acupuncture in
Pennsylvania
Natalie Cook, Government Affairs Specialist, McNees
Government Relations
Sara Bergey, CNM
Wei Wei Song, M.D.
Gregory G.
Allison Walker, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
Inc.

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

The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Medicine was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Yealy thanked the Board of Medicine members and staff of the Commonwealth for their dedication, work and excellence to assure the Board was serving the citizens of the Commonwealth.

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

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

Ms. Archer also noted the Board entered into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations to discuss matters on the agenda and to receive the advice of counsel.]

Roll Call of Board Members

[Diedre Bowers, Division Chief, provided a roll call of Board members. A quorum was present.]

Introduction of Attendees

[Diedre Bowers, Division Chief, provided an introduction of attendees.]

Approval of Minutes of April 22, 2026

CHAIR YEALY:

First order of business is the approval of the Minutes from April 22, 2026.

They've been shared in advance. There is one correction on page nine, Dr. Kutz's last name was misspelled.

That'll be corrected, but they've been

1 shared. Now, I'd be happy to entertain
2 a motion to approve.

3 DR. KUTZ:

4 Kutz, so moved.

5 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

6 Ripchinski, second.

7 CHAIR YEALY:

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

10 Hearing none, can 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 Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.
16 Kutz, aye; Dr. Foster, aye; Ms. Okereh,
17 abstain.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 Report of Prosecuting Attorneys

21 [Nicholas C. Kahler, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, on
22 behalf of Todd P. Kriner, Esquire, Board Prosecution
23 Liaison, presented the VRP Agreements for Agenda Item
24 No. 3, Case No. 26-49-004485; Agenda Item No. 4, Case
25 No. 26-49-006669; Agenda Item No. 5, Case No. 26-49-

1 004745; Agenda Item No. 6, Case No. 26-49-005446; and
2 Agenda Item No. 7, Case No. 26-49-006815.]

3 CHAIR YEALY:

4 I'd be happy to entertain a motion to
5 approve the VRPs in Agenda Item Nos. 3,
6 4, 5, 6, and 7.

7 DR. KUTZ:

8 Kutz, so moved.

9 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

10 Ripchinski, second.

11 CHAIR YEALY:

12 We have a motion and a second. Any
13 further conversation on any of these
14 actions?

15 Hearing none, can we have a roll
16 call vote please?

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

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 [Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecution

1 Liaison, presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda
2 Item No. 8, Case No. 25-49-012732.]

3 MS. KEEFER JONES:

4 I believe the Board Chair would
5 entertain a motion to adopt the Consent
6 Agreement at Item No. 8, Case No. 25-
7 49-012732.

8 DR. KUTZ:

9 Kutz, so moved.

10 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

11 Ripchinski, second.

12 CHAIR YEALY:

13 We have a motion and a second. Any
14 further conversation?

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

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

23 [The motion carried unanimously. Respondent's name
24 at Item No. 8, Case No. 25-49-012732, is Anthony J.
25 Parravani, M.D.]

[Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
presented the Consent Agreements for Agenda Item No.
9, Case No. 25-49-012732; and Agenda Item No. 10,
Case No. 25-49-010496.]

MS. KEEFER JONES:

I believe the Board Chair would
entertain a motion to adopt the Consent
Agreements at Item No. 9, Case No. 25-
49-013921; and Item No. 10, Case No.
25-49-010496.

DR. KUTZ:

Kutz, so moved.

DR. RIPCHINSKI:

Ripchinski, second.

CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.
Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.
Kutz, aye; Dr. Foster, aye; Ms. Okereh,

1 aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously. Respondent's names
3 are as follows: Item No. 9, Case No. 25-49-013921,
4 Anne Lynn Morgan, M.D.; and Item No. 10, Case No. 25-
5 49-010496, Mohammed Mohiuddin, M.D.]

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7 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
8 presented the Consent Agreements for Agenda Item No.
9 11, Case No. 25-49-016553; and Agenda Item No. 12,
10 Case No. 26-49-002052.]

11 MS. KEEFERB JONES:

12 I believe the Board Chair would
13 entertain a motion to adopt the Consent
14 Agreements at Item No. 11, Case No. 25-
15 49-016553; and Item No. 12, Case No.
16 26-49-002052.

17 DR. KUTZ:

18 Kutz, so moved.

19 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

20 Ripchinski, 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.
Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.
Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.
Kutz, aye; Dr. Foster, aye; Ms. Okereh,
aye.

[The motion carried unanimously. Respondent's names
are as follows: Item No. 11, Case No. 25-49-016553,
Daniel L. Shurman, M.D.; and Item No. 12, Case No.
26-49-002052, Daniel Alexander Delvecchio, M.D.]

[Courtney J. Restemayer, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda Item No.
13, Case No. 23-49-017478.]

MS. KEEFER JONES:

I believe the Board Chair would
entertain a motion to adopt the Consent
Agreement at Item No. 13, Case No. 23-
49-017478.

DR. KUTZ:

Kutz, so moved.

DR. RIPCHINSKI:

Ripchinski, second.

CHAIR YEALY:

We have a motion and a second. Any

1 further discussion?

2 Hearing 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; Mr.
7 Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.
8 Kutz, aye; Dr. Foster, aye; Ms. Okereh,
9 aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously. Respondent's name
11 at Item No. 13, Case No. 23-49-017478, is Akhtar
12 Sultan Khan, M.D.]

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14 [Nicholas C. Kahler, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
15 presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda Item No.
16 14, Case No. 25-49-018715.]

17 MS. KEEFER JONES:

18 I believe the Board Chair would
19 entertain a motion to adopt the Consent
20 Agreement at Item No. 14, Case No. 25-
21 49-018715.

22 DR. KUTZ:

23 Kutz, so moved.

24 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

25 Ripchinski, second.

1 CHAIR YEALY:

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

4 Hearing 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; Mr.
9 Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.
10 Kutz, aye; Dr. Foster, aye; Ms. Okereh,
11 aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously. Respondent's name
13 at Item No. 14, Case No. 25-49-018715, is Mary
14 Patricia Fabian, M.D.]

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16 Report of Board Counsel

17 MS. ARCHER:

18 At Agenda Item 15, I believe the Board
19 would entertain a motion to direct
20 Board Counsel to draft the Final
21 Adjudication and Order consistent with
22 discussions in Executive Session for
23 Derrick Mobley, M.D. That's at Case
24 No. 25-49-018577.

25 DR. KUTZ:

1 Kutz, so moved.

2 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

3 Ripchinski, second.

4 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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10 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
11 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.
12 Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.
13 Kutz, aye; Dr. Foster, aye; Ms. Okereh,
14 aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 MS. ARCHER:

18 At Agenda Items 16 and 17, I believe
19 the Board would entertain a motion to
20 direct Board Counsel to draft the Final
21 Adjudication and Order addressing
22 exceptions as discussed in Executive
23 Session for Amjad Butt, M.D. at Case
24 No. 25-49-016776; and Angelo Seby at
25 Case No. 25-49-014800.

1 DR. KUTZ:

2 Kutz, so moved.

3 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

4 Ripchinski, second.

5 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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11 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
12 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.
13 Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.
14 Kutz, aye; Dr. Foster, aye; Ms. Okereh,
15 aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 MS. ARCHER:

19 I believe the Board would entertain a
20 motion to adopt as final the Proposed
21 Adjudication and Order for Alessandra
22 Griffith, Behavior Specialist, and
23 that's at Case No. 25-49-009876.

24 DR. KUTZ:

25 Kutz, so moved.

1 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

2 Ripchinski, second.

3 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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9 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
10 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, nay; Mr.
11 Dillon, nay; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.
12 Kutz, aye; Dr. Foster, aye; Ms. Okereh,
13 nay.

14 [The motion carried. Dr. Woodland, Mr. Dillon and
15 Ms. Okereh opposed the motion.]

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17 MS. ARCHER:

18 For Agenda Items 20 and 21, I believe
19 the Board would entertain a motion to
20 adopt as final the Draft Adjudication
21 and Orders for Matthew Degirolamo,
22 M.D., Case No. 24-49-014042; and Amy
23 Mazza Macintyre, M.D., Case No. 21-49-
24 012788.

25 DR. KUTZ:

1 Kutz, so moved.

2 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

3 Ripchinski, second.

4 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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10 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
11 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.
12 Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.
13 Kutz, aye; Dr. Foster, aye; Ms. Okereh,
14 aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 Applications

18 MS. ARCHER:

19 Moving down to the applications for
20 licensure, at Agenda Item 27, I believe
21 the Board would entertain a motion to
22 table this Agenda Item to allow the
23 Board to obtain additional educational
24 information for Ibrahim Ibrahim.

25 DR. KUTZ:

1 Kutz, so moved.

2 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

3 Ripchinski, second.

4 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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10 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
11 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.
12 Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.
13 Kutz, aye; Dr. Foster, aye; Ms. Okereh,
14 aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 MS. ARCHER:

18 I believe the Board would entertain a
19 motion to table the application for a
20 license to practice as a Certified
21 Nurse Midwife for Sara Bergey to obtain
22 clarity about emergency situations in
23 the collaborative agreement, and noting
24 that Dr. Woodland is recused.

25 DR. KUTZ:

1 Kutz, so moved.

2 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

3 Ripchinski, second.

4 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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10 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
11 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, recuse;
12 Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.
13 Kutz, aye; Dr. Foster, aye; Ms. Okereh,
14 aye.

15 [The motion carried. Dr. Woodland was recused from
16 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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18 MS. ARCHER:

19 I believe the Board would entertain a
20 motion to table the application for a
21 license to practice as a Certified
22 Nurse Midwife for Noura Quayson to
23 obtain clarity about emergency
24 situations in the collaborative
25 agreement, and noting that Dr. Woodland

1 and Ms. Okereh are both recused.

2 DR. KUTZ:

3 Kutz, so moved.

4 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

5 Ripchinski, second.

6 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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12 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
13 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, recuse;
14 Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.
15 Kutz, aye; Dr. Foster, aye; Ms. Okereh,
16 recuse.

17 [The motion carried. Dr. Woodland and Ms. Okereh
18 were recused from deliberations and voting on the
19 motion.]

20 ***

21 MS. ARCHER:

22 I believe the Board would entertain a
23 motion to table the initial application
24 for a license to practice as Physician
25 and Surgeon of Kevin Lane Lewis, M.D.

1 to allow the Board to obtain additional
2 information on his clinical practice in
3 the last four years.

4 DR. KUTZ:

5 Kutz, so moved.

6 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

7 Ripchinski, second.

8 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 MS. ARCHER:

22 I believe the Board would entertain a
23 motion to table the application for a
24 license to practice as Physician and
25 Surgeon to allow Sheref Elseidy, M.D.

1 to apply for and practice on an
2 institutional license for a period of
3 six months to one year.

4 DR. KUTZ:

5 Kutz, so moved.

6 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

7 Ripchinski, second.

8 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 MS. ARCHER:

22 I believe the Board would entertain a
23 motion to provisionally deny the
24 application to practice on an
25 institutional license of Ahmed Draz,

1 M.D.

2 DR. KUTZ:

3 Kutz, so moved.

4 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

5 Ripchinski, second.

6 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 MS. ARCHER:

20 I believe the Board would entertain a
21 motion to table the reactivation
22 application to practice as a medical
23 physician and surgeon of James Slavin,
24 M.D. to allow him to complete a reentry
25 assessment and follow through with any

1 recommendations.

2 DR. KUTZ:

3 Kutz, so moved.

4 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

5 Ripchinski, second.

6 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 MS. ARCHER:

20 I believe the Board would entertain a
21 motion to grant the application for a
22 license to practice as a Behavior
23 Specialist of Keeshina Debose.

24 DR. KUTZ:

25 Kutz, so moved.

1 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

2 Ripchinski, second.

3 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 MS. ARCHER:

17 At Agenda Items 35 through 41, I
18 believe the Board would entertain a
19 motion to ratify the granting of the
20 following applications to practice as a
21 Physician and Surgeon: Asher Eliezer
22 Shafriri, M.D.; Ergin Coskun, M.D.;
23 Menchen Suo, M.D.; Gleidson Silva,
24 M.D.; Juan Ramon Torres Anguiano, M.D.;

1 Stuard Feguson, M.D.; and as a
2 Naturopathic Doctor, Areti Fitsioris.

3 DR. KUTZ:

4 Kutz, so moved.

5 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

6 Ripchinski, 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; Mr.
15 Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.
16 Kutz, aye; Dr. Foster, aye; Ms. Okereh,
17 aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 Report of Board Counsel

21 MS. ARCHER:

22 At Agenda Item 19, I believe the Board
23 would entertain a motion to direct
24 Board Counsel to draft and issue a
25 Final Adjudication and Order consistent

1 with discussions in Executive Session
2 for Sunil Kurup, M.D., and that's at
3 Case No. 24-49-015129.

4 DR. KUTZ:

5 Kutz, so moved.

6 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

7 Ripchinski, second.

8 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 Regulatory Report

22 [Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel, stated the 30-
23 day public comment period for the General Revisions
24 was ending, and as of that morning, the Board had not
25 received any comments. She noted the next step was

1 to wait for any comments from Independent Regulatory
2 Review Commission (IRRC).]

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4 Other

5 [Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel, reported Agenda
6 Items 23 through 26 were FYIs. House HCO3347,
7 Protection of Minor from Conversion Therapy, would
8 ban licensed mental health providers in Pennsylvania
9 from providing conversion therapy. The co-
10 sponsorship memo is circulating among House members
11 since April 2, 2026. Legislation has not been
12 formally introduced or assigned a bill number.

13 Regarding HB2379, Continuing Education in Trauma-
14 Informed Maternity Care, Ms. Archer noted legislation
15 would mandate a licensed professional who provides
16 care during childbirth, pregnancy, or postpartum to
17 complete at least four hours of CE on trauma informed
18 maternity care as a requirement of each license
19 renewal cycle.

20 HB 2390, Respiratory Care Interstate Compact,
21 would allow Pennsylvanians to join the Compact,
22 enabling respiratory therapists to practice across
23 state lines using a Compact privilege.

24 Ms. Archer reported SB 507 passed, creating a
25 license for certified midwives. She will be working

1 with Regulatory Counsel to draft regulations to
2 implement the license legislation.

3 Dr. Woodland provided comments on the items. On
4 a personal note, he acknowledged as someone
5 devastated by conversion therapy as a young person,
6 he fully supported legislation banning conversion
7 therapy. Regarding HB 2379, he noted the topic is
8 already covered in continuing medical education for
9 obstetric providers. He expressed being pleased in
10 SB 507 being passed, noting the American College of
11 Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) has supported
12 the legislation for a long time.]

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14 Board Meeting Dates

15 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, noted the 2026
16 and 2027 Board meeting dates were listed on the
17 Agenda for interested parties.]

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19 Miscellaneous - FMSB Annual Meeting Recap

20 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, congratulated
21 Dr. Woodland on being chosen as President-Elect of
22 Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB). He noted
23 his election was wonderful for FSMB, for medical
24 boards across the country, and for the people the
25 Board serves in the Commonwealth.]

1 Ms. Archer thanked the Board for giving her the
2 opportunity to attend the annual FSMB meeting. She
3 noted Pennsylvania was represented prominently
4 throughout the conference. In addition to Dr.
5 Woodland's appointment, she noted Pennsylvania's PHMP
6 received a shout-out during the informational session
7 on physician health programs. She stated sessions
8 covered everything from AI and clinical regulation to
9 emerging national data on physician health, and
10 broader regulation challenges.

11 Dr. Woodland commented Pennsylvania's nutrition
12 poster received many comments and attention. He
13 noted FSMB launched new education modules on their
14 website. He added the Journal of Medical Regulation
15 has a new look, and there is a survey out for
16 readers.

17 Mr. Dillon reported, after the annual meetings,
18 FSMB releases a series of reports that are available
19 to all of the state medical boards. He highlighted
20 three topics of interest: Guidance on recent trends
21 in prescribing and dispensing; a report on oversight
22 of clinical decision making; and considerations if
23 and when a state medical board suddenly gets involved
24 in collective bargaining issues.

25 Chair Yealy noted the topics mentioned by Mr.

1 Dillon were hot button issues which affect many
2 people across Pennsylvania and the country. He
3 thanked Dr. Woodland, Mr. Dillon, and Ms. Archer for
4 representing Pennsylvania at the meeting.]

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6 Miscellaneous - Bring Back to the Board Newsletter!
7 [Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel, commented it
8 was a good time for the Board to consider bringing
9 back their newsletter as an easy and direct way to
10 talk to licensees and the public about what the Board
11 is doing, changing, and what is coming up. She noted
12 she was looking for articles from Board Members on
13 hot topics, such as the ones mentioned by Mr. Dillon.
14 She noted the newsletter would also have a Board
15 Administrator corner and a Board Counsel corner. She
16 noted Ms. Keefer Jones would be taking the lead on
17 formatting the newsletter.

18 Chair Yealy looked forward to editing the
19 newsletter. He stated the newsletter was a great
20 idea.

21 Dr. Woodland commented FSMB looks forward to
22 promoting the Board's newsletters. He added the
23 newsletter could be another way to get national
24 visualization on local thought processes and
25 achievements.]

Report of Board Administrator - No Report.

Report of Committee on Licensure Qualifications

[It was noted there was no report; however, Chair Yealy extended thanks to the group who helps review non-traditional applications. He noted the Commonwealth recognizes the ability to serve comes through a number of different routes.]

Report of Committee on Legislation/Policy Development
and Review

[Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, noted the commented typically reviews the Pennsylvania State of the Slate, the AMA (American Medical Association) National Advocacy Update, and the AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges) Legislative Policy Priorities, and the FSMB. He reported the Pennsylvania report had three interesting topics, the first of which regarded how doctors are leaving major cities for more suburban and rural areas. Reasons for the shift include a decrease in clinical autonomy, financial instability, and increased clinical saturation of physicians in cities. The second topic was the launch of a statewide task force

1 to hunt down misleading AI chatbots by the Shapiro
2 Administration. He noted there was a pending lawsuit
3 on which Acting Commissioner Claggett recommended
4 holding any discussion on the topic. The last topic
5 was celebrating Pennsylvania Hospital in
6 Philadelphia, which was one of the first facilities
7 to provide healthcare in the state. He noted there
8 was a new museum that highlighted the evolution of
9 maternity and psychiatric care, medical innovations,
10 and minimally invasive surgery.

11 Regarding AMA topics, he noted his report
12 included information on AMA addressing the deep fake
13 doctor problem. AMA also addressed physician burnout
14 and the difference in the gender gap. There were
15 also suggestions on how to improve job stress and
16 career dissatisfaction with smart health systems.

17 AAMC legislative policy priorities focus on
18 strengthening the healthcare workforce as the United
19 States faces a serious physician shortage. He noted
20 the support includes increased investment in Medicare
21 supported graduate medical education programs;
22 supporting vital physician training through HRSA
23 grants, especially to teaching hospitals and
24 children's hospitals; and expanding funding for HRSA
25 Title VII and Title VIII workforce development

1 programs.

2 Dr. Woodland noted he would not review FSMB
3 topics already mentioned by Ms. Archer and Mr.
4 Dillon; however, he noted a priority for FSMB going
5 forward would be AI in medical regulation.

6 Chair Yealy thanked Dr. Woodland for his report,
7 noting it was nice to recognize Benjamin Franklin for
8 creating the first hospital in the United States at
9 Pennsylvania Hospital.]

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11 Report of Committee on Health-Related Professionals -
12 No Report

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14 Report of Department of Health
15 [Robert Bonacci, M.D., on behalf of Debra Bogan,
16 M.D., FAAP, Secretary Department of Health, provided
17 key updates with a focus on current disease
18 outbreaks. Regarding measles, he noted, nationwide
19 in 2025, there were nearly 2,300 cases; and thus far
20 in 2026, there had been more than 1,890 cases
21 reported with the number continuing to climb. In
22 Pennsylvania, there had been two outbreaks in 2026,
23 one early in the year of 12 cases. The current
24 outbreak is up to 18 cases and centered in Lebanon
25 County. He pointed out, in all of the outbreaks, the

1 vast majority of individuals involved are either
2 unvaccinated or have an unknown vaccine status with
3 regards to the MMR vaccine. He noted there were
4 links in the chat for additional information. He
5 encouraged healthcare professionals to have a high
6 index of suspicion if someone is presenting with an
7 illness that is clinically compatible with measles.
8 He added, if there is suspicion, proper infection
9 control procedures should be implemented.

10 Dr. Bonacci reported on the hantavirus outbreak
11 which has been in the news recently. On May 2, 2026,
12 World Health Organization (WHO) reported on an
13 outbreak of the Andes virus in the hantavirus family
14 on a cruise ship. To date, there have been 11
15 confirmed or probable cases with three deaths. He
16 noted 41 Americans were being monitored, including 18
17 passengers in specialized quarantine facilities in
18 Nebraska and Georgia. He added Pennsylvania had not
19 been informed of any possible Pennsylvania residents
20 with exposure. He also noted the Center for Disease
21 Control (CDC) reports the overall risk to the
22 American public is extremely low. He pointed out the
23 Andes strain is the only one with reported person-to-
24 person viral transmission usually with prolonged
25 close contact. He dropped links in the chat related

1 to hantavirus.

2 The last virus Dr. Bonacci reported on is the
3 rapidly growing Ebola outbreak, which has been
4 declared a public health emergency of international
5 concern. The outbreak is centered in the
6 northeastern corner of the Democratic Republic of
7 Congo with one case in Kampala, Uganda. As of the
8 last report, there were at least 530 suspected cases
9 and more than 130 suspected deaths. The Bundibugyo
10 strain has an approximate 30 to 50 percent case
11 fatality. He noted, to date, one American physician
12 was reported to be infected and being treated in
13 Germany. As of May 18, 2026, there were no known
14 individuals in the United States who had been
15 exposed. He cautioned healthcare professionals to be
16 aware of anyone who recently traveled to the outbreak
17 area and may be presenting with symptoms compatible
18 with Ebola.

19 Regarding AI, Dr. Bonacci noted DOH and other
20 agencies in the Commonwealth prepared a guidance
21 related to AI companion technologies. He
22 specifically highlighted the guidance as it includes
23 information for parents and caregivers of children as
24 well as for health professionals, particularly
25 pediatric health professionals as they counsel

1 families about safe use of AI companions.

2 Chair Yealy thanked Dr. Bonacci for his report.
3 He appreciated Dr. Bonacci putting the viral
4 pathogens currently in the news into a better
5 framework. He noted the more relevant threat is
6 measles as opposed to hantavirus or Ebola. He added
7 measles is preventable.]

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9 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report.

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11 Report of Vice Chair

12 [Michael R. Ripchinski, M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP, Vice
13 Chair, extended his congratulations to Dr. Woodland.
14 He thanked Dr. Woodland for his experience, knowledge
15 and leadership. He offered belated recognition for
16 National Hospital Week, which took place the prior
17 week. He noted the week often focuses on hospital as
18 institutions; however, he suggested it was more of a
19 celebration of the people that make the institutions
20 work. For physicians, in particular, he recognized
21 the continued demands of hospital care including
22 emergency coverage, call responsibility, quality,
23 safety, teaching, and community service. He
24 appreciated the work of the Board's licensees in the
25 Commonwealth.

1 Dr. Ripchinski reminded licensees, as of May 1,
2 2026, two hours of CE in organ and tissue donations
3 was required within five years of initial licensure
4 or within five years of license renewal, whichever
5 comes first. Additional information was available on
6 the Board website, and he hoped it would be included
7 in the new Board newsletter.

8 Dr. Ripchinski also warned against increased
9 scams targeting physicians and other health
10 professionals. He reminded licensees, no matter how
11 threatening, they should always verify any
12 communications with the Board, BPOA, or Department of
13 State.]

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15 Report of Board Chair

16 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, appreciated Dr.
17 Ripchinski's remarks on National Hospital Week. He
18 also acknowledged Nurses Week and Organ Donation
19 Week, both of which took place recently. He pointed
20 out the current week was EMS Week, which recognizes
21 people who serve at the highest moments of need. He
22 noted the first organized EMS system in the country
23 was in Pittsburgh in the late 1960s.

24 Chair Yealy shared the NFL draft in Pittsburgh
25 and World Cup events in Philadelphia allow people who

1 normally do not reside in Pennsylvania to experience
2 what is available in the Commonwealth and show how
3 Pennsylvania can respond to their needs.

4 Chair Yealy shared other dates of importance
5 including Memorial Day and Mother's Day. Other
6 medically related months of recognition include
7 Stroke Awareness Month, Lupus Awareness Month, and
8 Ehlers Danlos Syndrome Month. He noted the months
9 remind everyone there are maladies which may not get
10 much attention.]

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12 Public Comment - None.

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14 Adjournment

15 CHAIR YEALY:

16 I'd be happy to entertain a motion to
17 adjourn.

18 DR. KUTZ:

19 Kutz, so moved.

20 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

21 Ripchinski, second.

22 CHAIR YEALY:

23 We have a motion and a second. I'll do
24 this one by affirmation. Anyone
25 opposed? I don't hear any. Thank you

1 very much.

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3 [There being no other business, the State Board of
4 Medicine Meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.]

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7 CERTIFICATE

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

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11:32	Report of Vice Chair
11:35	Report of Board Chair
11:39	Adjournment