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

FINAL MINUTES

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

TIME: 10:32 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
2601 North Third Street
One Penn Center, Board Room C
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110
as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Tuesday, March 7, 2023
State Board of Medicine  
March 7, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS:

Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair
Donald M. Yealy, M.D., Vice Chair
Gerard F. Dillon, Ph.D., Public Member
Michael Ripchinski, M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP
Walter A. Eisenhauer, MMSC, M.Ed., PA-C
Debra L. Bogen, M.D., FAAP, FABM, Acting Secretary, Department of Health - Absent

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Dean F. Picarella, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel
Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel
Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor/Prosecution Liaison
Mark R. Zogby, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Kelsey B. Ashworth, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Jonelle Harter Eshbach, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Nichole Wray, Board Administrator
Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Esquire, Executive Deputy Chief Counsel, Department of State
Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Executive Policy Specialist, Department of State
Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State
Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel
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ALSO PRESENT:

Susan DeSantis, PA-C, Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants  
Mary Marshall, Director, Workforce & Professional Development, The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania  
Angie Armbrust, Senior Associate, McNees-Winter Group LLC, representing the Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
Ted Mowatt, CAE, Vice President/Lobbyist, Wanner Associates  
Misha Patel, M.D., Curriculum Education Assistant, Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine  
Nicole Sidle, Executive Director, Professional Licensure Committee, PA House of Representatives  
Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC  
Lisa Claypool Stevenson, Senior Associate Counsel, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center  
Emily Hackman  
Randy Stevens, Director of Legislative Affairs, Pennsylvania Orthotic and Prosthetic Society  
Joanne Magro, M.D.  
Rick Bin  
Michele Ann McGinnis  
Kari L Orchard  
Danie Bendesky  
Tanya Miller
[Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at 8:45 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session with Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, and Shana M. Walter, Esquire, 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.]

The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Medicine was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Chair Woodland welcomed everyone to the State Board of Medicine Meeting. He reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded, and voluntary participation constituted consent to be recorded.

Chair Woodland recognized March as Women’s History Month and International Women’s Day tomorrow.

Chair Woodland also reminded everyone to keep electronic devices muted.
Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

[Chair Woodland provided an introduction of Board members and attendees.]

Approval of minutes of the February 7, 2023 meeting

CHAIR WOODLAND:

The first order of business is approval of minutes from February 7, 2023.

I would take a motion to approve.

DR. YEALY:

So moved.

MR. DILLON:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Any further discussion? No other discussion, Nichole, could you take a roll call, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

Report of Prosecuting Attorneys
[Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor/Prosecution Liaison, presented the VRP Consent Agreements for Case No. 22-49-018970 and Case No. 23-49-002408.]

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[Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 21-49-000717.]

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[Jonelle Harter Eshbach, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 22-49-006358.]

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[Kelsey B. Ashworth, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 22-49-010103.]

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[Mark R. Zogby, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 22-49-014728.]

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MS. WALTER:

Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, the Board entered into quasi-judicial deliberations this morning at 8:45 a.m. to discuss items
on the agenda at numbers 3 through 7
and 10 through 27.

We will move on into the VRP
Agreements. I believe the Board would
entertain a motion to accept the VRP
Agreements at number 3, Case No. 22-49-
018970, and number 4 at Case No. 23-49-
002408.

DR. YEALY:
So moved.

MR. DILLON:
Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:
Any further discussion on these two
items? Hearing none. Nichole, could
you do a roll call, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]  

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MS. WALTER:
I believe the Board would entertain a
motion to accept the Consent Agreements
at number 5 on the agenda and number 7.
Number 5 is Case No. 21-49-000717
and number 7 is Case No. 22-49-010103.

DR. YEALY:
So moved.

MR. DILLON:
Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:
Any further discussion on these two
items? Hearing none. Nichole, could
we have a roll call, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent’s
name at number 5 is Nichole A. Phiambolis aka Nichole
A. Ziehmer, LBS, BCBA. Number 7 is Walter J.
Jucewicz, RT.]

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MS. WALTER:
I believe the Board would entertain a
motion at number 6 on the agenda at
Case No. 22-49-006358 to accept the
Consent Agreement, noting Dr. Yealy is recused.

MR. DILLON:
So moved.

DR. RIPCHINSKI:
Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:
Any further discussion on this item?
Hearing none. Nichole, could we have a roll call, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
Mr. Eisenhauer, aye.

[The motion carried. Donald Yealy recused himself from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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MS. WALTER:
Number 8 on the agenda is Case No. 22-49-014728. I believe the Board would entertain a motion to reject the Consent Agreement as too lenient.

DR. YEALY:
So moved.

MR. DILLON:
CHAIR WOODLAND:

Any further discussion? Hearing no further discussion. Could we have a roll call, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously]

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Report of Board Counsel – Proposed Reports from Hearing Examiner

MS. WUCINSKI:

Moving on to agenda items 10 through 12, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to direct Board Counsel to draft an Adjudication and Order consistent with discussions in Executive Session for the following:

Jay Jacobs, M.D., at Case No. 22-49-001448; Joanne Magro, M.D., at Case No. 22-49-004446; and Cecilia Olugbade-Oseyemi, M.D., Case No. 22-49-008369.

DR. YEALY:
So moved.

MR. DILLON:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Any further discussion on these three items? Hearing none. Nichole, could we have a roll call, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously]

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Report of Board Counsel – Other

MS. WUCINSKI:

At item 13, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to approve David Weiss, D.O. as a preceptor for Paul M. DiLorenzo, M.D. to complete his preceptorship as described in the correspondence to the Board and to grant a nonpublic non-disciplinary license to Dr. DiLorenzo to allow him to practice only under the auspices of
that preceptorship.

DR. YEALY:

So moved.

MR. DILLON:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Any further discussion on this one?

Hearing none. Nichole, could we have a roll call?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously]

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Applications for Licensure – Allied Health Professionals

MS. WUCINSKI:

At item 14, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to grant the Reconsideration Request of Victor Silva and grant him a license to practice as an athletic trainer.

DR. YEALY:

So moved.
MR. DILLON:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Any further discussion on item 14?
Hearing none. Nichole, could we have a roll call?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously]

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Applications for Licensure – Unrestricted Physician and Surgeon

MS. WUCINSKI:

At item 15 has already been resolved, and agenda item 16 is going to be tabled to allow Board staff to obtain additional information from the applicant.

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Applications for Licensure – Reactivations

MS. WUCINSKI:

I am going to do a vote for agenda items 17 through 26 altogether.
I believe the Board would entertain a motion to grant the reactivation applications for the following applicants: Laura Fry; Rebecca Thomas, M.D.; Luis Visot, M.D.; Robert Falk, M.D.; Gina Fedel, M.D.; Debra Feldman, M.D.; Tamar Jefferies, M.D.; Christine Lyons, M.D.; Melvyn Wolf, M.D.; Sheldon Rosenthal, M.D.; Adam Edelman, M.D.

DR. YEALY:

So moved.

MR. DILLON:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Any further discussion on this group? Hearing none. Nichole, could I have a roll call, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously]

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Ratifications

MS. WUCINSKI:
I believe the Board would entertain a motion to ratify the granting of the Application for an Initial License to Practice as a Physician and Surgeon by Endorsement for Prabhjot Singh, M.D.

DR. YEALY:
So moved.

MR. DILLON:
Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:
Any further discussion? Hearing none.
Nichole, could we have a roll call, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously]

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Report of Vice Chair - No Report

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Report of Acting Commissioner

[Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, informed everyone of new functionality being added to the
Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS) in May to notify licensees through email that their actual license has expired.

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Report of Department of Health – No Report

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Report of Committee on Health-Related Professionals – No Report

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Report of Committee on Legislation/Policy Development and Review – No Report

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Report of Committee on Licensure Qualifications – No Report

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Report of Board Chair

[Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, again recognized March as Women’s History Month, noting the theme for International Women’s Day on March 8 is Embrace Equity. He stated the application process to residency had been the largest match ever in the United States. He referred to a publication on February 16 regarding states with the most medical students enrolled in medical school, where Pennsylvania ranked 4th, New York 1st, Texas 2nd,
Chair Woodland reported over 5,728 students are enrolled in medical school, noting the importance of the physician workforce and moving forward.

Chair Woodland stated the well-being of physicians and providers in Pennsylvania is the key issue for many organizations nationally, noting the American Medical Association (AMA) put forth a recovery plan, along with the National Academy of Medicine.

Chair Woodland noted prior Board discussion concerning trying to turn the paradigm of mental health inside out and not making it as much of an issue for medical licensure but as an issue of just health and well-being in general. He noted the Board decided to have a presentation at a future Board meeting and would provide Ms. Wray with the information once a presenter is confirmed.

Chair Woodland mentioned that the National Academy of Medicine published a plan for health workforce well-being that included creating positive work and learning environments, investing in assessment and research looking at well-being, supporting mental health, addressing regulatory and policy barriers, using effective technology, adopting
well-being as an institutional value for every health care facility, and maintaining a diverse and inclusive health care workforce.

Chair Woodland addressed work concerning artificial intelligence and how it may impact training for the future as well as medical licensure applications. He referred to a publication in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) highlighting their work on artificial intelligence and how it may impact the educational process all the way to licensure.

Chair Woodland again noted the match is on March 17 and provided the match results from last year for comparison.

Chair Woodland also provided the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) release of the 2021 Statistical Profile of Board-Certified Physician Assistants (PAs) by State and reported Pennsylvania is one of the top employers of PAs in the country.

Chair Woodland addressed FSMB’s Annual Meeting, noting the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine would be presenting a poster abstract on remote and hybrid access and how that has impacted Board member
Chair Woodland noted the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) is announcing new officers and members elected to its boards. He mentioned the election to be a historic moment for the NBME Meeting with the election of Dr. Reena Karani as the first woman of color to serve as the chair in the organization’s 108-year history.

Mr. Dillon commented that she is a wonderful choice and noted being excited about the historic event.

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Appointment – Physician Assistant Program Update

[Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed Chair Woodland of miscommunication between her, the former Board administrator, and Ms. Lammando regarding today’s presentation. She offered to communicate with Ms. Lammando and Ms. Wray for a presentation to occur at the April Board meeting.

Chair Woodland welcomed Nichole Wray as an interim administrator for the Board.]

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Report of Board Administrator

[Nichole Wray, Board Administrator, informed Board
members that they would be receiving correspondence electronically and through the mail for the annual Financial Disclosure Statement. She informed the Board members to file with the State Ethics Commission under the State Ethics Act as well as through the Office of Administration under the governor’s Code of Conduct. She mentioned that the deadline is May 1 and recommended Board members file those forms online, noting the information would be saved for the following year and offered to provide those links.

Chair Woodland informed Ms. Wray that many of the Board members already filed and asked her to check on anyone who had not completed the forms.]

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Board Meeting Dates

[Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, noted the Board approved and voted on the 2023 Board meeting dates, and the 2024 Board meeting dates are also listed for next year.]

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Miscellaneous – Budget – Fee Waiver

[Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel, addressed the budget fee waiver, noting prior Board discussion regarding the Board of Medicine’s surplus. She]
stated any discussion concerning the fee waiver would be tabled until the next renewal period on December 31, 2024, but the Board could reassess the surplus at the end of the year to see if any further action would need to be taken regarding the fee waiver.]

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Miscellaneous – FSMB Requests Comments on Draft Reports

[Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, asked Dr. Ripchinski to summarize any highlights he might have from the FSMB Report. Dr. Ripchinski had nothing new to report but offered to look for the comments, noting the target was the May FSMB Meeting. Chair Woodland commented that he would have some updates at the April meeting.]

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New Business

[Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, addressed vacancies for MDs, nurse midwife, and public member. He mentioned the Board is still collecting curricula vitae (CVs) and encouraged anyone who knows someone who may be interested to forward those to the Board. He stated Acting Commissioner Claggett reported progress but a slow
application process with the change in the administration.]

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Adjournment

CHAIR WOODLAND:

I need a motion to adjourn.

DR. YEALY:

I move to adjourn.

MR. DILLON:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Thank you very much everybody.

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

Michele Ann McGinnis,
Minute Clerk
Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.
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