

1 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

2 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

3 BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

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5 **FINAL MINUTES**

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7 MEETING OF:

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9 **STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE**

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11 TIME: 10:33 A.M.

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14 Held at

15 **PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

16 2525 North 7th Street

17 CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

18 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

19 as well as

20 **VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

21 November 18, 2025

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State Board of Medicine  
November 18, 2025

## BOARD MEMBERS:

7 Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of  
8 Professional and Occupational Affairs  
9 Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair  
10 Michael R. Ripchinski, M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP, Vice  
11 Chair  
12 Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG  
13 Gerard F. Dillon, Ph.D., Public Member  
14 Walter A. Eisenhauer, MMSC, M.Ed., PA-C - Absent  
15 Sirisha Reddy, Special Assistant, on behalf of Debra  
16 Bogan, M.D., FAAP, Secretary Department of Health  
17 John D. Six, M.D.  
18 John A. Kutz, M.D., FACS  
19 Catherine N. Udekwu, M.D. - Absent  
20 Adanma S. Okereh, CNM, CRNP, Nurse Midwife

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

24 Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel  
25 Ashley Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel  
26 Megan E. Castor, Esquire, Board Counsel  
27 Jamison Cassel, Board Administrator  
28 Todd P. Kriner, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
29 Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
30 Liliana Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
31 Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
32 Patrick Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
33 Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
34 Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,  
35 Prosecution Division  
36 Jason C. Giurintano, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,  
37 Counsel Division  
38 Adrianna McClendon, Esquire, PA Office of General  
39 Counsel  
40 Carole Clarke Smith, Esquire, Department Counsel,  
41 Pennsylvania Insurance Department, Office of  
42 General Counsel  
43 CJ Restemayer, Esquire, Office of General Counsel  
44 Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director, Office  
45 of Policy, Department of State  
46 Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State  
47 Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide, Department of State  
48 Nicholas Kahler, Intern, Office of Attorney General

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ALSO PRESENT:

7 William Reynolds, MPAS, PA-C, DFAAPA  
8 Angie Armbrust, Government Affairs Specialist, McNees  
9 Government Relations  
10 Misha Patel, Esquire, Assistant General Counsel,  
11 Pennsylvania Medical Society  
12 Sandy Fettrow, CPCS, Healthcare Consultant, Zetter  
13 Healthcare  
14 Suzanne Landis Kaczor, D.Ac., Legislation Committee  
15 Head, Association for Professional Acupuncture in  
16 Pennsylvania  
17 Wesley Rish, Attorney, Rish Law Office  
18 Patrick Leadbitter, DPAS, PA-C  
19 Randy Stevens, M.D., Assistant Professor, Drexel  
20 University College of Medicine  
21 Gregory Dischman, M.D.  
22 Lisa Stevenson, Attorney, Senior Associate Counsel,  
23 UPMC  
24 Call-in # 1-724-747-9904  
25 Call-in # 1-717-857-7439  
26 Allison Walker, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,  
27 Inc.

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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 Session  
7 with Dana M. Archer, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel,  
8 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 10:33  
12 a.m.]

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
Board of Medicine was held on Tuesday, November 18,  
2025. Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, called  
the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

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Acknowledge Public - Turn Off Electronic Devices

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[Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, requested all  
electronic devices be silenced.]

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[Dana M. Archer, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel, noted  
the meeting was being recorded and voluntary  
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 Cassell, Board Administrator, provided an  
12 introduction of attendees.]

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14 Approval of Minutes of the September 30, 2025 meeting  
15 CHAIR YEALY:

16 Next up, the minutes of our September  
17 30, 2025 meeting were circulated in  
18 advance and are available.

19 I'd like to ask for a motion to  
20 approve those minutes.

21 DR. KUTZ:

22 Kutz, so moved.

23 MR. DILLON:

24 Dillon, Second.

25 CHAIR YEALY:

1                   We have a motion and a second. Any  
2                   further conversation, corrections,  
3                   changes that people want? Hearing  
4                   none. Jamison, could we have a roll  
5                   call vote please?

6

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

11                  [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13                  Appointment - 2022 Supreme Court Decision on Medical  
14                  Liability Venue

15                  [Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel, explained the  
16                  discussion would relate to the 2022 revisions to the  
17                  Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically  
18                  Pennsylvania Rule 1006. The prior language of the  
19                  rule allowed a suit to be filed only where the cause  
20                  of action arose for a medical malpractice case. The  
21                  2022 revisions deleted the exception for med  
22                  malpractice suits. Subsequent case law shows the  
23                  revisions puts med malpractice on the same footing as  
24                  everywhere else, and a person is permitted to enter  
25                  into a contract for medical services which outlines

1 the terms of venue in the event that something was to  
2 go wrong from one person's perspective or another.  
3 Ms. Archer noted the Board's position is that a  
4 medical professional should talk to their individual  
5 counsel to determine what makes sense for themselves  
6 and their practice.

7 Carole Clarke Smith, Esquire, Department Counsel,  
8 Pennsylvania Insurance Department, Office of General  
9 Counsel, explained she is the house counsel to MCare.  
10 She noted the data MCare currently has is limited but  
11 does not show a measurable impact on MCare to date  
12 from the change of venue rule. She noted no impact  
13 on assessment rates. She added conclusive data would  
14 not be available for several years due to the cycle  
15 of medical malpractice cases which range from 18  
16 months to 30 months. She noted the majority of cases  
17 settled to date occurred prior to 2023 when the venue  
18 rule changed. Ms. Clarke Smith relayed the recent  
19 increase in MCare assessments are due to higher claim  
20 payments as a result of the pandemic backlog and  
21 severity of verdicts and settlements.

22 Ms. Clarke Smith provided MCare data related to  
23 the pandemic backlog, noting the delays in 2020 and  
24 2021 led to a surge in settlements between 2022 and  
25 2024. Ms. Clarke Smith noted an increase in the

1 number of cases filed in the Philadelphia court  
2 system. However, she also noted the average number  
3 of cases statewide remains steady showing no  
4 statewide increase in medical malpractice filings  
5 which suggests a shift in venues rather than an  
6 increase in claims. Ms. Clarke Smith added there are  
7 limitations on the type of data collected by MCare.

8         Regarding Administrative Office of Pennsylvania  
9 Court (AOPC) data, Ms. Clarke Smith noted data on  
10 AOPC's website is limited to 2023 with 2024 data  
11 being available in December 2025.

12         Dr. Woodland commented, while there had not been  
13 an overall increase in the number of cases, he found  
14 significance in the increase in cases being filed in  
15 Philadelphia. He noted the increase in Philadelphia  
16 as showing malpractice in the Philadelphia courts  
17 being similar to winning a malpractice lottery. He  
18 noted malpractice is meant to be a service to people  
19 who were disserved, not meant to be winning a  
20 lottery.

21         Chair Yealy followed up on Dr. Woodland's  
22 comments, adding the increase in one area of the  
23 state versus the entire state shows a clear change in  
24 behavior. He also noted the underlying principle of  
25 the civil actions is to have peers be a part of the

1 process, whether that is in a jury or through a non-  
2 jury trial. He questioned if travel to venues  
3 further away may impose a hardship and may alter how  
4 decisions are being made. Chair Yealy stated the  
5 full implications of the venue rule change may not be  
6 seen as it is early in the natural cycle of  
7 malpractice torts.]

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9 Report of Prosecuting Attorneys  
10 [Patrick Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, on behalf  
11 of Todd Kriner, Board Prosecution Liaison, presented  
12 the VRP Agreements for Agenda Item No. 4, Case No.  
13 25-49-009022; Agenda Item No. 5, Case No. 25-49-  
14 012244; Agenda Item No. 6, Case No. 25-49-014565;  
15 Agenda Item No. 7, Case No. 25-49-012789; and Agenda

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18 I believe the Board would entertain a  
19 motion to approved the Consent  
20 Agreements at Item No. 4, Case No. 25-  
21 49-009022; Item No. 5, Case No. 25-49-  
22 012244; Item No. 6, Case No. 25-49-  
23 014565; Item No. 7, Case No. 25-49-  
24 012789; and Item No. 8, Case No. 25-49-  
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1 DR. KUTZ:

2 Kutz, so moved.

3 MR. DILLON:

4 Dillon, second.

5 CHAIR YEALY:

6 We have a motion and a second.

7 Any further conversation? Seeing  
8 none. Can we have a roll call vote  
9 please?

10

11 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.  
12 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.  
13 Dillon, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh,  
14 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 [Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
18 Liaison, presented the Consent Agreements and Orders  
19 for Agenda Item No. 9, Case No. 25-49-009741 and  
20 Agenda Item No. 10, Case No. 25-49-009870.]

21 MS. ARCHER:

22 Based on the deliberations in Executive  
23 Session, I believe the Chair would  
24 entertain a motion to approve the  
25 Consent Agreements for Item No. 9, Case

3 DR. KUTZ:

4 Kutz, so moved.

5 MR. DILLON:

7 | CHAIR YEALY:

8 We have a motion and a second.

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17 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent for  
18 Agenda Item No. 9, Case No. 25-49-009741 is Daniel  
19 Emery Parks, M.D. The Respondent for Agenda Item No.

20 10, Case No. 25-49-009870 is Mark K. Joy, M.D.]

22 [Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
23 presented the Consent Agreements and Orders for  
24 Agenda Item No. 11, Case No. 24-49-000677.]

25 MS. ARCHER:

1                   Based upon deliberations in Executive  
2                   Session, I believe the Chair would  
3                   entertain a motion to approve the  
4                   Consent Agreement at Item No. 11, Case  
5                   No. 24-49-000677.

6 DR. KUTZ:

7                   Kutz, so moved.

8 MR. DILLON:

9                   Dillon, second.

10 CHAIR YEALY:

11                   We have a motion and a second.

12                   Any further conversation or  
13                   discussion? Hearing none, may we have  
14                   a roll call vote please.

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

20 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent for  
21 Agenda Item No. 11, Case No. 24-49-000677 is Cory J.  
22 Ferguson.]

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24 [Liliana Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
25 present the Consent Agreement and Order for Agenda

1 Item No. 12, Case No. 25-49-011921.]

2 MS. ARCHER:

3                   Based on the deliberations in Executive  
4                   Session, I believe the Chair would  
5                   entertain a motion to approve the  
6                   Consent Agreement at Item Number 12,  
7                   Case No. 25-49-011921.

8 DR. KUTZ:

9                   Kutz, so moved.

10 MR. DILLON:

11                   Dillon, second.

12 CHAIR YEALY:

13                   We have a motion and a second.

14                   Any further discussion? Hearing  
15                   none. May we have the roll call vote  
16                   please?

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

22 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent for  
23 Agenda Item No. 12, Case No 25-49-011921 is Andrew  
24 Koryoun Cole, MD.]

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1 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Reports from  
2 Hearing Examiner

3 MS. ARCHER:

4 Moving down to Agenda Item 13, I  
5 believe  
6 the Board would entertain a motion  
7 directing Board Counsel to draft and  
8 issue a Final Adjudication and Order  
9 adjusting exceptions for one Mario D.  
10 Papachristou, M.D. And that's at Case  
11 No. 25-49-008327. And noting that Dr.  
12 Yealy is recused.

13 DR. KUTZ:

14 Kutz, so moved.

15 | MR. DILLON:

16 | Dillon, second.

17 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

18 We have a motion and a second.

19 Any further discussion? Hearing  
20 none. Let's take a roll call vote  
21 please?

1 aye; Ms. Reddy, aye.

2 [The motion carried. Chair Yealy was recused from  
3 deliberations and voting on the matter.]

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5 MS. ARCHER:

6 I believe the Board would entertain a  
7 motion to adopt the changes to Proposed  
8 Adjudication and Order for Allison  
9 Kehoe. That's at Case No. 25-49-  
10 006384. And noting that Drs. Kutz,  
11 Ripchinski and Six are all recused.

12 | CHAIR YEALY:

13 Motion as stated.

14 MR. DILLON:

16 | CHAIR YEALY:

17 We have a motion and a second.

18 Any further discussion? Hearing  
19 none. Can we have a roll call vote  
20 please?

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

1 Dr. Six were recused from deliberations and voting on  
2 the matter.]

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4 MS. ARCHER:

5                   I believe the Board would entertain a  
6                   motion to adopt the Proposed  
7                   Adjudication and Order for Dominique  
8                   Etienne. And that's at Case Nos. 22-  
9                   49-018715 and 23-49-016295.

10 DR. KUTZ:

11                   Kutz, so moved.

12 MR. DILLON:

13                   Dillon, second.

14 CHAIR YEALY:

15                   We have a motion and a second.

16                   Any further discussion? Hearing  
17                   none. Can we have a roll call vote  
18                   please?

19

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

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 Report of Board Counsel - Final Adjudications from  
2 Hearing Examiner

3 MS. ARCHER:

4 I believe the Board would entertain a  
5 motion to adopt as final the Draft  
6 Adjudication and Order for Nafis  
7 Austin. That's in Case No. 23-49-  
8 011903.

9 DR. KUTZ:

10 Kutz, so moved.

11 MR. DILLON:

12 Dillon, second.

13 CHAIR YEALY:

14 We have a motion and a second.

15 Any further discussion? Hearing  
16 none. Can we have a roll call vote  
17 please?

18

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

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 Applications - Allied Health Professionals

1 MS. ARCHER:

2 Moving down to Agenda Item 24, I  
3 believe the Board would entertain a  
4 motion to provisionally deny the  
5 following Applications for License to  
6 Practice as a Behavior Specialist.  
7 Agenda Item 24, Saul Odira; Agenda Item  
8 26, Bridget Irwin; Agenda Item 27, Moro  
9 Osumanu; Agenda Item 28, Zachary  
10 Horowitz; Agenda Item 31, Jefferson  
11 Togba; and Agenda Item 32, Melanie  
12 McDonald.

13 DR. KUTZ:

14 Kutz, so moved.

15 | MR. DILLON:

16 | Dillon, second.

17 | CHAIR YEALY:

18 We have a motion and a second.

1 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 MS. ARCHER:

10 DR. KUTZ:

11 Kutz, so moved.

12 MR. DILLON:

13 | Dillon, second.

14 CHAIR YEALY:

15 We have a motion and a second.

16 Any further discussion? Hearing  
17 none. Can we have a roll call vote  
18 please?

19

24 [The motion carried. Mr. Dillon was opposed in the  
25 matter.]

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2 MS. ARCHER:

3 I believe the Board would entertain a  
4 motion to grant the following  
5 Applications for a License to Practice  
6 as a Behavior Specialist. Agenda Item  
7 29, Marie Mushinsky and Agenda Item 33,  
8 Belinda Stouffer.

9 DR. KUTZ:

10 Kutz, so moved.

11 MR. DILLON:

12 Dillon, second.

13 CHAIR YEALY:

14 We have a motion and a second.

15 Any further discussion? Hearing  
16 none. May we have a roll call vote  
17 please?

18

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

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 MS. ARCHER:

1                   I believe the Board would entertain a  
2                   motion to provisionally deny the  
3                   Application for a License to Practice  
4                   as a Behavior Specialist of Azoti  
5                   Kossou.

6 DR. KUTZ:

7                   Kutz, so moved.

8 MR. DILLON:

9                   Dillon, second.

10 CHAIR YEALY:

11                   We have a motion and a second.

12                   Any further discussion? Hearing  
13                   none. May we have a roll call vote  
14                   please?

15

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

20 [The motion failed. Mr. Claggett, Dr. Woodland, Ms.  
21 Okereh, Dr. Six and Ms. Reddy opposed the motion.]

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23 MS. ARCHER:

24                   So let me rephrase the vote.

25                   I believe the Board would

1                   entertain a motion to grant the  
2                   Application for a License to Practice  
3                   as a Behavior Specialist of Azoti  
4                   Kossoou

5 DR. KUTZ:

6 Kutz, so moved.

7 MR. DILLON:

9 | CHAIR YEALY:

10 We have a motion and a second.

11 Any further discussion? Any

12 clarification needed? Hearing none.

13 May we have a roll call vote please?

19 [The motion carried. Dr. Ripchinski, Mr. Dillon, and  
20 Dr. Six opposed the motion.]

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## 22 Applications - Unrestricted Physician and Surgeon

23 MS. ARCHER:

24 I believe the Board would entertain a  
25 motion to table Agenda Items 34 and 35

1 to allow the applicants to apply for  
2 and practice on an Institutional  
3 License for a period of six months to  
4 one year in order to obtain U.S.  
5 exposure. That  
6 would be Ahmad Draz, M.D. and Mustafa  
7 Kadioglu, M.D.

8 DR. KUTZ:

9 Kutz, so moved.

10 | MR. DILLON:

11 Dillon, second.

12 | CHAIR YEALY:

13 We have a motion and a second.

14 Any further discussion? Seeing  
15 none. May we have a roll call vote  
16 please?

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MS. ARCHER:

At Agenda Items 36 and 40, I believe

6 DR. KUTZ:

7 Kutz, so moved.

8 MR. DILLON:

10 | CHAIR YEALY:

11 We have a motion and a second.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 MS. ARCHER:

3 DR. KUTZ:

4 Kutz, so moved.

5 MR. DILLON:

6 Dillon, second.

7 | CHAIR YEALY:

8 We have a motion and a second.

12

17 [The motion carried. Mr. Dillon and Dr. Kutz opposed  
18 the matter.]

19

20 MS. ARCHER:

21 I believe the Board would entertain a  
22 motion to grant the Application for a  
23 License to Practice as a Medical  
24 Physician and Surgeon of Andrew  
25 Oghenekaro Amata, M.D.

1 DR. KUTZ:

2 Kutz, so moved.

3 MR. DILLON:

4 Dillon, second.

5 CHAIR YEALY:

6 We have a motion and a second.

7 Any further discussion? Hearing  
8 none. May we have a roll call vote  
9 please?

10

11 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.  
12 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.  
13 Dillon, nay; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh,  
14 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye.

15 [The motion carried. Mr. Dillon opposed the matter.]

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17 MS. ARCHER:

18 Agenda Item 39.

19 I believe the Board would  
20 entertain a motion to grant the  
21 Application for a License to Practice  
22 as a Medical Physician and Surgeon of  
23 Joy Luat-Inciong, M.D.

24 DR. KUTZ:

25 Kutz, so moved.

1 MR. DILLON:

2 Dillon, second.

3 CHAIR YEALY:

4 We have a motion and a second.

5 Any further discussion? Hearing  
6 none. May we have a roll call vote  
7 please?

8

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

13 [The motion carried. Dr. Woodland and Mr. Dillon  
14 opposed the matter.]

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16 Applications - Reactivations

17 [Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel noted Agenda  
18 Item 41 was tabled to the January meeting to allow  
19 the Applicant an additional month to practice on the  
20 Institutional License and to obtain a letter.]

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22 Applications - Reactivations

23 MS. ARCHER:

24 Moving down to Agenda Items 42 and 44  
25 through 46.

1                   I believe the Board would  
2                   entertain a motion to table these  
3                   Agenda Items so that the Applicants may  
4                   obtain a re-entry assessment and  
5                   complete any recommendations. That's  
6                   for Altaf Kasmani, M.D.; John  
7                   Davidyock, M.D.; Susan Renee Sautner,  
8                   M.D.; and Ruixue Xu.

9 DR. KUTZ:

10                   Kutz, so moved.

11 MR. DILLON:

12                   Dillon, second.

13 CHAIR YEALY:

14                   We have a motion and a second.

15                   Any further discussion? Hearing  
16                   none. May we have a roll call vote  
17                   please?

18

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

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 [Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted Agenda

1 Item 43 was tabled to allow the Board to obtain  
2 clarification on the clinical practice on the active  
3 retired license.]

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5 Reconsiderations

6 MS. ARCHER:

7 At Agenda Items 47, 48, and 50, I  
8 believe the Board would entertain a  
9 motion to deny the Reconsideration  
10 Requests of Derrick Lee Orr, Richard  
11 Macedo, and Samirkumar Shah, M.D.

12 DR. KUTZ:

13 Kutz, so moved.

14 MR. DILLON:

15 Dillon, second.

16 CHAIR YEALY:

17 We have a motion and a second.

18 Any further discussion? Hearing  
19 none. May we have a roll call vote  
20 please?

21

22 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.  
23 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.  
24 Dillon, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh,  
25 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 MS. ARCHER:

4 At Agenda Item 49, I believe the Board  
5 would undertake a motion to grant the  
6 Reconsideration Request of Garrett  
7 Blanchett, M.D. to reactivate his  
8 license to active retired status.

9 DR. KUTZ:

10 Kutz, so moved.

11 MR. DILLON:

12 | Dillon, second.

13 | CHAIR YEALY:

14 We have a motion and a second.

15 Any further discussion? Hearing  
16 none. May we have a roll call vote  
17 please?

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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## 25 Ratifications

1 MS. ARCHER:

2 At Agenda Items 51 through 57, I  
3 believe the Board would entertain a  
4 motion granting the following  
5 Applications to Practice as a Medical  
6 Physician and Surgeon, Nityanandra Rao  
7 Jakklua, M.D.; Mohit Kukreja, M.D.;  
8 Yashmin Nisha, M.D.; Gibran Syed  
9 Khurshid, M.D.; Sathish Prabu  
10 Sathyamangalam Samiappan, M.D.; Oya  
11 Yalcin Cok, M.D.; and as an Athletic  
12 Trainer Dalton Cremer Tice.

13 DR. KUTZ:

14 Kutz, so moved.

15 MR. DILLON:

16 Dillon, second.

17 CHAIR YEALY:

18 We have a motion and a second.

19 Any further discussion? Hearing  
20 none. May we have a roll call vote  
21 please?

22

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

1 Dillon, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh,  
2 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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## 5 | Miscellaneous

6 MS. ARCHER:

7 Just noting that Agenda Item 60 was  
8 mistakenly added to the Agenda twice.  
9 We already had a vote at Agenda Item 50  
10 for that.

11 For Agenda Item 61, I believe the  
12 Board would entertain a motion to deny  
13 the request of Ibbad Yousef, M.D. to  
14 waive the child abuse training  
15 requirement for a compact license.

16 DR. KUTZ:

17 Kutz, so moved.

18 | MR. MILLION:

19 Dillon, second.

20 CHATB YEALY

21 We have a motion and a second

22 Any further discussion? Hearing  
23 none. May we have a roll call vote  
24 please?

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 [Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted Agenda  
8 Item 62 was being tabled to allow the licensee to  
9 provide a preceptor for the Board's approval.]

10 | \* \* \*

11 Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Report - No  
12 Report

13 | \* \* \*

14 Report of Board Counsel - Other  
15 [Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted there  
16 were several House and Senate Bills currently pending  
17 with no significant movement. She was working with  
18 Ms. Keefer on bill analysis for some of the bills.  
19 She briefly described each of the bills. HB 1961 and  
20 SM 1051 would allow Pennsylvania to enter the  
21 Physician Assistant Compact which is being  
22 implemented in 2027. HB 1980 and SB 1043 would  
23 require physicians to complete one hour of continuing  
24 medical education (CME) on nutrition and may allow  
25 Pennsylvania to receive federal funding. SB 507

1 would create a class of certified midwives. HB 1993  
2 would regulate the use of AI in mental health care  
3 and establish a state framework for the use of AI in  
4 mental health therapy. HB 1066 would create a  
5 temporary license for international medical  
6 graduates. Ms. Archer noted the Board already had an  
7 institutional license which allows international  
8 graduates to practice in Pennsylvania.

9 Finally, HB 1251 would amend the Physical Therapy  
10 Practice Act to allow certified nursing midwives to  
11 give referrals.

12 Mr. Dillon commented on HB 1066. He stated what  
13 was being proposed did not seem clear on how it would  
14 operate. He assumed there would be an opportunity as  
15 the bill moved forward for clarification.

16 Ms. Archer had not been asked to provide analysis  
17 on HB 1066 but would be asked to if the bill gained  
18 traction. She noted the bill seemed more complicated  
19 than other states.

20 Mr. Woodland added, related to HB 1066,  
21 Pennsylvania has alternative pathways for licensure.  
22 He noted the bill is a legislative attempt to put  
23 forth additional regulation to the alternative  
24 pathways, specifically a way to convert a temporary  
25 license into a permanent license.

1       Mr. Woodland commented HB 1980 and SB 1043 is  
2 related to statewide Health and Human Services (HHS)  
3 initiatives and the federal HHS initiative, *Make*  
4 *America Healthy Again*. He cautioned the nutrition  
5 CME is not currently required by anyone nationally.  
6 By asking everyone to require the CME, he noted it  
7 adds to the sometime heavy lift with other mandated  
8 CME requirements.

9       Mr. Woodland also commented on HB 1993. He  
10 reminded everyone that no matter what is done with  
11 AI, the healthcare provider is the only licensed  
12 entity and, therefore, is the responsible entity for  
13 all clinical decisions. He added the importance of  
14 being very careful with the use of AI.

15       Chair Yealy stated it is the expectation that AI  
16 does not replace healthcare workers, but AI augments  
17 the ability to deliver the highest quality and timely  
18 health care.

19       Chair Yealy pointed out, related to HB 1066,  
20 there is a common misunderstanding regarding  
21 international graduates and licensure in the  
22 Commonwealth. He noted there are already pathways to  
23 licensure and many of the people approved for  
24 licensure during the meeting were international  
25 graduates. He stated the goal of the Board is to

1 make sure people who serve as a licensed physician or  
2 other licensed professional in the Commonwealth who  
3 fall under the Board's jurisdiction have the  
4 training, experience, and qualifications.]

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6 | FSMB Updates

7 [Gerard F. Dillon, Ph.D., Public Member, noted he  
8 recently attended a meeting of the State Board  
9 Advisory Panel to the United States Medical License  
10 Examination (UISMLE). He reported the panel received  
11 updates from USMLE staff regarding issues around  
12 security and the examinations. He noted updates  
13 regarding the centralized functions of the  
14 organizations involved with USMLE, particularly with  
15 who the individual examinee goes to for what they  
16 need. He added information is on the USMLE and  
17 related websites for people to navigate as needed.

18 Mr. Dillon relayed, at the meeting, there were  
19 discussions on the new item formats being developed  
20 by USMLE to measure communication skills and clinical  
21 reasoning skills. The new formats are not finalized  
22 but may be seen in the next couple of years.

23       Regarding Canadian medical school graduates, Mr.  
24 Dillon stated USMLE staff confirmed individuals who  
25 graduated from Canadian medical schools starting July

1 2025 are considered international students. Those  
2 students will have to take international pathways to  
3 licensure.

4 Mr. Dillon explained the FSMB's annual meeting  
5 would be taking place in Baltimore at the end of  
6 April and beginning of May 2026. He noted being  
7 interested in possibly returning as a delegate.

8 Ms. Archer stated the Board could send two Board  
9 Members and two Counsel members.

10 Dr. Woodland noted the Board did not need to  
11 decide who was going. He would already be attending  
12 as a member of the FSMB Board of Directors, so the  
13 Board could send two other people.

14 Ms. Archer stated the Board could take a vote on  
15 the number of people going and decide at a later date  
16 who was attending.]

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18 MS. ARCHER:

19 I believe the Board would entertain a  
20 motion to send two Board Members and  
21 two Counsel members to the 2026 FSMB.

22 DR. KUTZ:

23 Kutz, so moved.

24 | MR. DILLON:

25 Dillon, second.

1 CHAIR YEALY:

2 We have a motion and a second. Any  
3 further discussion? John, I think you  
4 had a question.

5 DR. KUTZ:

6 Dana, do you know the date? Or Mark?

7 DR. WOODLAND:

8 It's April 30th to May 2nd.

9 CHAIR YEALY:

10 Seeing no other discussion, can we have  
11 a roll call vote please?

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

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 [Chair Yealy shared Dr. Woodland is a potential  
19 candidate for the position of chair-elect of the  
20 FSMB. He noted he would like to open discussion on  
21 supporting a letter written by Dr. Yealy on behalf of  
22 the Board of Medicine in support of Dr. Woodland's  
23 candidacy.]

24 Dr. Woodland explained the position entails a  
25 three-year term with the leadership of FSMB. The

1 first year is as chair-elect, the second year is as  
2 chair and the third year is as post-chair. He noted  
3 his is honored to even be considered for the role.

4 Dr. Ripchinski, Dr. Kutz and Mr. Dillon expressed  
5 verbal support of Dr. Woodland and of a letter from  
6 Dr. Yealy.

7 Dr. Woodland highlighted that he is not the only  
8 Board Member active with FSMB. He noted Mr. Dillon  
9 spent the year chairing the Ethics and  
10 Professionalism Committee.

11 Dr. Woodland shared FSMB had created the  
12 [carematters.org](http://carematters.org) website to highlight the role of  
13 state medical boards throughout the country. He  
14 noted FSMB functionally supports the state medical  
15 boards. The Care Matters campaign was designed to  
16 educate the public on medical boards.

17 Dr. Woodland also shared he serves as the chair  
18 of the oversight committee for the *Journal of Medical*  
19 *Regulation* for FSMB. He stated they are open to  
20 articles from anyone including case reports, data  
21 reports, or thoughts regarding medical regulation in  
22 a person's state. He added the committee is looking  
23 for reviewers of the submitted articles. He also  
24 noted the journal will be going to an online format  
25 and will be indexed and searchable.]

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Miscellaneous - FSMB 2026 - Trauma Informed  
Regulation Training

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5 recent attorney workshop, FSMB suggested attendance  
6 at the FSMB 2026 Trauma Informed Regulation Training  
7 on February 27, 2026. She noted the Board could send  
8 up to two Board Counsel.

9 Chair Yealy explained there are adverse childhood  
10 (ACD) events which can happen to anybody. The ACD  
11 events can cause trauma similar to PTSD which can  
12 influence behavioral activities, which in turn, can  
13 affect regulatory things which come in front of the  
14 Board. He added there is an emphasis on the five  
15 R's: To realize ACD events occur; to recognize that  
16 they may occur; to respond in a meaningful way as  
17 people come to the Board; to resist judgement on the  
18 issues; and be able to reevaluate based on the  
19 situation.]

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MS ARCHER:

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I believe the Board would entertain a motion to send two Board Counsel to the FSMB 2026 Trauma Informed Regulation Training.

1 DR. KUTZ:

2 Kutz, so moved.

3 MR. DILLON:

4 Dillon, second.

5 CHAIR YEALY:

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

8 Hearing none. Can we have a roll  
9 call vote please?

10

11 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.  
12 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.  
13 Dillon, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Ms. Okereh,  
14 aye; Dr. Six, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 Miscellaneous - Executive Order 2025-02

18 [Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel explained  
19 Governor Shapiro signed Executive Order 2025-02,  
20 *Protecting Pennsylvania's Health and Freedom by*  
21 *Ensuring Access to Safe and Effective Vaccines on*  
22 *October 1, 2025.* The order reaffirms Pennsylvania's  
23 commitment to evidence-based vaccine guidance and to  
24 keeping vaccines accessible and affordable for all  
25 residents. The order was in response to recent

1 federal changes to vaccine policy and addressed the  
2 concern of uncertainty around national vaccine  
3 recommendations.

4 Under the order, the Department of Health was  
5 charged with developing a state-based program to  
6 ensure children continued to receive recommended  
7 vaccines even if federal coverages change; creating a  
8 central public website with accurate, evidence-based  
9 vaccine information; and convening a vaccine  
10 education workgroup that will include state agencies,  
11 health professionals and community representatives to  
12 advise on vaccine access and education.

13 Ms. Archer noted the State Boards of Medicine,  
14 Osteopathic Medicine, and Nursing were specifically  
15 mentioned in the order. The Boards were asked to  
16 continue evaluating if further communications or  
17 policy statements to licensees were needed regarding  
18 vaccine schedules. She stated there was no immediate  
19 action needed by the Board who had already issued a  
20 letter of support in September. She added other  
21 state agencies had been tasked with ensuring vaccines  
22 remained covered and accessible for all populations  
23 including Medicaid recipients and older adults.

24 Chair Yealy stated the Commonwealth had always  
25 had an interest in ensuring the optimal health of all

1 citizens and has multiple agencies contributing to  
2 that goal. He noted the order is a clarification and  
3 evolution in the vaccine area. He supported the  
4 order as it allows licensed physicians or other  
5 healthcare providers that fall under the Board to  
6 practice in the best way possible and provided the  
7 best information and guidance.]

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9 | Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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11 Report of Committee on Licensure Qualifications - No  
12 Report

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

16 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, reported the  
17 Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) recently had  
18 their annual meeting. He noted the meeting focused  
19 on issues related to provider welfare, medical  
20 education, research, and protection of patients.

21 Dr. Woodland stated AAMC also reported on the  
22 medical workforce. He noted major concerns going  
23 forward as 25 percent of physician providers are over  
24 65 years old. There is also concern on how AI will

1 affect the workforce both in the possibility of  
2 supplementing but also as a potential threat to force  
3 people out as they may not want to engage with AI.

4 Dr. Woodland noted the American Medical  
5 Association (AMA) has several initiatives including  
6 telehealth, which is also being looked at by AAMC.  
7 AMA has also supported merit-based adjustments to  
8 payments from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
9 Services and is working with the current  
10 administration.

11 Dr. Woodland reported AMA is also considering the  
12 corporatization of healthcare and the impact both  
13 statewide and nationally. He added, in Pennsylvania,  
14 this relates to the closing and resales of hospitals  
15 and what access looks like for patients in the  
16 Commonwealth. He noted AMA has made five  
17 recommendations in looking at the corporatization of  
18 healthcare: supporting transparency and oversight of  
19 healthcare transactions; preserving physicians'  
20 independent clinical judgement; limiting the  
21 influence of management service organizations on  
22 physician practices; supporting fair contracting and  
23 physician employment agreements; and protecting  
24 patient access to care in consolidated markets.

1       Dr. Woodland also reported AMA is looking at AI  
2 and recognizes AI may have a role in helping doctors  
3 give more attention to patients if AI is used to  
4 supplement documentation issues.

5       Dr. Woodland concluded by noting FSMB is watching  
6 legislation for both the continuing medical education  
7 requirements and international medical graduate  
8 requirements and licensure pathways.]

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10      Report of Committee on Health-Related Professionals  
11     [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, noted Dr.  
12     Walter Eisenhauer would be stepping down from the  
13     Board concurrent with his change in professional  
14     status. He stated Dr. Eisenhauer has been an  
15     outstanding partner with expertise and insight who  
16     helped the Board make the best decisions possible.  
17     Chair Yealy noted he wished to publicly thank Dr.  
18     Eisenhauer and recognize his contributions.]

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20      Report of Department of Health  
21     [Sirisha Reddy, Special Assistant, on behalf of Debra  
22     Bogan, M.D., FAAP, Secretary Department of Health,  
23     reported DOH recently issued a health advisory (HAN)  
24     on November 13. The HAN regarded the recall of all  
25     lots of Byheart Whole Nutrition Infant Formula which

1 was linked to 15 infant botulism cases across 12  
2 states including one case in Pennsylvania. She noted  
3 all 15 infants were hospitalized but no deaths were  
4 reported and investigation is ongoing.]

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6 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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## 8 | Report of Vice Chair - No Report

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## 10 Report of Board Chair

11 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, expressed  
12 appreciation for being able to work with the members  
13 of the Board. He noted the people of the  
14 Commonwealth are well-served by all those involved  
15 with the Board who are thoughtful and dedicated  
16 individuals. He added he is proud to work alongside  
17 the Board Members. On a light-hearted note, Chair  
18 Yealy shared the meeting was being held on National  
19 Vichysoise Day, National Princess Day, and Mickey  
20 Mouse's birthday.

21 Chair Yealy noted it was the beginning of  
22 respiratory virus season. He stated physicians are  
23 starting to see influenza, RSV and Covid-19 activity  
24 across the state. He expects to see changes in  
25 influenza and Covid-19 rates soon. He added medical

1 providers have the ability to guide people on how to  
2 maintain their health including preventative  
3 measures.

4 Chair Yealy discussed a recent episode of  
5 healthcare worker violence in the emergency room at  
6 UPMC in Altoona. He expressed pride in the actions  
7 of care providers, security officers, and local law  
8 enforcement. He noted the worker was seriously  
9 injured in the incident and treated both at UPMC  
10 Altoona and at another facility. He noted the need  
11 for continued support for people who place themselves  
12 in a vulnerable position like healthcare  
13 professionals. He noted violence should never be  
14 expected or tolerated, but that violence is a  
15 societal reality. He added the job of healthcare  
16 professionals should include being open and  
17 responsive to any concerns; to respond as fully and  
18 effectively as they can; and to support each other in  
19 the ways that are available.]

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21 | Public Comment - No comments.

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23 | Board Meeting Dates

24 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, pointed out  
25 upcoming meeting dates were included in the Agenda.

1 It was noted the February date was on a Monday  
2 instead of the usual Tuesday.]

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## 4 | Adjournment

5 | CHAIR YEALY:

6 I thank everybody for their time and  
7 I'm happy to entertain a motion to  
8 adjourn.

9 DR. KUTZ:

10 Kutz, so moved.

11 MR. DILLON:

12 | Dillon, second.

13 | CHAIR YEALY:

14 I'll take any momentary silence as an  
15 agreement to adjourn the meeting.

16                   Thank you. Have a great holiday  
17                   everybody.

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19 [There being no other business, the State Board of  
20 Medicine Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.]

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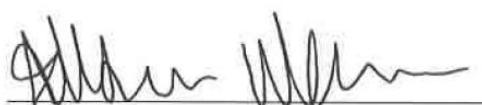
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4 I hereby certify that the foregoing summary  
5 minutes of the State Board of Medicine meeting, was  
6 reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and  
7 that the minutes accurately summarize the substance  
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