



Pennsylvania Department of State

Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine

Agenda for August 18th, 2026

Time

Executive Session – 8:45 A.M.

Public Session – 10:30 A.M.

Location

In Person:

Eaton conference room
2525 N. 7th Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Online via Microsoft Teams:

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MEETING CALL TO ORDER (Donald M. Yealy, M.D., Chair)

1. Call to Order-10:30 A.M.

ACKNOWLEDGE PUBLIC-TURN OFF ELECTRONIC DEVICES (Donald M. Yealy, M.D., Chair)

RECURRING MEETING REQUIREMENTS AND CONDUCT (Board Counsel)

ATTENDEE IDENTIFICATION (Board Administrator)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Donald M. Yealy, M.D., Chair)

2. July 1st, 2026

APPOINTMENTS

3. 10:35am- Drexel Re-entry Program for Physician and Physician Assistants-Nielufar Varjavand, M.D

REPORT OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS

Todd Kriner, Esq

4. VRP Case No. 26-49-011147

5. VRP Case No. 26-49-009194

6. VRP Case No. 26-49-010554

7. Case No. 24-49-018171

Keith E. Bashore, Esq

8. Case No. 26-49-007619

9. Case No. 25-49-004700

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Jason T. Anderson, Esq

10. Case No.26-49-010776

11. Case No. 23-49-011860 and Case No. 19-49-012858

Liliana G. Fisher, Esq

12. Case No. 25-49-0015227

Nicholas Kahler, Esq

13. Case No. 25-49-006752

14. Case No. 25-49-014970

15. Case No. 25-49-015309

16. Case No. 25-49-014964

Courtney J. Restemayer, Esq

17. Case No. 25-49-015170

18. Case No. 25-49-015992

19. Case No. 24-49-018821

Berk V. Demiral, Esq

20. Case No. 24-49-000753

21. Case No. 24-49-008728

REPORT OF BOARD COUNSEL (Dana Archer, Ashley Keefer Jones)

Proposed Reports from Hearing Examiner

22. Alicia Collier, Behavior Specialist-Case No. 26-49-000083

23. Roger Dale Anderson, M.D.-Case No. 25-49-15305

24. Melanie McDonald, Behavior Specialist -Case No. 25-49-017776

25. Daniel Morgan, Behavior Specialist-Case No. 25-49-019565

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Adjudications from Hearing Examiner

Final Adjudications for Board Approval

- 26. Amjad Iqbal Butt, M.D.-Case No. 25-49-016776
- 27. Thomas Webster, M.D. Case No. 23-49-017744
- 28. Angelo, Physician Assistant- Case No. 25-49-014800
- 29. Jefferson Togba, Behavioral Specialist-25-49-017772

Regulatory Report

- 30. Status of Regulations
- 31. FYI-16A-4960-Published as Final-Education and Volunteer Services

Other

- 32. HB 2678 - Establishing Artificial Intelligence Guidelines for State Licensed Professionals
- 33. Act 34/HB 1851 - Midwives signing fetal death certificates
- 34. Discussion on NCOPE standards for direct supervision

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

Applications – Allied Health Professionals

- 35. Behavior Specialist-Kathryn Jury
- 36. Behavior Specialist-Tom Kamara Lake
- 37. Respiratory Therapist-Kristin Smith
- 38. Certified Nurse Midwife Prescriptive Authority-Amna Munir Shaikh

Applications – Unrestricted Physician and Surgeon

- 39. Medical Physician and Surgeon-Ayed Abed Yousif, M.D.
- 40. Medical Physician and Surgeon-Yavuz Cakir, M.D.
- 41. Medical Physician and Surgeon-Carlos Sebastian Gracias, M.D.
- 42. Medical Physician and Surgeon-Matthew Carpenter, M.D.

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Applications – Reactivations

43. Medical Physician and Surgeon-John Barnoski, M.D.

Reconsiderations

44. Medical Physician and Surgeon-Omar Almusa, M.D.

RATIFICATIONS

45. Medical Physician and Surgeon-Hatem Sarhan M.D.

46. Medical Physician and Surgeon-Ronald Walls, M.D.

47. Medical Physician and Surgeon-Maria Carmen Mir Maresma, M.D.

48. Medical Physician and Surgeon- Fatima Tun Nissa Raza, M.D.

FSMB UPDATES

FOR THE BOARDS INFORMATION – DISCUSSION

Board Meeting Dates

49. Upcoming 2026 Board Meeting Dates.

50. Upcoming 2027 Board Meeting Dates.

MISCELLANEOUS

51. Review of Preceptorship plan- Gregory Dischman, M.D.

52. Review of Preceptorship plan-Lawrence Adams, M.D.

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIR (Donald M. Yealy, M.D.)

REPORT OF VICE CHAIR (Michael R. Ripchinski M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP)

REPORT OF ACTING COMMISSIONER (Arion Claggett)

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Debra Bogen, M.D., FAAP)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEALTH-RELATED PROFESSIONALS
(Michael Ripchinski, MD, MBA, CPE, FAAFP, Gerard Dillon, PH.D.)

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION/POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW

(Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Adanma Okereh, CNM, CRNP, Nurse Midwife, John D. Six, M.D.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSURE QUALIFICATIONS

(Gerard F. Dillon, PH.D., Michael Ripchinski, M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP, John Kutz, M.D.)

REPORT OF BOARD ADMINISTRATOR (Jamison Cassel)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

**State Board of Medicine Committee
Information**

Probable Cause Screening Committee		
John Kutz, M.D.	Chair	Primary
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John D. Six, MD		Primary
Gerard Dillon, PH.D.		Alternate*
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Gerard F. Dillon, PH.D.		
Committee on Legislation / Policy Development and Review		
Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG	Chair	Primary
Adanma Okereh, CNM, CRNP, Nurse Midwife	Co-Chair	Primary
John D. Six, M.D.		Primary
Committee on Licensure Qualifications***		
Gerard F. Dillon, PH.D.	Chair	Primary
Michael Ripchinski, M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP		Primary
John Kutz, M.D.		Primary

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February 2
March 17
April 22
May 19
July 1
August 18
September 29
November 10
December 23

2027 Board Meeting Dates
February 2
March 15
April 27
June 9
July 19
August 31
October 13
November 22
December 28