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

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

April 22, 2026

State Board of Medicine
April 22, 2026

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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

Misha Patel, Esquire, Assistant General Counsel,
Pennsylvania Medical Society
Randy Stevens, M.D., Assistant Professor, Drexel
University College of Medicine
Mary Marshall, Senior Director, Workforce and
Professional Development, The Hospital and
Healthcare Association of Pennsylvania
Ruth Fagbemi, M.D.
Call-In # 1-717-753-1788
Allison Walker, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
Inc.

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2 State Board of Medicine

3 April 22, 2026

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

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14 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
15 Board of Medicine was held on Monday, April 22, 2026.
16 Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, called the
17 meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Yealy thanked the
18 Board of Medicine members and staff of the
19 Commonwealth for their dedication, work and
20 excellence to assure the Board is serving the
21 citizens of the Commonwealth.

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

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2 [Dana M. Archer, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel,
3 noted, pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine
4 Act, the Board entered into executive session for the
5 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations to
6 discuss matters on the agenda and to receive the
7 advice of counsel

8 Ms. Archer also noted the meeting was being
9 recorded and voluntary participation constituted
10 consent to be recorded.]

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12 Roll Call of Board Members

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

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16 Introduction of Attendees

17 [Jamison Cassel, Board Administrator, provided an
18 introduction of attendees.]

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20 Approval of Minutes of the February 2, 2026 regular
21 meeting

22 CHAIR YEALY:

23 Let me start off with the minutes from
24 the March 17, 2026 Board of Medicine
25 meeting that have been previously

1 circulated.

2 I'm happy to entertain a motion to
3 approve those.

4 DR. KUTZ:

5 Kutz, so moved.

6 DR. DILLON:

7 Dillon, second.

8 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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

19 [The motion carried. Ms. Okereh abstained from
20 voting on the motion.]

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22 Report of Prosecuting Attorneys

23 [Todd Kriner, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,
24 presented the VRP Agreements for Agenda Item No. 3,
25 Case No. 26-49-0013630; Agenda Item No. 4, Case No.

1 26-49-001681; and Agenda Item No. 5, Case No. 25-49-
2 003517.]

3 MS. KEEFER:

4 I believe the Board Chair would
5 entertain a motion to adopt the VRP
6 Consent Agreements at Item No. 3, Case
7 No. 26-49-0013630; Item No. 4, Case No.
8 26-49-001681; and Item No. 5, Case No.
9 25-49-003517.

10 DR. KUTZ:

11 Kutz, so moved.

12 DR. DILLON:

13 Dillon, second.

14 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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2 [Todd Kriner, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,
3 presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda Item No.
4 6, Case No. 26-49-017983.

5 Mr. Kriner, on behalf of Keith E. Bashore,
6 Esquire, presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda
7 Item No. 7, Case No. 24-49-013780.

8 Mr. Kriner, on behalf of Nicholas C. Kahler,
9 Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented the Consent
10 Agreements for Agenda Item No. 8, Case No. 25-49-
11 001780; and Agenda Item No. 9, Case No. 25-49-002315.

12 Mr. Kriner, on behalf of Jason T. Anderson,
13 Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented the Consent
14 Agreements for Agenda Item No. 15, Case No. 25-49-
15 016057; and Agenda Item No. 16, Case No. 25-49-
16 014688.]

17 MS. KEEFER:

18 I believe the Chair would entertain a
19 motion to adopt the following Consent
20 Agreements for which there are no
21 recusals: Item No. 6, Case No. 26-49-
22 017983; Item No. 8, Case No. 25-49-
23 001780; Item No. 9, Case No. 25-49-
24 002315; Item No. 15, Case No. 25-49-
25 16057; and Item No. 16, Case No. 25-49-

1 014688.

2 DR. KUTZ:

3 Kutz, so moved.

4 DR. 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?

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

17 [The motion carried unanimously. Respondent's name
18 at Item No. 6, Case No. 26-49-017983, is Loring
19 Perry, M.D. Respondent's name at Item No. 8, Case
20 No. 25-49-001780, is George Robert Fagan, PO, OT.
21 Respondent's name at Item No. 9, Case No. 25-49-
22 002315, is Carlos Alberto Guanche, M.D. Respondent's
23 name at Item No. 15, Case No. 25-49-016057, is Justin
24 David Waltrous, M.D. Respondent's name at Item No.
25 16, Case No. 25-49-014688, is Charles Farnsworth

1 Hales, M.D.]

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3 MS. KEEFER:

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9 DR. KUTZ:

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I believe the Chair would also entertain a motion to adopt the Consent Agreement at Item No. 7, Case No. 24-49-013780, from which Dr. Healy is recused.

Kutz, so moved.

DR. 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, recused; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Ms. Okereh, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye.

[The motion carried. Dr. Yealy recused himself from deliberations and voting on the motion. Respondent's

1 name at Item No. 7, Case No. 24-49-013780, is Jonas
2 M. Sheehan, M.D.]

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4 [Liliana G. Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
5 presented the Consent Agreements for Agenda Item No.
6 10, Case No. 25-49-006736; Agenda Item No. 11, Case
7 No. 25-49-014803; and Agenda Item No 12, Case No. 25-
8 49-011428.]

9 MS. KEEFER:

10 I believe the Chair would entertain a
11 motion to adopt the Consent Agreements
12 at Item No. 10, Case No. 25-49-006736;
13 Item No. 11, Case No. 25-49-014803; and
14 Item No 12, Case No. 25-49-011428.

15 DR. KUTZ:

16 Kutz, so moved.

17 DR. DILLON:

18 Dillon, second.

19 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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

1 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.
2 Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Ms.
3 Okereh, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
4 aye.

5 [The motion carried unanimously. Respondent's name
6 at Item No. 10, Case No. 24-49-006736, is Jason Joel
7 Emer, M.D. Respondent's name at Item No. 11, Case
8 No. 25-49-014803, is Laura Hatfield. Respondent's
9 name at Item No 12, Case No. 25-49-011428, is Wa'el
10 H. Milyani, M.D.]

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12 [Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
13 presented the Consent Agreements for Agenda Item No.
14 13, Case No. 25-49-012767; and Agenda Item No. 14,
15 Case No. 25-49-009903.]

16 MS. KEEFER:

17 I believe the Chair would entertain a
18 motion to adopt the Consent Agreement
19 at Item No. 13, Case No. 25-49-012767,
20 for which there are no recusals.

21 DR. KUTZ:

22 Kutz, so moved.

23 DR. DILLON:

24 Dillon, second.

25 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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

11 [The motion carried unanimously. Respondent's name
12 at Item No. 13, Case No. 24-49-012767, is Neil Kamal
13 Sinha, M.D.]

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15 MS. KEEFER:

16 I believe the Chair would entertain a
17 motion to adopt the Consent Agreement
18 at Item No. 14, Case No. 25-49-009903,
19 for which Dr. Six, Dr. Kutz, and Dr.
20 Ripchinski are recused.

21 DR. KUTZ:

22 Kutz, so moved.

23 DR. DILLON:

24 Dillon, second.

25 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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

11 [The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Six, Dr. Kutz,
12 and Dr. Ripchinski recused from deliberations and
13 voting on the motion. Respondent's name at Item No.
14 14, Case No. 25-49-009903, is Robert Brian McLendon,
15 M.D.]

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17 Report of Board Counsel

18 MS. ARCHER:

19 Agenda Item No. 17, I believe the Board
20 would entertain a motion to direct
21 Board Counsel to draft a Final
22 Adjudication and Order addressing
23 exceptions for Amy Mazza Macintyre,
24 M.D., and that's at Case No. 21-49-
25 012788.

1 DR. KUTZ:

2 Kutz, so moved.

3 DR. DILLON:

4 Dillon, second.

5 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 [Ms. Archer noted Agenda Item Nos. 18 and 19 were
19 tabled until the next Board meeting to allow the
20 Board to review exceptions filed by the parties.]

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22 MS. ARCHER:

23 At Agenda Item No. 20, I believe the
24 Board would entertain a motion to
25 direct Board Counsel to draft

1 the Final Adjudication and Order
2 consistent with discussions in
3 Executive Session for Matthew J.
4 Degirolamo, M.D., and that's at Case
5 No. 24-49-014042.

6 DR. KUTZ:

7 Kutz, so moved.

8 DR. DILLON:

9 Dillon, second.

10 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 MS. ARCHER:

24 Agenda Item No. 21, I believe the Board
25 would entertain a motion to adopt the

1 proposed Adjudication and Order of the
2 hearing examiner for Sherie Wilson, and
3 that's at Case No. 25-49-014280.

4 DR. KUTZ:

5 Kutz, so moved.

6 DR. DILLON:

7 Dillon, second.

8 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 MS. ARCHER:

22 Agenda Item No. 22, I believe the Board
23 would entertain a motion to adopt the
24 proposed Adjudication and Order of the
25 hearing examiner for Meagan Olman, and

1 that's at Case No. 25-49-012273.

2 DR. KUTZ:

3 Kutz, so moved.

4 DR. 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?

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

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 MS. ARCHER:

20 At Agenda Item Nos. 24 and 26 through
21 27, I believe the Board would entertain
22 a motion to provisionally deny the
23 following applications to practice as a
24 Behavior Specialist: Rashead Grant,
25 Keeshina Debose, and Joelle Nakell

1 Hollis.

2 DR. KUTZ:

3 Kutz, so moved.

4 DR. 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?

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

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 [Ms. Archer noted Agenda Item No. 25 had been
20 removed.]

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22 MS. ARCHER:

23 At Agenda Item No. 28, I believe the
24 Board would entertain a motion to grant
25 the applications to practice as a

1 Behavior Specialist of Manah Cooper.

2 DR. KUTZ:

3 Kutz, so moved.

4 DR. 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?

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

17 [The motion carried. Dr. Ripchinski, Dr. Woodland,
18 Dr. Bonacci, and Dr. Kutz opposed the motion.]

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20 MS. ARCHER:

21 At Agenda Item Nos. 29 and 30, I
22 believe the Board would entertain a
23 motion to ratify the granting of the
24 license to practice as a Behavior
25 Specialist of Jasmine Bosley and Taryn

1 Prewitt.

2 DR. KUTZ:

3 Kutz, so moved.

4 DR. 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?

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

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 MS. ARCHER:

20 At Agenda Item No. 31, I believe the
21 Board would entertain a motion to
22 provisionally deny the application for
23 a license to practice as a Respiratory
24 Therapist of Renee Michelle Lehmann.

25 DR. KUTZ:

1 Kutz, so moved.

2 DR. 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?

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

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 MS. ARCHER:

18 At Agenda Item No. 32, I believe the
19 Board would entertain a motion to
20 provisionally deny the application for
21 a license to practice as a Medical
22 Physician and Surgeon of Raymond
23 Lamptey, M.D.

24 DR. KUTZ:

25 Kutz, so moved.

1 DR. DILLON:

2 Dillon, second.

3 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 MS. ARCHER:

17 At Agenda Item No. 33, I believe the
18 Board would entertain a motion to
19 ratify the granting of the application
20 for a license to practice as a Medical
21 Physician and Surgeon of Jay
22 Bharatkumar Thakkar, M.D.

23 DR. KUTZ:

24 Kutz, so moved.

25 DR. DILLON:

1 Dillon, second.

2 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 MS. ARCHER:

16 At Agenda Item No. 34, I believe the
17 Board would entertain a motion to
18 provisionally deny the application for
19 an institutional license of Joanna
20 Usifo, M.D.

21 DR. KUTZ:

22 Kutz, so moved.

23 DR. DILLON:

24 Dillon, second.

25 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 MS. ARCHER:

14 I believe the Board would entertain a
15 motion to table Agenda Item Nos. 35
16 through 38 and invite the following
17 reactivation applications to obtain a
18 re-entry assessment and follow through
19 with any recommendations: Rae Lynne
20 Connolly, M.D.; Heidi Young, M.D.;
21 Nicole Pavlides Blitzler; and Sheila
22 Kent Deniken.

23 DR. KUTZ:

24 Kutz, so moved.

25 DR. DILLON:

1 Dillon, second.

2 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 MS. ARCHER:

16 At Agenda Item Nos. 39 through 48, I
17 believe the Board would entertain a
18 motion to ratify the granting of the
19 following applications to practice as a
20 Medical Physician and Surgeon: Mahyar
21 Daskareh, M.D.; Wanda Carla Emeris
22 Bellamy, M.D.; Isabele reis De Araujo
23 Pereira, M.D.; Junwoo Kim, M.D.; Yusuf
24 Baytar, M.D.; Marija Balic, M.D.; Fatma
25 Bilge Ergen, M.D.; Minjie Guo, M.D.;

1 Surbhi Lnu, M.D.

2 DR. KUTZ:

3 Kutz, so moved.

4 DR. 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?

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

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 MS. ARCHER:

20 At Agenda Item No. 51, I believe the
21 Board would entertain amotion to grant
22 the initial application for license to
23 practice as a Medical Physician and
24 Surgeon of Ruth Fagbemi, M.D.

25 DR. KUTZ:

1 Kutz, so moved.

2 DR. 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?

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

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 MS. ARCHER:

18 At Agenda Item No. 52, I believe the
19 Board would entertain a motion to direct
20 T.C. to enroll with a professional
21 health monitoring program on the
22 Voluntary Recovery Program for a period
23 of three years.

24 DR. KUTZ:

25 Kutz, so moved.

1 DR. DILLON:

2 Dillion, second.

3 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

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

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 [Chair Yealy noted Agenda Item No. 23, Status of
17 Regulations, for further discussion.

18 Dr. Woodland stated a poster had been submitted
19 for the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) on
20 nutrition education and mandatory medical education.
21 He noted discussion at previous Board meetings
22 regarding nutrition education in Pennsylvania. He
23 questioned whether legislation had been introduced on
24 the matter. Ms. Archer did not have any updates, but
25 offered to inquire into the matter following the

1 meeting.

2 Chair Yealy reiterated the Board's interest in
3 pursuing broader conversations about nutritional
4 education.

5 Dr. Woodland discussed research by two medical
6 students from Drexel. He stated the Accreditation
7 Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) held a
8 summit on nutrition and medical education in 2023.
9 The subject matter is now circulating through medical
10 licensure. Chair Yealy commended Dr. Woodland on the
11 poster.]

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13 Miscellaneous

14 [Chair Yealy noted Agenda Item 53 - FYI Private
15 Letters of Concern for the Board's review.]

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17 For the Board's Information - Discussion

18 [Chair Yealy noted the Board's 2026 and 2027 Board
19 meeting dates for attendance.]

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21 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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23 Report of Committee on Licensure Qualifications - No
24 Report

25 [Chair Yealy pointed out this committee is an active

1 committee that looks at the non-traditional pathways
2 to licensure and offers an initial evaluation. It is
3 a part of the Commonwealth's approach to licensure
4 for the allopathic board. He commended the committee
5 members for their work.]

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7 Report of Committee on Legislation/Policy Development
8 and Review

9 [Dr. Woodland reported on the upcoming meeting of the
10 FSMB to be held in Baltimore, MD. The information
11 noted on the poster will be disseminated at the
12 meeting. He reviewed the following matters to be
13 considered by the House of Delegates of the FSMB
14 meeting: Ethics and Professionalism Committee,
15 Physician Collective Bargaining and Utilization
16 document; Trends in Prescribing and Dispensing work
17 group; Report from the work group on clinical
18 decision-making and a statement about artificial
19 intelligence; and the Assistant Physicians'
20 legislation developments for unmatched medical
21 graduates in the United States. He stated reports
22 following the meeting will be provided to the Board.
23 Dr. Woodland discussed the blocking of Medicaid
24 in Pennsylvania for abortion violating state
25 Constitution by a vote of 4 to 3 decision. The

1 court's majority opinion by Judge Matthew Wolf wrote
2 that recognizing this fundamental right is necessary
3 to restrict government to its proper sphere, thus
4 protecting liberty. In dissenting opinion, Judge
5 Patricia McCullough stated the majority opinion
6 judges move no definition of contrast, no practice
7 applicability and no contextual support. This matter
8 will move on to a higher State Supreme Court for
9 final ruling.

10 Dr. Woodland discussed the American Medical
11 Association (AMA) National Advocacy Update, which is
12 urging representatives to support the Provider
13 Reimbursement Stability Act. This was a recently
14 introduced Provider Reimbursed Stability Act. It is
15 a bipartisan act taking a major step in Medicare
16 physician payment. Part of it is to help with not
17 only stabilization but also workforce issues that are
18 predicted in the future.

19 Dr. Woodland discussed a new tool developed in
20 clinical collaboration with the AMA to illustrate
21 mental health and substance use coverage metrics.
22 This is the first time that a use of a metric for
23 mental health priority to push insurance coverage was
24 presented. The AMA recognized the number of US
25 patients on active long-term opiate treatment

1 declined by nearly a quarter between 2015 and 2017
2 and the current data.

3 Dr. Woodland noted the Association of American
4 Medical Colleges (AAMC) put forth a statement on the
5 President's budget requests for fiscal year 2027,
6 looking at proposed reductions, especially in NIH
7 expenditure, workforce, health workforce programs,
8 Title 7 health professions and Title 8 nursing
9 workforce issues and proposed cuts for the CDC. The
10 urge is for people to understand the impact it may
11 have on healthcare innovation, healthcare workforce,
12 and access for care for patients.]

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14 [Chair Yealy requested Ms. Keefer update the Board on
15 House Bill 1982. Ms. Keefer state the bill passed
16 through the House and was being considered by the
17 Senate.]

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19 Report of Committee on Health-Related Professionals -
20 No Report

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22 Report of Department of Health

23 [Robert Bonacci, M.D., on behalf of Debra Bogan,
24 M.D., FAAP, Secretary Department of Health, discussed
25 making practitioners and healthcare facilities aware

1 that the Department of Health recently published a
2 structured exception guidance regarding RH testing
3 prior to abortion services.

4 Dr. Bonacci noted recent key updates in the
5 literature that suggests that women under 12 weeks of
6 gestation are at extremely low risk of RH
7 sensitization, even without prophylaxis. He noted
8 similar updates from the World Health Organization,
9 the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology,
10 and the Society of Family Planning. There have been
11 also changes in the federal regulations around the
12 testing, the classification of testing, and the level
13 of complexity of RH testing.

14 Chair Yealy noted the peak for the respiratory
15 viral season was nearly over. The monoclonal
16 antibody immunizations may still be ordered until the
17 end of April 2026.

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19 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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21 Report of Vice Chair - No Report

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23 Report of Board Chair

24 [Chair Yealy discussed where Pennsylvania leads the
25 country in handling and participating in the

1 licensure of healthcare professionals, notably
2 physicians, but not exclusive inclusively, first and
3 foremost. He noted Dr. Mark Woodland will become the
4 chair of the Federation of State Medical Boards,
5 which speaks to the Board's engagement not only
6 across the Commonwealth, but also across the country.
7 Dr. Woodland will be joined by Dr. Dillon, who is a
8 delegate. Both were participants in a collective
9 guidance coming out from the FSMB.

10 Chair Yealy discussed a recent CDC Health
11 Advisory bulletin related to medetomidine and
12 substance abuse. He noted the leading citation came
13 from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, particularly
14 experts in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. He stated
15 Pennsylvania remains committed to responding as
16 quickly and appropriately to share information.

17 Chair Yealy noted a recent article from the
18 *Philadelphia Inquire* that suggested that the
19 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other states require
20 complete retraining of individual trained overseas.
21 The Pennsylvania Board of Medicine for an extended
22 period of time has had multiple pathways to consider
23 individuals that have traditional United States based
24 training and individuals trained elsewhere. Those
25 pathways are mature, structured, and identify the

1 nuances amongst individual candidates. The
2 Commonwealth responded and offered clarity to the
3 article. Chair Yealy acknowledged the Board's
4 responsibility to balance both safety and access to
5 health care providers. The Board is committed to
6 evaluating and onboarding individuals where
7 appropriate.

8 Chair Yealy discussed the upcoming month's
9 following recognitions: Testicular Cancer Awareness
10 Month, Child Abuse Awareness Month, and Donate Life
11 Month.

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13 Adjournment

14 CHAIR YEALY:

15 Let me open things up to see if there's
16 any further questions either from the
17 Board or anyone attending the meeting.

18 Seeing no questions, I'm happy to
19 entertain a motion to adjourn.

20 DR. KUTZ:

21 Kutz, so moved.

22 DR. DILLON:

23 Dillon, second.

24 CHAIR YEALY:

25 I'll break protocol for this one.

1 Assuming that there's no
2 objections, I'll take this as a
3 unanimous motion.

4 So thank you very much and we look
5 forward to seeing you at the next
6 meeting.

7 Thanks, everybody.

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9 [There being no other business, the State Board of
10 Medicine Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.]

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