

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

**D R A F T   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**

July 1, 2026

State Board of Medicine  
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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 Okereh, CNM, CFNP, Nurse Midwife - Absent  
Robert Emery, PA-C, MBA, DFAAPA

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Ashley Keefer Jones, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Todd P. Kriner, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
Jamison Cassel, 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  
Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Esquire, Chief Counsel,  
Office of Chief Counsel  
Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director, Office  
of Policy  
Robert Beecher, Deputy Policy Director, Office of  
Policy

ALSO PRESENT:

Lisa E. Claypool Stevenson, Esquire, Senior Associate  
Counsel at UPMC

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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

Misha Patel, Esquire, Assistant General Counsel,  
Pennsylvania Medical Society  
Ted Mowatt, CAE, Vice President, Wanner Associates  
Mary Marshall, Senior Director, Workforce and  
Professional Development, The Hospital and  
Healthcare Association of Pennsylvania  
Katie Humen, M.Ed., BCBA, IBA, LBS, Training  
Director, ABA Support Services LLC  
Vincent DiCianni, President, Founder, Affiliated  
Monitors Inc.  
Denise Moran, JD, Director of Healthcare Monitoring  
Services, Affiliated Monitors Inc.  
Nicole Salva, MD, Main Line Health  
Susie Chase, MPAS, PA-C, WellSpan Health  
Wendy Ruderman, Senior Reporter, The Philadelphia  
Inquirer  
Michelle Smith  
Call In # 1-206-510-6386  
Jacob Hill, 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.]

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Medicine was held on Wednesday, July 1, 2026. Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:31 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.

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Acknowledge Public - Turn Off Electronic Devices  
[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.]

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.]

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Roll Call of Board Members

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

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Introduction of Attendees

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

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Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2026

CHAIR YEALY:

Next up on the Agenda, I'd like to review and have approval of the minutes from May 19, 2026. Those were posted and circulated in advance. I'd be happy to entertain a motion to approve those.

1 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

2 Claggett, so moved.

3 MR. DILLON:

4 Dillon, second.

5 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

10

11 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.  
12 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr.  
13 Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.  
14 Foster, aye; Mr. Emery, abstain, Dr.  
15 Six, abstain.

16 [The motion carried. Mr. Emery and Dr. Six abstained  
17 from voting on the motion. Dr. Kutz was unable to  
18 vote due to technical issues.]

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20 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, introduced the  
21 newest Board Member, Robert Emery, PA-C, MBA,  
22 DFAAPA.]

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24 Appointment - Affiliated Monitors

25 [Vincent DiCianni, President, Founder, Affiliated

1 Monitors Inc provided a brief introduction of himself  
2 before turning the presentation over to Denise Moran,  
3 JD, Director of Healthcare Monitoring Services,  
4 Affiliated Monitors Inc., due to technical  
5 difficulties.

6 Ms. Moran provided a background of her work. She  
7 explained Affiliated Monitors enjoys collaborating  
8 with boards across the country for a variety of  
9 professions. She stated Affiliated Monitors partners  
10 with medical boards to look at disciplinary orders  
11 for referral cases and then they create a monitoring  
12 plan. She explained the different steps that may be  
13 taken through the monitoring plan including record  
14 reviews, correcting knowledge gaps, helping with poor  
15 decision making, and mentoring. She noted the  
16 program creates detailed reports which go to the  
17 board, practitioner, and physician monitor.

18 Through the process, Affiliated Monitors works to  
19 improve the practitioner's overall practice,  
20 documentation skills, and decision making. If there  
21 are gaps in education found, the physician monitor  
22 works with the person to improve their knowledge  
23 base. She noted, wherever issues are identified,  
24 there is an attempt to education the physician and  
25 have them adopt practices for improvement.

1       Regarding reentry processes, Ms. Moran explained  
2       Affiliate Monitors does a clinical skills assessment  
3       with practitioners. The process includes both a  
4       records review and a thorough interview process with  
5       the practitioner where knowledge and decision making  
6       are tested. If there are no records to review, she  
7       noted a charting mechanism is created where the  
8       physician is allowed to charts and results are  
9       proctored. If needed, issues are referred to the  
10      Physicians Health Network.

11       Mr. DiCianni shared Affiliate Monitors is an  
12      outsourced resource for the Board and is passionate  
13      about the work it does. He noted the program is an  
14      effort to rehabilitate a practitioner who has been in  
15      front of a board and has issues that the Board has  
16      identified as fixable. He also noted the service is  
17      cost-free to the voting on the matter involved as the  
18      practitioner pays for the services.

19       Dr. Woodland noted the Board often struggles with  
20      behavioral therapists, respiratory therapists and  
21      athletic trainers. He asked if Affiliate Monitors  
22      has specific programs for those cohorts.

23       Ms. Moran replied they have implemented  
24      monitoring in all kinds of locations including  
25      facilities, practice offices, and hospitals. She

1 noted there has not been a profession where she has  
2 been unable to monitor and assist a client.

3 Ms. Archer asked if Affiliate Monitors had been  
4 able to do reentry assessments, create  
5 recommendations and help with follow through for the  
6 individuals specifically mentioned by Dr. Woodland.

7 Ms. Moran confirmed they would be able to help  
8 through the clinical skills assessment, which can be  
9 used for reentry as well as other situations. She  
10 provided an example of a physician helped by the  
11 program.

12 Chair Yealy noted the services were at no-cost to  
13 the Board and asked if a general idea of the costs  
14 for individuals could be described.

15 Mr. DiCianni explained the costs vary and largely  
16 depend on three factors: Scope, frequency, and  
17 duration. Ms. Moran noted part of the cost is  
18 determined by the amount of review needed. She  
19 stated when issues are found in charts, she prefers  
20 to do quarterly reviews for the best results, which  
21 allows practitioners the time to adopt new methods  
22 and change their documentation protocols. She noted  
23 not everything can be completed in one quarter. She  
24 emphasized the number of files, frequency of reviews  
25 and length of monitoring time all factor into the

1 rates. She also noted the costs vary depending on  
2 the profession with lower rates for a generalist,  
3 family medicine or an internist and higher rates for  
4 specialties like a neurosurgeon.

5 Chair Yealy thanked Ms. Moran and Mr. DiCianni  
6 for their presentation, noting it provided insight  
7 and another option for the Board.]

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9 Report of Prosecuting Attorneys

10 [Todd P. Kriner, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,  
11 presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda Item No.  
12 4, Case No. 23-49-003171.]

13 MS. KEEFER JONES:

14 Seeing no questions, I believe the  
15 Board Chair would entertain a motion to  
16 adopt the Consent Agreement at Item No.  
17 4, Case No. 23-49-003171.

18 DR. KUTZ:

19 Kutz, so moved.

20 MS. KEEFER JONES:

21 So we have a first. Do we have a  
22 second?

23 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

24 Claggett, second.

25 MR. DILLON:

1                   So moved.

2 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

3                   So we had Dr. Kutz say so moved and  
4                   Claggett seconded. Now we need a roll  
5                   call vote.

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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                  Foster, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Mr. Emery,  
11                  abstain; Dr. Six, aye.

12 [The motion carried. Mr. Emery abstained from  
13 deliberations and voting on the motion. The  
14 Respondent at Agenda Item No. 4, Case No. 23-49-  
15 003171, is Craig Thomas Haytmanek, M.D.]

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17 [Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
18 presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda Item No.  
19 5, Case No. 24-49-00895.]

20 MS. KEEFER JONES:

21                   I believe the Board Chair would  
22                   entertain a motion to adopt the Consent  
23                   Agreement at Item No. 5, Case No. 24-  
24                   49-008995.

25 DR. WOODLAND:

1 Motion to approve.

2 MR. DILLON:

3 Dillon, 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?

9

10 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.  
11 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.  
12 Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.  
13 Foster, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Mr. Emery,  
14 abstain; Dr. Six, aye.

15 [The motion carried. Mr. Emery abstained from  
16 deliberations and voting on the motion. The  
17 Respondent at Agenda Item No. 5, Case No. 24-49-  
18 008995, is Trevor Lotz, LAT.]

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20 [Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
21 presented the Consent Agreements for Agenda Item No.  
22 6, Case No. 26-49-007257; and Agenda Item No. 7, Case  
23 No. 26-49-003412.]

24 MS. KEEFER JONES:

25 Seeing no questions, I believe the

1 Board Chair would entertain a motion to  
2 adopt the Consent Agreement at Item No.  
3 6, Case No. 26-49-007257; and Item No.  
4 7, Case No. 26-49-003412.

5 DR. WOODLAND:

6 Woodland, motion to approve.

7 MR. DILLON:

8 Dillon, 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?

14  
15 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.  
16 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.  
17 Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.  
18 Foster, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Mr. Emery,  
19 abstain; Dr. Six, aye.

20 [The motion carried. Mr. Emery abstained from  
21 deliberations and voting on the motion. The  
22 Respondents are as follows: Agenda Item No. 6, Case  
23 No. 26-49-007257, Richard Evan Arnold, M.D.; and  
24 Agenda Item No. 7, Case No. 26-49-003412, Ted Harb,  
25 M.D.]

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[Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda Item No.  
8, Case No. 25-49-004693.]

MS. KEEFER JONES:

Seeing no questions, I believe the  
Board Chair would entertain a motion to  
adopt the Consent Agreement at Item No.  
8, Case No. 25-49-004693.

DR. WOODLAND:

Woodland, motion to approve.

MR. DILLON:

Dillon, 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.  
Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.  
Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.  
Foster, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Mr. Emery,  
abstain; Dr. Six, aye.

[The motion carried. Mr. Emery abstained from

1 deliberations and voting on the motion. The  
2 Respondent at Agenda Item No. 8, Case No. 25-49-  
3 004693, is Ziad Hadaya, MD.]

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5 [Liliana G. Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
6 presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda Item No.  
7 9, Case No. 23-49-005565.]

8 MS. KEEFER JONES:

9 Are there any other questions?

10 Seeing none, I believe the Board  
11 Chair would entertain a motion to adopt  
12 the Consent Agreement at Item No. 9,  
13 Case No. 23-49-005565.

14 DR. WOODLAND:

15 Motion to approve, Woodland.

16 MR. DILLON:

17 Dillon, 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?

23

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

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

4 [The motion carried. Mr. Emery abstained from  
5 deliberations and voting on the motion. The  
6 Respondent at Agenda Item No. 9, Case No. 23-49-  
7 005565, is Gregory Hall, M.D.]

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9 [Ms. Keefer Jones noted Agenda Item No. 10 was  
10 tabled.]

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12 [Acting Commissioner Claggett assumed the Chair.]

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14 [Nicholas C. Kahler, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
15 presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda Item No.  
16 11, Case No. 26-49-003786.]

17 MS. KEEFER JONES:

18                   For Item No. 11 on the Agenda, the  
19                   Chair position would swing to Mr.  
20                   Claggett.

21                   I believe that there would be a  
22                   motion to approve the Consent Agreement  
23                   at Item No. 11, Case No. 26-49-003786,  
24                   for which Dr. Yealy, Dr. Kutz, Dr.  
25                   Ripchinski, and Dr. Six are recused.

1 DR. WOODLAND:

2 Woodland, motion to approve.

3 MR. DILLON:

4 Dillon, second.

5 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

6 Any further discussion?

7 May we please have a roll call.

8

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

10 Dr. Ripchinski, recuse; Dr. Woodland,

11 aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye;

12 Dr. Foster, aye; Dr. Kutz, recuse; Mr.

13 Emery, abstain; Dr. Six, recuse.

14 [The motion carried. Mr. Emery abstained from

15 deliberations and voting on the motion. Dr. Yealy,

16 Dr. Ripchinski, Dr. Kutz, and Dr. Six were recused

17 from deliberations and voting on the motion. The

18 Respondent at Agenda Item No. 11, Case No. 26-49-

19 003786 is Charles Patrick Cole, M.D.]

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21 [Dr. Yealy resumed the Chair.]

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23 [Courtney J. Restemayer, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,

24 presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda Item No.

25 12, Case No. 25-49-014706.]

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[Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,  
at 11:17 a.m., the Board entered into Executive  
Session with Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel, and  
Ashley Keefer Jones, Esquire, Board Counsel for the  
purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations  
and to receive the advice of Board Counsel. The  
Board returned to open session at 11:22 a.m.]

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MS. KEEFER JONES:

Based on the discussions in Executive  
Session, I believe the Board Chair  
would entertain a motion to reject as  
too lenient the Consent Agreement at  
Item No. 12, Case No. 25-49-014706.

DR. WOODLAND:

Woodland, motion to approve.

MR. DILLON:

Dillon, second.

CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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

6 [The motion carried. Mr. Emery abstained from  
7 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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9 Report of Board Counsel

10 MS. ARCHER:

11 Moving on to Agenda Item 13, I believe  
12 the Board would entertain a motion to  
13 adopt the Hearing Examiner's Proposed  
14 Adjudication and Order for Moro  
15 Osumanu, Case No. 25-49-017769.

16 DR. WOODLAND:

17 Woodland, motion to approve.

18 MR. DILLON:

19 Dillon, 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?

25

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

6 [The motion carried. Mr. Emery abstained from  
7 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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9 MS. ARCHER:

10 At Agenda Items 14 and 15, I believe  
11 the Board would entertain a motion to  
12 direct Board Counsel to draft a Final  
13 Order Addressing Exceptions consistent  
14 with discussions in Executive Session  
15 for Jefferson D. Togba, Case No. 25-49-  
16 017772; and Thomas Webster, M.D., Case  
17 No. 23-49-017744.

18 DR. WOODLAND:

19 Woodland, motion to approve.

20 MR. DILLON:

21 Dillon, second.

22 CHAIR YEALY:

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

25 Hearing none, may we have a roll

1 call vote please?

2

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

8 [The motion carried. Mr. Emery abstained from  
9 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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11 [Taliba Foster, M.D., reentered the meeting at 11:26  
12 a.m.]

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14 MS. ARCHER:

15 At Agenda Items 16 and 17, I believe  
16 the Board would entertain a motion to  
17 adopt as final the Draft Adjudications  
18 and Orders for Derrick Mobley, M.D.,  
19 Case No. 25-49-018577; and Thomas P.  
20 Anderson, Respiratory Therapist, Case  
21 No. 25-49-008277.

22 DR. WOODLAND:

23 Woodland, motion to approve.

24 MR. DILLON:

25 Dillon, 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?

6  
7 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.  
8 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.  
9 Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.  
10 Foster, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Mr. Emery,  
11 abstain; Dr. Six, aye.

12 [The motion carried. Mr. Emery abstained from  
13 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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15 Applications for Licensure

16 MS. ARCHER:

17 Moving down to the Applications for  
18 Licensure, I believe the Board would  
19 entertain a motion to provisionally  
20 deny the following applications to  
21 practice as a Behavior Specialist:  
22 Agenda Item 24, Leslie Figueroa; Agenda  
23 Item 25, Iyabo Ebu; Agenda Item 27,  
24 Brittany Gallagher; Agenda Item 28,  
25 Valerie Hall; and Agenda Item 29,

1                   Aniellio Destefano.

2 DR. WOODLAND:

3                   Woodland, motion to approve.

4 MR. DILLON:

5                   Dillon, 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?

11

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

17 [The motion carried. Mr. Emery abstained from  
18 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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20 [Ms. Archer noted Agenda Item 26 was tabled to allow  
21 for additional information to be gathered regarding  
22 Jamal Mack's education.]

23                                 \*\*\*

24 MS. ARCHER:

25                   Moving down to unrestricted licenses, I

1 believe the Board would entertain a  
2 motion to grant unrestricted license to  
3 practice as a Medical Physician and  
4 Surgeon of the following: Agenda Item  
5 30, Yutaka Endo, M.D.; Agenda Item 31,  
6 Sukwoo Hong, M.D.; Agenda Item 33,  
7 Saurabh Rawall, M.D.; and Agenda Item  
8 34, Taiki Kawaida, M.D.

9 DR. WOODLAND:

10 Woodland, motion to approve.

11 MR. DILLON:

12 Dillon, 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?

18  
19 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.  
20 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.  
21 Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.  
22 Foster, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Mr. Emery,  
23 abstain; Dr. Six, aye.

24 [The motion carried. Mr. Emery abstained from  
25 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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MS. ARCHER:

I believe the Board would entertain a motion to table Agenda Item 32 to allow Nisso Bejar Picker, M.D., to apply for and practice on an institutional license for a period of six months to one year.

DR. WOODLAND:

Motion to approve, Woodland.

MR. DILLON:

Dillon, 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. Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr. Foster, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Mr. Emery, abstain; Dr. Six, aye.

[The motion carried. Mr. Emery abstained from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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MS. ARCHER:

Agenda Item 35.

I believe the Board would entertain a motion to table the reactivation application to practice as a Physician and Surgeon of Omar Almusa, M.D., to allow him to obtain a reentry assessment and follow through with any recommendations. And noting that Dr. Yealy is recused.

DR. WOODLAND:

Motion to table, Woodland.

MR. DILLON:

Dillon, second.

DR. WOODLAND:

We can move forward with a vote if there's no further discussion.

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, recuse; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr. Foster; Dr. Kutz, aye; Mr. Emery, abstain; Dr. Six, aye.

[The motion carried. Mr. Emery abstained from

1 deliberations and voting on the motion. Dr. Yealy  
2 was recused from deliberations and voting on the  
3 motion.]

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5 MS. ARCHER:

6 On Agenda Item 36, I believe the Board  
7 would entertain a motion to table the  
8 reactivation application to practice as  
9 a Physician and Surgeon of Akinyi  
10 Adija, M.D., to allow them to obtain a  
11 reentry assessment and follow through  
12 with any recommendations.

13 DR. WOODLAND:

14 Woodland, motion to table.

15 MR. DILLON:

16 Dillon, 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?

22

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

1 Foster, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Mr. Emery,  
2 abstain; Dr. Six, aye.

3 [The motion carried. Mr. Emery abstained from  
4 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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6 Ratifications

7 MS. ARCHER:

8 At Agenda Items 37 through 40, I  
9 believe the Board would entertain a  
10 motion to ratify the granting of the  
11 following applications to practice as a  
12 Physician and Surgeon. Yoo Kang, M.D.,  
13 Sonal Mehra, M.D., Usman Nabi, M.D.,  
14 and Julian Andres Chavarriaga Soto,  
15 M.D.

16 DR. WOODLAND:

17 Motion to ratify, Woodland.

18 MR. DILLON:

19 Dillon, 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?

25

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

6 [The motion carried. Mr. Emery abstained from  
7 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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9 Miscellaneous

10 MS. ARCHER:

11 I'm going to jump down to Agenda Item  
12 44.

13 I believe the Board would  
14 entertain a motion to approve the USMLE  
15 Exam Attempt Waiver Request of Janine  
16 Lobo Lopes, M.D., and sponsor her in an  
17 additional attempt at step three.

18 DR. WOODLAND:

19 Woodland, motion to approve.

20 MR. DILLON:

21 Dillon, second.

22 CHAIR YEALY:

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

25 Hearing none, may we have a roll

1 call vote please?

2

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

8 [The motion carried. Mr. Emery abstained from  
9 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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11 MS. ARCHER:

12 Finally, at Agenda Item 49, I believe  
13 the Board would entertain a motion to  
14 deny the supersedeas petition for Amy  
15 Mazza MacIntyre, M.D., and that's at  
16 Case No. 21-49-012788.

17 DR. WOODLAND:

18 Motion to accept, Woodland.

19 MR. DILLON:

20 Dillon, second.

21 CHAIR YEALY:

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

24 MR. DILLON:

25 Just to be clarify, the motion is to

1 deny. I just want to be clear on that.

2 Correct?

3 MS. ARCHER:

4 That's right, yes.

5 MR. DILLON:

6 Thank you.

7 DR. WOODLAND:

8 Accept the denial, yeah, I'm sorry.

9 CHAIR YEALY:

10 Any further discussion?

11 If not, may we have a roll call  
12 vote please?

13

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

19 [The motion carried. Mr. Emery abstained from  
20 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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22 Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Report

23 [Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel, reported the  
24 Board received no public comments for 16A-4945,  
25 General Revisions. In addition, there was a no

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11                   If you're okay with it, we can  
12                   entertain a motion to approve the  
13                   release of the exposure draft of this  
14                   regulation.  And it's 16A-4965.

16                   Woodland, motion to approve.

|    |                 |
|----|-----------------|
| 18 | Dillon, second. |
|----|-----------------|

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

22 [Dr. Woodland commented the regulation has been in  
23 the works for a long time, and while great that it is  
24 being put through, he cautioned about potential costs  
25 associated. Chair Yealy agreed, noting any intended

1 or unattended consequences will need monitored.

2 Ms. Archer noted working with stakeholders  
3 through the drafting process. One of the concerns  
4 raised was the two-step process that midwives  
5 currently have to go through to obtain prescriptive  
6 authority which is unlike all other professions under  
7 the Medical Board. She noted the discussion did not  
8 change how the Annex was drafted; however, the  
9 discussion did include the possibility of making the  
10 process one-step instead of two.]

11 CHAIR YEALY:

12 Okay, we have a motion and a second and  
13 completed some discussion. Any further  
14 discussion or questions?

15 If not, can we have a roll call  
16 vote please?

17  
18 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.  
19 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.  
20 Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.  
21 Foster, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Mr. Emery,  
22 abstain; Dr. Six, aye.

23 [The motion carried. Mr. Emery abstained from  
24 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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1 Report of Board Counsel - Other

2 [Ashley Keefer Jones, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
3 explained Agenda Items 22 and 23 were FYIs regarding  
4 pending legislation. HB 76 would allow a physician's  
5 assistant to have their supervising or collaborating  
6 physician be licensed by either the State Board of  
7 Medicine or Osteopathic Medicine. Currently, the  
8 requirement is that the physician has to be licensed  
9 by the same board as the physician's assistant.

10 HB 2173 is a licensing bill regarding medical  
11 imaging and radiation therapy. The bill would not  
12 apply to any licensees who currently have medical  
13 imaging and radiation therapy within their scope of  
14 practice, auxiliary personnel or students.

15 Chair Yealy commented HB 76 is a practical and  
16 pragmatic way to simplify while maintaining rigor and  
17 a process that works for everybody being served.]

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19 FSMB Updates

20 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair noted Ms. Archer  
21 had been selected to serve as part of the FSMB  
22 (Federation of State Medical Boards) Attorney  
23 Workshop Planning Committee. He added Pennsylvania  
24 has exceptional input and leadership roles at FSMB  
25 led by Dr. Woodland, Mr. Dillon, and Ms. Archer. He

1 stated the Pennsylvania Medical Board is an unknown  
2 treasure in being thoughtful, forward thinking, and  
3 trying to drive practice in a way that eases it for  
4 those providing care and those receiving care while  
5 maintaining safety and rigor.]

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#### 7 Board Meeting Dates

8 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, stated the  
9 remaining 2026 meeting dates and 2027 meeting dates  
10 were shared. He noted there had been an increase in  
11 participation over the past ten years, and he hoped  
12 the participation continued.]

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#### 14 Miscellaneous

15 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair noted Agenda  
16 Items 45, 46, and 47 were only notifications and did  
17 no require any formal conversation. Ms. Archer  
18 confirmed the matters were current appeals of Board  
19 decisions.

20 Regarding Agenda Item 48, Chair Yealy stated the  
21 Board would be reinstituting a stakeholder newsletter  
22 to be distributed electronically. He noted the  
23 newsletter would help in the Board's efforts to have  
24 clear and consistent communication about the Board's  
25 efforts and what may be coming down the pike. The

1 first version is being drafted, and the cadence will  
2 either be monthly or parallel to the Board meetings.]

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4 Report of Committee on Legislation/Policy Development  
5 and Review

6 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, commented on  
7 the attendance at the Board meetings, congratulating  
8 Chair Yealy on his leadership. He noted there was a  
9 report included in the Board packet. Regarding  
10 Pennsylvania legislative updates, he stated there are  
11 ongoing efforts for speech and hearing advocacy.  
12 Other news across the state included data centers and  
13 their connection to nutrition and healthcare.

14 Dr. Woodland provided AMA (American Medical  
15 Association) updates, which included the new  
16 president, Dr. Willie Underwood III, urging the House  
17 Medicine to unite to rebuild a more equitable and  
18 sustainable healthcare system. The AMA is also  
19 working to address prior authorization issues. Dr.  
20 Woodland stated both the AMA and FSMB are addressing  
21 the idea that no, physicians are not "providers". He  
22 added providers is a term used to recognize different  
23 levels of clinicians. He noted there is a push to  
24 look at terminology supporting research and  
25 protecting prescriptive authority for physicians.

1 Dr. Woodland reported AAMC (Association of  
2 American Medical Colleges) legislative priorities  
3 included a statement on the passage of the full  
4 committee HHS appropriation bill. AAMC commended the  
5 committee for new resources for medical research and  
6 health workforce programs while strongly urging the  
7 committee to consider reversing its proposal cuts to  
8 and limitations on critical health priorities. AAMC  
9 also applauded the U.S. District Court decision  
10 blocking the administration's proposal to charge  
11 employers who wish to hire foreign workers on H1B  
12 visas. Other celebration's from AAMC included  
13 Academic Medicine Week and advancements on the SHARE  
14 Act. Dr. Woodland shared updates in administrative  
15 positions at FSMB.

16 Dr. Woodland noted there were also administrative  
17 changes at USMLE (United States Medical Licensing  
18 Examination). Mr. Dillon elaborated on the changes,  
19 noting there would not be a major impact on licensing  
20 bodies. The biggest change was transitioning from a  
21 system where the examination was administered  
22 throughout the year to a system where the  
23 administration dates were much more restricted. The  
24 change has to do with being careful regarding secure  
25 content and reducing the possibility of duplication

1 and the sharing of information. Dr. Woodland noted  
2 the changes provide boards with reassurance regarding  
3 the security of the exam while also allowing for  
4 transparency and the fairness for everybody involved.

5 Chair Yealy thanked Dr. Woodland and Mr. Dillon  
6 for the report and for being engaged.]

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8 Committee on Health-Related Professionals - No Report

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10 Report of Department of Health

11 [Robert Bonacci, M.D., on behalf of Debra Bogan,  
12 M.D., FAAP, Secretary Department of Health provided  
13 outbreak related updates. As of June 29, 2026,  
14 Pennsylvania had 87 measles cases year-to-date. The  
15 most recent outbreak was primarily in Lancaster and  
16 Lebanon counties with sporadic cases in Berks,  
17 Chester, Dauphin, Northumberland and York counties.  
18 U.S. case levels are north of 2,100 for the year.

19 He encouraged clinicians to maintain a heightened  
20 sense of awareness. He emphasized if a case is  
21 suspected, the clinician should contact their county  
22 municipal health department or state health  
23 department for help navigating the testing process as  
24 well as additional guidance. He also noted there is  
25 a measles webinar which will posted to the DOH

1 webpage.

2       Regarding Ebola, he noted returning travelers  
3 continue to be monitored at ports of entry. The  
4 outbreak is largely centered around the Democratic  
5 Republic of Congo with additional cases in Uganda and  
6 a single case in France. Total confirmed cases are  
7 near 1,300 with more than 350 deaths. He noted the  
8 numbers are expected to continue to rise. He  
9 provided links to the CDC's Ebola outbreak summary.

10       With expected heat waves, he encouraged  
11 clinicians to address risks of extreme heat with  
12 their patients. He also provided links from both the  
13 DOH and CDC for materials for patients and clinicians  
14 on ways to keep safe during extreme heat.

15       Dr. Bonacci reported the DOH released  
16 interpretive guidance for hospitals and ambulatory  
17 surgical facilities regarding anesthesia services and  
18 how the department interprets the administration of  
19 anesthesia in those settings. Any questions could be  
20 directed to the DOH Division of Acute and Ambulatory  
21 Care.

22       With the start of the academic year, on behalf of  
23 the department, Dr. Bonacci congratulated all  
24 trainees who had finished their residency or  
25 fellowships or who had graduated medical school. He

1 welcomed new trainees as they embarked on the start  
2 of their residency and fellowship training.

3 Chair Yealy commented on the interpretive  
4 guidance, noting it was an example of the DOH being  
5 able to work to create clarity and safety based on  
6 the clinical experiences throughout the Commonwealth  
7 as well as the willingness of their team to  
8 understand the concerns.]

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10 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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12 Report of Vice Chair

13 [Michael R. Ripchinski, M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP, Vice  
14 Chair, officially welcomed Dr. Emery to the Board.  
15 He wished everyone a safe, happy July 4th holiday and  
16 a safe summer.]

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18 Report of Board Chair

19 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair commented with  
20 the 250th birthday of the United States, the  
21 celebrations can be both wonderful and dangerous. He  
22 encouraged caution with fireworks, adult beverages,  
23 and outdoor activities, particularly with the heat.  
24 He noted the keys to staying safe in the heat are  
25 avoiding prolonged exposure, looking for early signs,

1 and staying hydrated. He noted July 1st is Canada  
2 Day and Bastille Day was in two weeks.

3 He shared his appreciation for the measles  
4 messaging, noting he finished medical school in the  
5 mid-80s and had not seen a single measles case in a  
6 long period of time. He was disheartened to have to  
7 relearn about measles again and how to recognize the  
8 symptoms. He hoped with the guidance of the  
9 Pennsylvania Department of Health and the CDC as well  
10 as the collective and individual voices, that measles  
11 could go away again. He added conversations with  
12 clarity and about vaccinations will go a long way.

13 Chair Yealy shared comments on threats in the  
14 healthcare industry. He noted the threats can be  
15 both verbal and physical and people need to be able  
16 to recognize and respond. He added in the case of an  
17 event, people need to support in physical, medical,  
18 psychological, or legal means. He noted it was not  
19 okay to suffer harm or be in great fear just because  
20 a person chose to provide service to others. He  
21 stated the ability to hear, respond, and share the  
22 truth about what is going on so everyone can  
23 collectively learn will go a long way.]

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25 Public Comment

1 [Katie Humen, M.Ed., BCBA, IBA, LBS, Training  
2 Director, ABA Support Services LLC inquired about one  
3 of her applicants whose application for behavior  
4 specialist was reviewed at the May meeting. She  
5 noted he was still waiting for communication  
6 regarding the outcome and asked to be directed to the  
7 best information or point of contact.

8 Ms. Archer took his name and stated she would  
9 reach out to him.]

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11 Adjournment

12 CHAIR YEALY:

13 Any other questions, concerns? Hearing  
14 none, Mark, I'll give you one final  
15 motion to offer up.

16 DR. WOODLAND:

17 Motion to adjourn.

18 MR. DILLON:

19 Second.

20 CHAIR YEALY:

21 I will do this one by acclamation.

22 Anyone who disagrees?

23 Okay, great to see everybody.

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25 [There being no other business, the State Board of

1 Medicine Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.]

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4 CERTIFICATE

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

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