

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: 10:31

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

August 19, 2025

State Board of Medicine
August 19, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS:

Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau 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
Walter A. Eisenhauer, MMSC, M.Ed., PA-C - Absent
John D. Six, M.D.
John A. Kutz, M.D., FACS
Catherine N. Udekwu, M.D. - Absent
Adanma S. Okereh, CNM, CRNP, Nurse Midwife - Absent
Sirisha Reddy on behalf of Debra Bogan, M.D., FAAP,
Secretary Department of Health

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel
Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel
Todd P. Kriner, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Jamison Cassel, Board Administrator
Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Patrick Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Saiyad Ali, Board Administrator
Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State
Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide, Department of State
Tanya Miller, Clerical Assistant 2
Nicholas Kahler, Intern, Pennsylvania Office of
Attorney General

ALSO PRESENT:

William Reynolds, MPAS, PA-C, DFAAPA
Randy Stevens, M.D.
Ted Mowatt, Vice President, Wanner Associates
Misha Patel, Esquire, Assistant General Counsel,
Pennsylvania Medical Society
Katie Jordan, Head of Communications and Education,
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council
Renee Greenawalt, Deputy Executive Director,
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council
Jake Muskovitz, Special Projects, Pennsylvania Health
Care Cost Containment Council

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ALSO PRESENT (cont.)

Angie Armbrust, Government Affairs Specialist, McNees
Government Relations

Sandy Fettrow, CPCS, Healthcare Consultant, Zetter
Healthcare

Benjamin Kotchi, Assistant Behavior Consultant, Gemma
Services

Patrick Leadbitter, DPAS, PA-C, Director of Clinical
Performance, Med Express

Gregory Dischman, M.D.

Brian

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Allison Walker, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
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 10:31
12 a.m.]

13 ***

14 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
15 Board of Medicine was held on Tuesday, August 19,
16 2025. Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, called the
17 meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

18 ***

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

22 ***

23 [Dana M. Archer, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel, noted
24 the meeting was being recorded and voluntary
25 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.]

9 ***

10 Introduction of Attendees

11 [Jamison Cassell, Board Administrator, provided an
12 introduction of attendees.]

13 ***

14 Approval of Minutes of the July 1, 2025 meeting

15 CHAIR YEALY:

16 We have minutes that were circulating
17 in advance. There have been some edits
18 that are being offered directly by Dr.
19 Woodland specific to his part of a
20 report.

21 Assuming that those are
22 incorporated, I'd be willing to
23 entertain a motion for approval of the
24 minutes.

25 DR. WOODLAND:

1 Motion to approve.

2 MR. DILLON:

3 Dillon, Second.

4 CHAIR YEALY:

5 So we have a motion and a second. Any
6 further conversation or input on the
7 minutes? Hearing none, can we have a
8 roll call vote?

9

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

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

15 ***

16 Appointments - Pennsylvania Health Care Costs

17 Containment Council (PHC4)

18 [Jake Muskovitz, Special Projects, Pennsylvania
19 Health Care Cost Containment Council, introduced
20 himself and his colleagues. He provided a brief
21 introduction of PCH4. He explained PHC4 is
22 conducting a three-year study on non-compete
23 agreements and their impact to healthcare in
24 Pennsylvania. Act 47 of 2024, the Fair Contracting
25 for Healthcare Practitioners, limited the

1 length of non-compete agreements and added
2 administrative requirements on employers.

3 Mr. Muskovitz provided the Board with an example
4 of a standard non-compete and reviewed the example
5 with the Board. Prior to Act 47, there were four
6 rules in which the court system in Pennsylvania would
7 use to judge the outcome of contract disputes:
8 Attachment to a lawful agreement like an employment
9 contract, association with additional compensation,
10 protection of legitimate interests such as referral
11 and patient lists, and a reasonable limitation in
12 either duration and geographic extent. Act 47 now
13 limits the length of non-compete agreements to one
14 year maximum and the agreements are only enforceable
15 upon voluntary departure of the employee. If an
16 employee is terminated for cause, the agreement is
17 considered void. The law is for five specific
18 license types: MDs, DOs, Pas, CRNPs, and CRNAs.

19 Mr. Muskovitz noted the last paragraph of the law
20 instructed PHC4 to conduct the three-year study and
21 report the findings to both health committees of the
22 legislature at the beginning of 2028. He reviewed the
23 prior survey steps PHC4 had conducted, such as public
24 comments, training a model to recognize thematic
25 sentences and semantic meaning, and a hands-on care

1 provider survey. There is a second public comment
2 period planned for the beginning of 2027, and the
3 same model will be used to review the comments to
4 identify changes over time.

5 Early results from the voluntary provider survey
6 captured slightly less than 200 MDs, roughly 45
7 percent of the population. Mr. Muskovitz reviewed
8 different parts of the survey with the Board. He
9 also presented how the survey results can be filtered
10 to look at specific information to help with such
11 requests as tracking of filed civil lawsuits, which
12 was a request of support staff within the
13 legislature. He discussed the data collecting
14 efforts across the Commonwealth in ways other than
15 the survey. These ways include data sources within
16 the Pennsylvania government, such as the Department
17 of Health, as well as from employers and the Hospital
18 and Health System Association of Pennsylvania.

19 Mr. Muskovitz concluded his presentation by
20 reviewing different ways to keep in touch with PHC4
21 including their website, newsletter and email. He
22 also offered QR codes to PHC4's contact information,
23 public reports and case studies.

24 Dr. Woodland stated in his opinion, non-compete
25 agreements can be prejudicial for physicians and

1 interfere with professional development and career
2 opportunities. He added he believed if physicians
3 were organized, perhaps non-compete agreements would
4 be challenged as being legal in the first place.

5 Mr. Muskovitz thanked Dr. Woodland for his
6 comments. He stated PHC4 has not approached non-
7 compete agreements in regards to either of Dr.
8 Woodland's comments, but it would take the comments
9 into consideration.

10 Gregory Dischman, M.D. asked if professions other
11 than physicians used non-compete agreements as he did
12 not know of any.

13 Mr. Muskovitz replied non-compete agreements are
14 common across employment culture, and there are many
15 industries which use them in the United States.]

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17 Report of Prosecuting Attorneys

18 [Todd Kriner, Board Prosecution Liaison, presented
19 the VRP Agreement for Agenda Item No. 4, Case No. 25-
20 49-008685.]

21 CHAIR YEALY:

22 I don't see any hands raised. I'll be
23 happy to entertain a motion.

24 MS. ARCHER:

25 I believe the Board would entertain a

1 motion to approve the VRP Agreement in
2 Case No. 25-49-008685.

3 DR. WOODLAND:

4 Mark Woodland, motion to approve.

5 MR. DILLON:

6 Dillon, second.

7 CHAIR YEALY:

8 We have a motion and a second. Any
9 further conversation? If not, can we
10 have a roll call vote, please?

11

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

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

17

18 [Mr. Kriner presented the VRP Agreement for Agenda
19 Item No. 5, Case No. 25-49-009125.]

20 CHAIR YEALY:

21 Seeing no questions, I'm happy to
22 entertain a motion.

23 MS. ARCHER:

24 I believe the Board would entertain a
25 motion to approve the VRP Consent

1 Agreement in Case No. 25-49-009125.

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 conversation? Seeing and
9 hearing none, can we have a roll call
10 vote, please?

11

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

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

17

18 [Mr. Kriner presented the VRP Agreement for Agenda
19 Item No. 6, Case No. 25-49-007566.]

20 CHAIR YEALY:

21 Seeing no questions, I'd be happy to
22 entertain a motion.

23 MS. ARCHER:

24 I believe the Board would entertain a
25 motion to approve the VRP Consent

1 Agreement in Case No. 25-49-007566.

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 conversation? Seeing and
9 hearing none, a roll call vote, please.

10

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

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

16

17 [Mr. Kriner presented the VRP Agreement for Agenda
18 Item No. 7, Case No. 25-49-009305.]

19 CHAIR YEALY:

20 Seeing no questions, I'd be happy to
21 entertain a motion.

22 MS. ARCHER:

23 I believe the Board would entertain a
24 motion to approve the VRP Consent
25 Agreement in Case No. 25-49-009305.

1 DR. WOODLAND:

2 Woodland, motion to approve.

3 MR. DILLON:

4 Dillon, second.

5 CHAIR YEALY:

6 We have a motion and a second. Any
7 further conversation? Seeing and
8 hearing none, roll call vote, please.

9

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

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

15 ***

16 [Mr. Kriner presented the Consent Agreement for
17 Agenda Item No. 8, Case No. 22-49-006750.]

18 CHAIR YEALY:

19 I see no questions. I'd be willing to
20 entertain a motion.

21 MS. ARCHER:

22 I believe the Board would entertain a
23 motion to approve the Consent Agreement
24 in Case No. 22-49-006750.

25 DR. WOODLAND:

1 Woodland, motion to approve.

2 MR. DILLON:

3 Dillon, second.

4 CHAIR YEALY:

5 We have a motion and a second. Any
6 further conversation? Seeing and
7 hearing none, may we have a roll call
8 vote, please?

9

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

14 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent in
15 Case No. 22-49-006750 is Zeferino Martinez, MD.]

16 ***

17 [Mr. Kriner, on behalf of Keith E. Bashore, Esquire,
18 Board Prosecution Liaison, presented the Consent
19 Agreement for Agenda Item No. 9, Case No. 25-49-
20 008500.]

21 CHAIR YEALY:

22 Seeing no questions, I'd be happy to
23 entertain a motion.

24 MS. ARCHER:

1 I believe the Board would entertain a
2 motion to approve the Consent Agreement
3 in Case No. 25-49-008500.

4 DR. WOODLAND:

5 Motion to approve, Woodland.

6 MR. DILLON:

7 Dillon, second.

8 CHAIR YEALY:

9 We have a motion and a second. Any
10 further conversation? Seeing and
11 hearing none, nay 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. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
17 aye; Ms. Reddy, aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent in
19 Case No. 25-49-008500 is Karl Matthew Hagen, M.D.]

20 ***

21 [Mr. Kriner, on behalf Keith E. Bashore, Esquire,
22 Board Prosecution Liaison, presented the Consent
23 Agreement for Agenda Item No. 10, Case No. 25-49-
24 06474.]

25 CHAIR YEALY:

1 Seeing no questions, I'd be happy to
2 entertain a motion.

3 MS. ARCHER:

4 I believe the Board would entertain a
5 motion to approve the Consent Agreement
6 in Case No. 25-49-006474.

7 DR. WOODLAND:

8 Motion to approve, Woodland.

9 MR. DILLON:

10 Dillon, second.

11 CHAIR YEALY:

12 We have a motion and a second. Any
13 further conversation? Seeing and
14 hearing none, may we have a roll call
15 vote, please?

16

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

21 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent in
22 Case No. 25-49-006474 is Tiffany L. Burkhardt.]

23

24 [Mr. Kriner, on behalf Keith E. Bashore, Esquire,
25 Board Prosecution Liaison, presented the Consent

1 Agreement for Agenda Item No. 11, Case No. 24-49-
2 001211.]

3 CHAIR YEALY:

4 Seeing no questions, I'd be happy to
5 entertain a motion please.

6 MS. ARCHER:

7 I believe the Board would entertain a
8 motion to approve the Consent Agreement
9 in Case No. 24-49-001211.

10 DR. WOODLAND:

11 Motion to approve.

12 MR. DILLON:

13 Dillon, second.

14 CHAIR YEALY:

15 We have a motion and a second. Any
16 further conversation? Seeing and
17 hearing none, may we have a roll call
18 vote, please?

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

24 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent in
25 Case No. 24-49-001211 is David M. Katz, M.D.]

1
2 [Mr. Kriner, on behalf of Keith E. Bashore, Esquire,
3 Board Prosecution Liaison, presented the Consent
4 Agreement for Agenda Item No. 12, Case No. 23-49-
5 018274.]

6 CHAIR YEALY:

7 Seeing no questions, I'd be happy to
8 entertain a motion.

9 MS. ARCHER:

10 I believe the Board would entertain a
11 motion to approve the Consent Agreement
12 in Case No. 23-49-018274.

13 DR. WOODLAND:

14 Woodland, so moved.

15 MR. DILLON:

16 Dillon, second.

17 CHAIR YEALY:

18 We have a motion and a second. Any
19 further conversation? Seeing and
20 hearing none, may we have a roll call
21 vote, please?

22

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

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

3 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent in
4 Case No. 23-49-018274 is Avinash L. Jadhav, M.D.]

5 ***

6 [Mr. Kriner, on behalf Berk V. Demiral, Esquire,
7 Board Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreement for
8 Agenda Item No. 13, Case No. 21-49-011657.]

9 CHAIR YEALY:

10 Seeing no questions, I'd be happy to
11 entertain a motion.

12 MS. ARCHER:

13 I believe the Board would entertain a
14 motion to approve the Consent Agreement
15 in Case No. 21-49-011657.

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 conversation? Seeing and
23 hearing none, may we have a roll call
24 vote, please?

25

1 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
2 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.
3 Dillon, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
4 aye; Ms. Reddy, aye.

5 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent in
6 Case No. 23-49-018274 is Frederico Alfafara Padin,
7 MD.]

8 ***

9 [Mr. Kriner, on behalf of Keith E. Bashore, Esquire,
10 Board Prosecution Liaison, presented the Consent
11 Agreement for Agenda Item No. 12, Case No. 23-49-
12 018274.]

13 CHAIR YEALY:

14 Seeing no questions, I'd be happy to
15 entertain a motion.

16 MS. ARCHER:

17 I believe the Board would entertain a
18 motion to approve the Consent Agreement
19 in Case No. 23-49-018274.

20 DR. WOODLAND:

21 Woodland, so moved.

22 MR. DILLON:

23 Dillon, second.

24 CHAIR YEALY:

25 We have a motion and a second. Any

1 further conversation? Seeing and
2 hearing none, may we have a roll call
3 vote, please?

4
5 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
6 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.
7 Dillon, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
8 aye; Ms. Reddy, aye.

9 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent in
10 Case No. 22-49-018783 is Sadeq Ali Quraishi, M.D.]

11 ***

12 [Agenda Item No. 15, Case No. 25-49-002561, was
13 tabled to the next meeting. Due to recusals, there
14 was not a quorum available to vote.]

15 ***

16 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Reports from
17 Hearing Examiner

18 MS. ARCHER:

19 I believe the Board would entertain a
20 motion to direct Board Counsel to adopt
21 the Adjudication and Order of the
22 Hearing Examiner and substitute Final
23 Board Order and issue it for Orlando
24 Ross Davis, M.D., Case No. 23-49-
25 013982.

1 DR. WOODLAND:

2 Woodland, motion to approve.

3 MR. DILLON:

4 Dillon, second.

5 CHAIR YEALY:

6 We have a motion and a second. Any
7 further conversation? Seeing and
8 hearing none, may we have a roll call
9 vote?

10

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

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

16

17 MS. ARCHER:

18 At Agenda Items 17 through 19, I
19 believe the Board would entertain a
20 motion to adopt as final the Hearing
21 Examiner's Proposed Adjudication and
22 Order for the following: Dahn Dennis,
23 Case No. 24-49-017240; Brian John
24 Fazio, Case No. 24-49-015437; and
25 Zakkiyah Dixon, Case No. 24-49-017853.

1 DR. WOODLAND:

2 Motion to approve, Woodland.

3 MR. DILLON:

4 Dillon, second.

5 CHAIR YEALY:

6 We have a motion and a second. Any
7 further conversation on these
8 collective actions? Seeing and hearing
9 none, may we have a roll call vote,
10 please?

11

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

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

17

18 Report of Board Counsel - Adjudications from Hearing
19 Examiner and Final Adjudications for Board
20 Approval

21 MS. ARCHER:

22 For Agenda Items 20 and 22 through 24,
23 I believe the Board would entertain a
24 motion to adopt as final the following
25 Draft Adjudications: Paula Zak

1 Johnson, MD, Case No. 24-49-005674;
2 Cosmin Dobrescu, M.D., Case No. 24-49-
3 00017; Emma McGowan, M.D., Case No. 24-
4 49-002668; and Wei Wei Song, M.D., Case
5 No. 24-49-015137.

6 DR. WOODLAND:

7 Woodland, motion to approve.

8 MR. DILLON:

9 Dillon, second.

10 CHAIR YEALY:

11 We have a motion and a second. Any
12 further conversation on these collected
13 actions? Seeing and hearing none, may
14 we have a roll call vote, please?

15
16 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
17 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.
18 Dillon, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
19 aye; Ms. Reddy, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

21 ***

22 MS. ARCHER:

23 Going back to Agenda Item No. 21, I
24 believe the Board would entertain a
25 motion to adopt this Final Draft

1 Adjudication and Order for Hayriye
2 Beril Gok, M.D. That's Case No. 24-49-
3 000017, noting that Drs. Ripchinski and
4 Yealy are recused.

5 DR. WOODLAND:

6 Motion to adopt.

7 MR. DILLON:

8 Dillon, second.

9 CHAIR YEALY:

10 Any further conversation? A roll call
11 vote, please?

12

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

16 [The motion carried. Dr. Donald Yealy and Dr.
17 Michael Ripchinski were recused from deliberations
18 and voting on the matter.]

19 ***

20 Applications - Allied Health Professionals

21 [Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted Agenda
22 Item Nos. 30, 31 and 34 would be tabled to the next
23 meeting to allow applicants time to provide
24 additional information for the Board's clarity.]

25 ***

1 MS. ARCHER:

2 At Agenda Item No. 32, I believe the
3 Board would entertain a motion to grant
4 the Application to Practice as a
5 Behavior Specialist of Benjamin Kotchi.

6 DR. WOODLAND:

7 Motion to approve, Woodland.

8 MR. DILLON:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR YEALY:

11 We have a motion and a second. Any
12 further conversation? Seeing and
13 hearing none, may we have a roll call
14 vote, please?

15
16 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
17 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.
18 Dillon, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
19 aye; Ms. Reddy, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

21 ***

22 MS. ARCHER:

23 I believe the Board would entertain a
24 motion to provisionally deny the
25 following Applications to Practice as a

1 Behavior Specialist: Agenda Item No.
2 33, Sheikh Kamara and Agenda Item No.
3 36, Meagan Olmo.

4 DR. WOODLAND:

5 Motion to deny.

6 MR. DILLON:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR YEALY:

9 We have a motion and a second. Any
10 further conversation? Seeing and
11 hearing none, roll call vote, please.

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

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

18 ***

19 MS. ARCHER:

20 I believe the Board would entertain a
21 motion to grant the Application for a
22 License to Practice as a Behavior
23 Specialist of Danielle Yaworski, Agenda
24 Item No. 35.

25 DR. WOODLAND:

1 Motion to approve, Woodland.

2 MR. CLAGGETT:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR YEALY:

5 We have a motion and a second. Any
6 further conversation? Hearing and
7 seeing none, may we have a roll call
8 vote, please?

9

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

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

15 ***

16 Applications - Unrestricted Physician and Surgeon

17 MS. ARCHER:

18 Agenda Item No. 37, I believe the Board
19 would entertain a motion to grant the
20 Application for a License to Practice
21 as a Physician and Surgeon of Rajan
22 Gulati, M.D.

23 DR. WOODLAND:

24 Motion to grant.

25 MR. DILLON:

1 Dillon, second.

2 CHAIR YEALY:

3 We have a motion and a second. Any
4 further conversation? Seeing and
5 hearing none, may we have a roll call,
6 please?

7

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

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

13 ***

14 MS. ARCHER:

15 I believe the Board would entertain a
16 motion to table Agenda Item 38 and send
17 Ruth Fagbemi, M.D. a standard reentry
18 letter to allow her to obtain a reentry
19 evaluation and follow through with any
20 recommendations.

21 DR. WOODLAND:

22 Motion to table.

23 MR. DILLON:

24 Dillon, second.

25 CHAIR YEALY:

1 We have a motion and a second. Any
2 other conversation? Seeing and
3 hearing none, may we have a roll call,
4 please?

5
6 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
7 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.
8 Dillon, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
9 aye; Ms. Reddy, aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

11 ***

12 MS. ARCHER:

13 Agenda Items 39 and 40. I believe the
14 Board would entertain a motion to table
15 those agenda items to allow the
16 following applicants to apply for and
17 practice on an institutional license
18 for at least six months: Lubab Al
19 Quaraishi, M.D. and Azra Hasan, M.D.

20 DR. WOODLAND:

21 Motion, Woodland.

22 MR. DILLON:

23 Dillon, second.

24 CHAIR YEALY:

25 We have a motion and a second. Any

1 further conversation? Seeing and
2 hearing none, may we have a roll call
3 vote, please?

4
5 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
6 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.
7 Dillon, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
8 aye; Ms. Reddy, aye.

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 Applications - Reactivations

12 MS. ARCHER:

13 I believe the Board would entertain a
14 motion to table the following Agenda
15 Items and send a standard reentry
16 letter to allow the following
17 applicants to obtain a reentry
18 evaluation and follow through with any
19 recommendations: Agenda Item 41,
20 Lawrence Adams, M.D. and Agenda Item
21 45, Robert White.

22 DR. WOODLAND:

23 Motion to table.

24 MR. DILLON:

25 Dillon, second.

1 CHAIR YEALY:

2 We have a motion and a second. Any
3 further conversation? Seeing and
4 hearing none, may we have a roll call
5 vote, please?

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

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 MS. ARCHER:

14 Agenda Item 42, I believe the Board
15 would entertain a motion to grant the
16 Reactivation Application for Bruce
17 Baldwin, M.D.

18 DR. WOODLAND:

19 Motion to grant.

20 MR. DILLON:

21 Dillon, second.

22 CHAIR YEALY:

23 We have a motion and a second. Any
24 further conversation? Seeing and
25 hearing none, may we have a roll call

1 vote, please?

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3 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
4 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.
5 Dillon, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
6 aye; Ms. Reddy, aye.

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 MS. ARCHER:

10 Agenda Items 43 and 44, I believe the
11 Board would entertain a motion to table
12 these Agenda Items to allow Margaret
13 Franger, M.D. and Gregory Dischman,
14 M.D. additional time to obtain a
15 preceptor and develop a preceptorship
16 plan for the Board's review and
17 approval at a future meeting.

18 DR. WOODLAND:

19 Motion to table, Woodland.

20 MR. DILLON:

21 Dillon, second.

22 CHAIR YEALY:

23 We have a motion and a second. Any
24 further conversation? Seeing no
25 conversation requests from those

1 Voting, can we have a roll call?

2

3 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.
4 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.
5 Dillon, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
6 aye; Ms. Reddy, aye.

7 [The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Dischman shared
8 the steps he had taken to this point to regain his
9 license. He inquired if a fellowship would satisfy
10 the Board's demands for his licensure. He stated his
11 licensure is required to sit for his board
12 examination, which is needed for his Ph.D. candidacy.

13 Ms. Archer stated she would contact Dr. Dischman
14 after the meeting.]

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16 Ratifications

17 MS. ARCHER:

18 For Agenda Items 46 through 58, I
19 believe the Board would entertain a
20 motion to ratify the granting of the
21 following Applications: The
22 Application to Practice as a Medical
23 Physician and Surgeon of Aanal Vyas,
24 M.D.; Jose Cijin Puthussery, M.D.;
25 Hussam Banna, M.D.; Negri Brito, M.D.;

1 Patricia Rafful, M.D.; Sidonie Ibrikji,
2 M.D.; Kyung Hee Lee, M.D.; Tejal Magan,
3 M.D.; Athar Shadmani, M.D.; Ausia
4 Iqbal, M.D.; Artur Zgurov, M.D.; and
5 Kaushal Amrutial Upadhyay, M.D. The
6 Application for License and Practice as
7 a Behavior Specialist of Felicia
8 Gongor.

9 DR. WOODLAND:

10 Motion to grant.

11 MR. DILLON:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR YEALY:

14 We have a motion and a second. Any
15 further conversation? Seeing and
16 hearing none, may we have a roll call
17 vote, please?

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

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 Miscellaneous

1 MS. ARCHER:

2 Moving now to Agenda Items 61 and 62, I
3 believe the Board would entertain a
4 motion to deny the Reconsideration
5 requests of Charlotte Morris, CNM, and
6 Cynthia Alston, M.D.

7 DR. WOODLAND:

8 Woodland, motion to deny.

9 MR. DILLON:

10 Dillon, second.

11 CHAIR YEALY:

12 We have a motion and a second. Any
13 further conversation on either of
14 these? Seeing and hearing none, may we
15 have a roll call vote, please?

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

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

22 ***

23 Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Report - Status
24 of Regulations

1 [Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel, reported on
2 working on a General Revisions package and planned to
3 have it on the next Agenda. The package will update
4 outdated provisions in the Board Regulations. The
5 package will also incorporate several aspects from
6 the last several years such as the reduction in
7 graduate training for international graduates and
8 removing the two-facility limitation on the
9 institutional license.

10 Dr. Woodland volunteered to assist with the
11 package if needed. Ms. Archer stated she would send
12 him a draft, which Regulatory Counsel is currently
13 reviewing.]

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15 Report of Board Counsel - Regulations - Final

16 Rulemaking - Physicians Assistants

17 [Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel, reported the
18 final rulemaking for 16A-4955, regarding physicians
19 assistants, was published in July 2025. As such, the
20 regulation is officially off of the Agenda moving
21 forward.]

22 ***

23 Report of Board Counsel - Other

24 [Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel, reported there
25 was a scam alert. The Department of State is warning

1 the public about scams involving individuals falsely
2 claiming to represent the department. She noted the
3 scammers may make contact by phone, email or text
4 message and may attempt to obtain personal
5 information and demanding payment or threaten legal
6 action if the person does not comply. She added the
7 latest scam is tricky, because they use Dr. Yealy's
8 signature and use the name of David Archer as legal
9 counsel. She noted people should be aware and know
10 the department will never contact to demand payment
11 or personal information. She also noted official
12 communications from the department are typically sent
13 by mail or through secure official email addresses.]

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15 [Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel, reported Mir v.
16 Broad, et. al is a lawsuit filed in the Philadelphia
17 Court of Common Pleas. She provided an update,
18 stating the office of Attorney General is
19 representing the Board in the matter. She will keep
20 the Board apprised of any developments.]

21 ***

22 [Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the 2025
23 Attorney Workshop is being held November 16-17, 2025
24 in Philadelphia. She requested the Board vote on
25 sending her to the workshop.]

1 MS. ARCHER:

2 I believe the Board would entertain a
3 motion to send Board Counsel to the
4 2025 Attorney Workshop in Philadelphia
5 on November 16 and 17, 2025.

6 DR. WOODLAND:

7 Woodland, motion to approve.

8 MR. DILLON:

9 Dillon, second.

10 CHAIR YEALY:

11 We have a motion and a second. Any
12 further conversation? I feel compelled
13 to interject that our Board Counsel
14 does not need this but will certainly
15 benefit.

16 [The Board discussed the matter. Ms. Archer noted
17 the workshop would be useful to see how other states
18 are handling hot button issues like sexual
19 misconduct.]

20 CHAIR YEALY:

21 May we have a roll call vote, please?

22

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

1 aye; Ms. Reddy, aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 For the Board's Information - Discussion

5 [Dana Archer, Esquire, Board Counsel, reported
6 Pennsylvania now recognizes the RN's Nurse Licensure
7 Compact multi-state license as satisfying the RN
8 requirement for licensure as a certified midwife in
9 Pennsylvania. She noted, moving forward, if an
10 individual with a multi-state RN license applies for
11 a Certified Nurse Midwife license, the RN box will be
12 marked as complete, and they will only need to
13 provide the midwife portion of the education
14 training.]

15 Chair Yealy commented the interstate compacts
16 serve not just citizens of Pennsylvania but across
17 the country.

18 Dr. Woodland noted at the recent Federation of
19 State Medical Boards(FSMB) meeting there was a report
20 on the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC).
21 He noted the utilization of IMLC has increased
22 exponentially.]

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24 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, noted the 2025-
25 2026 meeting dates are available for any interested

1 parties.]

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3 FSMB Updates

4 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, reported the
5 FSMB recently released their eighth complete census
6 of all physicians in the United States. The total
7 population of licensed physicians was 1,082,187, up
8 27 percent since 2010 when the first census was
9 completed. U.S. medical graduates comprise about 77
10 percent of the workforce with international medical
11 graduates account for 23 percent. Women now account
12 for nearly 40 percent of all licensed physicians, a
13 65 percent increase since 2010. The mean age of
14 physicians is 52 with nearly one-third age 60 or
15 older, highlighting potential for future workforce
16 attrition. In 2024, a record 146,000 licenses were
17 issued by state medical boards. He noted the
18 increase in issued licenses was accelerated by
19 innovations such as the IMLC and the expansion of
20 telehealth services.

21 Dr. Woodland noted the FSMB will be having some
22 position changes including their legal team,
23 legislative affairs team, and integrated support
24 team.]

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1 Report of Committee on Legislation/Policy Development
2 and Review

3 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, reported the
4 International Association of Medical Regulatory
5 Associations would be having their annual meeting in
6 Dublin in September 2025. The theme of the meeting
7 will be People Focused Regulation for a Safer Global
8 Community. Meeting focuses include medical education
9 across the continuum, healthcare policy and medical
10 workforce planning.

11 Dr. Woodland reported Congress has revived H.R.
12 3890, the Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act.
13 The bill would address the residency training funding
14 cap that is driving some of the physician shortage in
15 the United States. It would also add 2,000 residency
16 slots per year between 2026 and 2032 and codify the
17 Rural Residency Planning Development Program.]

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19 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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21 Report of Committee on Licensure Qualifications - No
22 Report

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24 Report of Committee on Health-Related Professionals -
25 No Report

Report of Department of Health

[Sirisha Reddy on behalf of Debra Bogan, M.D., FAAP, Secretary Department of Health, reported the Department of Health posted several health advisory notices, which are issued to healthcare professionals. She noted the Department of Health received inquiries regarding respiratory disease and vaccinations. She added the Department did not have a specific update as it is not respiratory disease season. The Department does keep an updated Respiratory Disease Dashboard with data related to RSV, COVID, and flu incidence and mortality rates. She anticipated a health advisory notice would be issued within a month regarding respiratory diseases. She stated the Department will likely be addressing the importance of vaccinations through media campaigns, and updates would be forthcoming.]

Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

Report of vice Chair

[Michael R. Ripchinski, M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP, Vice Chair recognized the Committee for Licensure Qualification, as well as the Board, has been quite

1 busy over the summer providing licenses to licensees
2 who just joined the state or graduated from
3 residences and fellowships. He noted his
4 appreciation for all those now practicing in the
5 Commonwealth.

6 Chair Yealy also recognized the excellent work to
7 make sure people in the Commonwealth are served.]

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9 Report of Board Chair

10 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, noted it is
11 National Back to School Month, which lends people to
12 think about safety issues and health issues. He
13 noted vaccination is a big part of those issues. He
14 stated medical professionals will need to
15 individually give advice to people about vaccination
16 due to confusion and changes at the federal level.
17 He further stated doctors should be prepared for
18 those conversations with the people in their
19 practices. He noted, in general, the risks of
20 vaccination are exceptionally small and are
21 universally outweighed by the benefits.

22 Chair Yearly also noted it was National
23 Breastfeeding Month, National Eye Exam Month and
24 National Medic Alert Awareness Month. He added
25 breastfeeding is wonderful for those who are able to

1 successfully do it in the early phases of childhood.
2 He noted eye exams are important to detect and ensure
3 ocular health. He also noted Medic Alert Awareness
4 is important for people to be aware of when unplanned
5 moments happen.]

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7 Public Comment

8 [Gregory Dischman, M.D., stated he has had many
9 obstacles in reactivating his license. He stated he
10 had not received any contact from the Board's
11 attorneys following the prior meeting. He wanted to
12 have it noted for the record Ms. Archer would contact
13 him with further instructions.

14 Chair Yealy thanked Dr. Dischman for his comments
15 and stated everything was already on the record. He
16 would be contacted.]

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18 [Benjamin Kotchi, Assistant Behavior Consultant,
19 Gemma Services, stated his last name was spelled
20 incorrect on the Agenda. It was confirmed there
21 would be no issues with his certificate.]

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23 Adjournment

24 CHAIR YEALY:

25 I'd be happy to entertain a motion to

1 adjourn.

2 DR. WOODLAND:

3 Woodland, motion to adjourn.

4 DR. DILLON:

5 Dillon, second.

6 CHAIR YEALY:

7 Any further conversation? We will skip
8 a roll call vote and take this as a
9 general affirmation. Thank you all
10 very much.

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12 [There being no other business, the State Board of
13 Medicine Meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Allison Walker', is written over a horizontal line.

Allison Walker,

Minute Clerk

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August 19, 2025

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