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

FINAL MINUTES

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

TIME: 10:40 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, September 12, 2023
State Board of Medicine
September 12, 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
Sirisha Reddy, Special Assistant, on behalf of Debra L. Bogen, M.D., FAAP, FABM, Acting Secretary of Health
John D. Six, M.D.
John A. Kutz, M.D., FACS
Benjamin S. Abella, M.D., MPhil
Catherine N. Udekwu, M.D.

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Esquire, Executive Deputy Chief Counsel, Department of State
Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel
Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel
Mark R. Zooby, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Kelsey B. Ashworth, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Lindsay Szymanski, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Jonelle Harter Eshbach, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel
Saiyad Ali, Board Administrator
Nichole Wray, Division Chief
Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State
Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director, Department of State
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ALSO PRESENT:

Mary Marshall, Director, Workforce & Professional
Development, The Hospital and Healthsystem
Association of Pennsylvania
Angie Armbrust, Senior Associate, McNeese-Winter
Group LLC
Nicole Sidle, Republican Executive Director, House
Professional Licensure Committee
Susan DeSantis, PA-C, Pennsylvania Society of
Physician Assistants
Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC
Patrick Greene
Kerry Maloney, Esquire, Associate Counsel, University
of Pittsburgh Medical Center
Christina Borton, Legal Extern, University of
Pittsburgh Medical Center
Ted Mowatt, CAE, Vice President/Lobbyist, Wanner
Associates, on behalf of the Association for
Professional Acupuncture
Lauren Doliner, M.D.
Linda Moore
Misha Patel, M.D., Curriculum Education Assistant,
Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine
Lisa Claypool Stevenson, Senior Associate Counsel,
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
Eric Raymond Buckley, DOM, Soneva
Derek Richmond
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[Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,  
at 8:45 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session  
with Dana M. 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.]  

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
Board of Medicine was held on Tuesday, September 12,  
2023. Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair,  
called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.  

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Acknowledge Public – Turn Off Electronic Devices  
[Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair,  
acknowledged that everyone present agreed to be  
recorded and welcomed everyone. He also requested  
all electronic devices be muted.]  

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Introduction of Board Members/Attendees  
[Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, provided
an introduction of Board members and attendees.]

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Remembrance of 911

[Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, recognized September 11, 2023, as a special day for the nation as a remembrance of 911.]

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Approval of minutes of the July 18, 2023 meeting

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Next on the agenda is approval of the minutes. The July 18, 2023 minutes were circulated. Can I have a motion to approve the minutes?

DR. YEALY:

I move to approve.

MR. DILLON:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Any further discussion on the minutes? Hearing none. Could we have a roll call, please, Saiyad?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye;
Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, abstain; Dr. Kutz, abstain; Dr. Abella, abstain; Dr. Udekwu, abstain.

[The motion carried. John Six, John Kutz, Benjamin Abella, and Catherine Udekwu abstained from voting on the motion.]

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Report of Prosecuting Attorneys

[Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, on behalf of Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor and Board Prosecution Liaison, presented the VRP Consent Agreements for Case No. 23-49-010496, Case No. 23-49-009149, and Case No. 23-49-008895.]

MS. WALTER:

Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, the Board entered into quasi-judicial deliberations during Executive Session at 8:45 a.m. to discuss items 3 through 11, 14 through 37, and 39 through 41.

I believe the Board would entertain a motion to approve the VRP Agreements at numbers 3 through 5 on the agenda. Number 3, Case No. 23-49-010496; number 4, Case No. 23-49-009149; number 5,
Case No. 23-49-008895.

DR. YEALY:
So moved.

MR. DILLON:
Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:
Any further discussion on these three items? Hearing none. Could we have a roll call, please, Saiyad?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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[Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 22-49-006399.]

MS. WALTER:
I believe the Board would entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agreement at number 6 on the agenda at Case No. 22-49-006399.
DR. YEALY:

So moved.

MR. DILLON:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Any further discussion on this item?

Hearing none. Could we have a roll call, please, Saiyad?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's name is Beatrice Jarbeck-Burk.]

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[Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreements for Case No. 23-49-009520 and Case No. 23-49-001914.]

MS. WALTER:

I believe the Board would entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agreements at numbers 7 and 8 on the agenda. Number 7 is Case No. 23-49-
009520. Number 8 is Case No. 23-49-001914.

DR. YEALY:
So moved.

MR. DILLON:
Second.

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

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's name at number 7 is Laura Ellen Purdy, M.D., and number 8 is Syed Moizuddin Ahmad, M.D.]

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[Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 22-49-011578.]

MS. WALTER:
I believe the Board would entertain a
motion to accept the Consent Agreement at number 9 on the agenda at Case No. 22-49-011578.

DR. YEALY:
So moved.

MR. DILLON:
Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:
Any further discussion on this item? Hearing none. Saiyad, could we have a vote, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's name is Jose Francisco Bernardo, M.D.]

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Report of Board Counsel – Proposed Reports from Hearing Examiner

MS. WUCINSKI:
Moving on to agenda item 10, 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 Prabhakara R. Tumpati, M.D., Case No. 17-49-11519.

DR. YEALY:

So moved.

MR. DILLON:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Any further discussion on this item? Hearing none. Saiyad, could we have a vote on this one, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MS. WUCINSKI:

I believe the Board would entertain a motion to adopt as Final the Proposed Adjudication and Order for Kunle Ade,
Case No. 22-49-014361.

DR. YEALY:
So moved.

MR. DILLON:
Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:
Any further discussion on this item? Hearing none. Saiyad, could we have a vote on this one, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Report of Board Counsel – Regulatory Status Report

[Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed Board members that the counsel division now has a regulatory team, noting Jacqueline Wolfgang was assigned to assist with State Board of Medicine regulations.

Chair Woodland welcomed Ms. Wolfgang.

Ms. Wucinski addressed regulation 16A-4954]
regarding the general update to licenses and permits. She noted the annex was ready for distribution as an exposure draft. She explained that the regulation updates the Board's regulations to current practice by defining four possible license statuses.

Ms. Wucinski stated their regulations had no mention of the active retired license even though it is mentioned in the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (MCARE) Act. She noted it would incorporate that license status into their regulations.

Ms. Wucinski explained that it also changes the term of biennial registration to biennial renewal and the term was removed in chapters 16, 17, and 18. She noted the term was outdated. The change was to avoid any confusion with the registration of physician assistant primary supervisors and the new naturopathic doctors (NDs).

Ms. Wucinski noted the proposed rulemaking would also update the regulatory language in § 16.15(j), by accurately reflecting the current procedure utilized by the Board when an applicant for initial licensure or reactivation has been out of clinical practice for four more years.

Ms. Wucinski stated the current language
authorizes the Board to require a personal interview to be conducted by designated Board members or a representative to ascertain physical and mental fitness of the applicant to practice.

Ms. Wucinski mentioned that the Board currently requires reentry evaluation through Board-approved providers, so the regulation specifies more clearly what the Board does for some of the allied health professions that do not have reentry programs. She noted it includes that the Board may require recertification and reexamination.

Ms. Wucinski explained that the regulation updates the current practice language in § 18.811 and § 18.821 as it relates to proof of education required for graduate permits of orthotics and prosthetics. She noted there are new accredited educational institutions that are combining the educational and clinical portions required for licensure. The amended language would allow the university to submit a certificate of completion upon completion of the didactic portion of the degree program, so a temporary permit may be granted to begin the clinical portion.

Ms. Wucinski stated it also incorporates Act 16 of 2022 into the regulations, which was the act that
removed the limit on institutional licenses from two institutions. She noted it removes that language and also changes some of the language under the temporary license.

Chair Woodland encouraged Board members to read through the changes and provide Ms. Wucinski with any feedback. He mentioned that the concept of the volunteer license does not exist here concerning status.

Ms. Wucinski explained that the status is only the status that an applicant can have and is not proof of their current license. She noted several licenses under the State Board of Medicine, and the status of the license that a physician can have is either an active license, an expired license, an inactive license or an active retired license. She mentioned the other license types only have three, because active retired only applies to physicians.

Dr. Yealy complimented Ms. Wucinski for the clarity and the filling in of the gaps that both the Board and the public they serve may have had questions about.

MS. WUCINSKI:

I believe the Board would entertain a motion to direct Board Counsel to send
this Draft Annex out as an exposure
draft.

DR. YEALY:
So moved.

MR. DILLON:
Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:
Any further discussion? Saiyad, could
we have a roll call vote?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye;
Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.
[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Status Report
[Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel, addressed
Regulation 16A-4953 regarding naturopathic doctor
registration regulations. She provided the final
annex and preamble prepared pursuant to discussions
at the July meeting.

Chair Woodland thanked Ms. Walter for finishing
the regulation and putting all of their comments in
MS. WALTER:

I believe the Board would entertain a motion to proceed with final rulemaking for Regulation 16A-4953.

DR. YEALY:

So moved.

MR. DILLON:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Any further discussion other than what we have heard? Hearing none. Saiyad, please entertain a vote for this.

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Applications for Licensure

MS. WUCINSKI:

I believe the Board would entertain a motion to provisionally deny the
Application for a Temporary License to
Practice as a Physician and Surgeon of
Daniel Eric Charnoff, M.D.

DR. YEALY:
So moved.

MR. DILLON:
Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:
Any further discussion? Hearing none.
Saiyad, could we have a vote, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye;
Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Applications for Licensure - Allied Health Professionals

MS. WUCINSKI:
I believe the Board would entertain a
motion to provisionally deny the
Application to Practice as a Behavior Specialist of Samantha Banks.
DR. YEALY:
So moved.

MR. DILLON:
Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:
Any further discussion on this?
Hearing none. Saiyad, could we have a vote, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, nay; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

[The motion carried. Donald Yealy opposed the motion.]

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MS. WUCINSKI:
Agenda item 16. I believe the Board would entertain a motion to grant the Application to Practice as a Behavior Specialist of Jesse Fernandez.

DR. YEALY:
So moved.

MR. DILLON:
CHAIR WOODLAND:

Any further discussion on this one?
Hearing none. Could we have a roll call, please, Saiyad?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, nay; Dr. Ripchinski, nay; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, nay; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

[The motion carried. Gerard Dillon, Michael Ripchinski, and John Kutz opposed the motion.]

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Applications for Licensure - Unrestricted Physician and Surgeon

MS. WUCINSKI:

Agenda item 17. I believe the Board would entertain a motion to provisionally deny the initial Application by Endorsement to Practice as a Physician and Surgeon of Kayode Balogun, M.D.

DR. YEALY:

So moved.
MR. DILLON:
Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:
Any further discussion? Hearing none.
Could we have a vote, Saiyad, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye;
Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.
[The motion carried unanimously.]
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MS. WUCINSKI:
Agenda items 20 and 21. I believe the
Board would entertain a motion to table
the following Applications and direct
that the Applicants obtain a Reentry
Evaluation. Agenda item 20 is Anita
Dandamundi, M.D. Agenda item 21 is
Karla Dunston, M.D.

DR. YEALY:
So moved.

MR. DILLON:
Second.
CHAIR WOODLAND:

Any further discussion on those two items? Hearing none. Saiyad, could we have a vote, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MS. WUCINSKI:

Agenda items 22. I believe the Board would entertain a motion to grant Marc Anthony Hester, M.D., an Unrestricted License that is limited to practice under the auspices of the Board-approved preceptorship as outlined in his application, and that would be until successful completion of that preceptorship.

DR. YEALY:

So moved.

MR. DILLON:
CHAIR WOODLAND:

Any further discussion on this item? Hearing none. Saiyad, could we have a vote, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MS. WUCINSKI:

I believe the Board would entertain a motion to provisionally deny the initial Application for an Unrestricted License to Practice as a Physician and Surgeon for Courtney Jones, M.D.

DR. YEALY:

So moved.

MR. DILLON:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Any further discussion? Hearing none.
Saiyad, could we have a vote, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MS. WUCINSKI:

I would note that agenda item 24 is tabled to allow the Applicant to provide the Board with additional information, but I will note that Dr. Ripchinski is and will be recused from this matter going forward.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MS. WUCINSKI:

Agenda item 25, just noting that the Applicant has recently withdrawn his Application, so we don't need a vote for that today.

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MS. WUCINSKI:
I believe the Board would entertain a
motion to table the following
Applications to allow the Applicants to
Apply for and Practice on an
Institutional License for a sufficient
period of time determined by the Board.

Agenda item 18 is Caroline Conlon,
M.D.; item 19, Yuval Barak Corren,
M.D.; item 26, Zakari Aliyu Suleiman,
M.D.; and item 27, Seyfi Alper Toker,
M.D.

DR. YEALY:

So moved.

MR. DILLON:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Any further discussion on any one of
these? Hearing none. Could we have a
vote, please, Saiyad?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye;
Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.
Applications for Licensure - Reactivations

MS. WUCINSKI:

Agenda items 28 and 29. I believe the Board would entertain a motion to table these agenda items and to send standard reentry letters to the following:

James Douglas Hayashi, M.D.; Kimberly Ann Thompson, M.D.

DR. YEALY:

So moved.

MR. DILLON:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Any further discussion on these two items? Hearing none. Saiyad, could we have a vote, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]
Ratifications

MS. WUCINSKI:

I believe the Board would entertain a motion to ratify the granting of the following applications: Agenda item 30, Orthotist/Prosthetist, Veerendra Kishan Shandilya; agenda item 31, Nurse Midwife, Adrienne Renninger-Chimahusky; agenda item 36, Physician and Surgeon, Adnan Ayman Al-Maaitah, M.D.; agenda item 37, Physician and Surgeon, Shubha Srinivasareddy, M.D.

DR. YEALY:

So moved.

MR. DILLON:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Any further discussion on anyone of those four items? Hearing none. Saiyad, could we have a vote, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye;
Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye for all but 36; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

[The motion carried. John Kutz recused himself from deliberations and voting on the motion regarding item 36.]

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MS. WUCINSKI:

I believe the Board would entertain a motion to ratify the granting of the following, but I would first note that Dr. Yealy is recused for items 32 and 34.

These are initial Applications to Practice as a Physician and Surgeon of Samer Al-Masri, M.D.; Maria Antonieta Cabrera Hernandez, M.D.; Ricardo Arturo Liorente, M.D.; and Iara De Albuquerque Lacerda, M.D.

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

So moved.

MR. DILLON:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Any further discussion on anyone of
these four? Hearing none. Saiyad, could we have a vote on these, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye except 32 and 34; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

[The motion carried. Donald Yealy recused himself from deliberations and voting on the motion regarding items 32 and 34.]

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Miscellaneous

MS. WUCINSKI:

Item 39. I believe the Board would entertain a motion to deny the Request for Reconsideration to grant Prescriptive Authority for Pamela Craddock.

DR. YEALY:

So moved.

MR. DILLON:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:
Any further discussion on this item?
Hearing none. Could we have a vote on these, Saiyad?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, abstain; Dr. Kutz, aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

[The motion carried. John Kutz abstained from voting on the motion.]

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MS. WUCINSKI:

Item 40. I believe the Board would entertain a motion to grant Board Counsel authority to settle the matter as discussed in Executive Session related to Jarad Bonda, Case No. 22-49-007733.

DR. YEALY:

So moved.

MR. DILLON:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:
Any further discussion on this one item? Hearing none. Saiyad, could we have a vote, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Miscellaneous - Federation of State Medical Boards Attorney Workshop

[Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, noted the need for a vote to send someone to the Federation of State Medical Boards Attorney Workshop.

Ms. Wucinski showed interest in attending the workshop.

Chair Woodland also mentioned that the FSMB has a workshop for Board administrators and is something to consider in the future.]

CHAIR WOODLAND:

I would make a motion that we vote to send.

MR. DILLON:
Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Saiyad, could we have a vote, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Report of Vice Chair

[Donald M. Yealy, M.D., Vice Chair, informed everyone of professional changes concerning Dr. Woodland. He stated Dr. Woodland has been a clinical professor and the chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Drexel University College of Medicine. Dr. Woodland has transitioned from that role into becoming the Associate Dean for Advocacy and Policy at Drexel University.

Dr. Yealy mentioned that Chair Woodland has been a strong voice in a variety of positions about healthcare and how that intersects not only with frontline patient care but through governmental and other societal interactions. He congratulated Dr.
Woodland on his new position.

Chair Woodland clarified that he was still Chair of OB/GYN for Reading Hospital but took on another job. The Chair position for OBGYN at Drexel University College of Medicine has been transitioned to Dr. Margaret Larkins-Pettigrew, who is the chief DEI officer at Allegheny Health Network in Pittsburgh.]

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Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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Report of Department of Health

[Sirisha Reddy, Special Assistant, Department of Health, on behalf of Debra L. Bogen, M.D., FAAP, FABM, Acting Secretary of Health, noted COVID-19 emergency department visits and hospitalizations increased over the last month but were low compared to last winter.

Ms. Reddy stated the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) signed off on updated COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots for individuals as young as 6 months old. She noted a panel from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) would be weighing in on recommendations, and vaccine shipments would begin immediately if approved.
Ms. Reddy announced influenza vaccines are now available and is the single best way to prevent influenza and reduce the chances of severe illness requiring hospitalization.

Ms. Reddy addressed respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), which is a common cause of childhood illness and the leading reason for infant hospitalizations for respiratory illness, especially in the winter months. She noted RSV can also cause serious illness in older people. She stated CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommended long-lasting monoclonal antibodies for infants less than 8 months entering their first RSV season and for those 8 to 19 months entering their second flu season who are at increased risk for severe RSV infection.

Ms. Reddy informed everyone that two new RSV vaccines were approved by the FDA and recommended by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices for adults aged 60 years and older. She reported that the Department of Health distributed a health advisory on August 30 to notify hospitals and healthcare providers of this information.

Chair Woodland thanked Ms. Reddy for her presentation. He noted that the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommends the COVID
and flu vaccines for pregnancy or people who consider getting pregnant to help lessen the disease burden on pregnant individuals as well.

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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

[Michael Ripchinski, M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP, referred to June's edition of the Journal of Medical Regulation, where the chair of the FSMB, Dr. Carter, commented on the establishment of two new FSMB workgroups. He stated one workgroup would be considering the regulation of physicians in training and the other one pointed at physicians reentering practice.

Dr. Ripchinski commented that it would be interesting to track the workgroup's progress because some physicians who left the practice during COVID want to return and adds complexity for state boards to consider. He noted that Dr. Carter pointed out that the definition of medical practice is evolving, and many physicians and physician assistants are taking nontraditional positions.
Chair Woodland informed Board members that he would be part of the Workgroup on Regulation of Physicians in Training in Washington, which is headed by Dr. Andrea Anderson, who is the chair. He noted it to be interesting that D.C. is not a state but has a state medical board.

Chair Woodland mentioned that he is chairing the FSMB Ethics and Professionalism Committee and would be looking at artificial intelligence and how that is applied to regulation and thought processes for medical licensure.

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Report of Board Chair

[Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, addressed health observances for the months of August and September. He noted a big emphasis on immunization in August and an observation emphasis on breastfeeding and its impact on early childhood development, as well as child eye health and safety.

Chair Woodland noted the national observances are looking at healthy aging, childhood obesity, and substance use recovery for September. He mentioned that September is also National Sickle Cell Awareness Month, as well as National Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Aging Awareness Day, which is
Chair Woodland noted September also includes Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month to find better ways to prevent and treat gynecologic cancers. He reported breast cancer affects 1 in 10 women, uterine is 1 in 30 women, and ovarian is 1 in 80 women. He mentioned that cervical cancer has been greatly reduced because of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine and Pap smear screen but is still an issue. He also reported the prostate cancer rate is still very high at 1 in 4.

Chair Woodland stated September is also Suicide Prevention Month and is dedicated to raising awareness about suicide, which is a major public health concern and a leading cause of death in the United States. He provided websites and factsheets for all of the information. He reported almost 50,000 suicides in the United States in 2021 and is one of the top 10 leading causes of death. He mentioned that 12.5 million adults annually seriously think about suicide, 3.5 million made a plan, and 1.7 million actually attempted suicide.

Chair Woodland stated suicide is 2.5 percent higher than previous years and is the highest in non-
Hispanic American Indian/Alaskan Native people, followed by non-Hispanic white people. He mentioned other Americans with higher than average rates include veterans, people who live in rural areas, and workers within certain industries and occupations. He noted physicians actually represented about 1 percent of those 48,000 suicides for that year.

Chair Woodland stated young people who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual have a higher prevalence of suicide thoughts and attempts compared to their peers. He noted 300-400 physicians die each year by suicide.

Chair Woodland again noted the FSMB Attorney Workshop is April 18-20, 2024, in Nashville, TN, along with the FSMB International Conference on Medical Regulation November 6-9 in Bali, Indonesia. He mentioned the importance of pushing out the FSMB learning modules for students and residents about medical regulation, noting the modules are available on FSMB's website.

Chair Woodland provided highlights of FSMB's physician census published in August 2023. He mentioned that sections included the aging population and the increased demand for medical care and utilization of physicians, physician burnout and
early retirement, and the physician pipeline and the 
supply and demand. He noted the information is 
available at fsmb.org/physician-census and provided 
stats for Pennsylvania.

Chair Woodland commented that the physician 
workforce is aging, and the Board has consider how 
that impacts the future for the state of 
Pennsylvania.

Chair Woodland addressed the importance of 
physician well-being and suggested having someone 
present at the next meeting.]

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Report of Board Administrator – No Report

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For the Board’s Information/Discussion – Board 
Meeting Dates
[Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, noted 
the next scheduled Board meeting date is October 24. 
He also noted 2024 Board meeting dates for the 
Board's review.]

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Report of Committee on Licensure Qualifications
[Gerard F. Dillon, Ph.D., Public Member, stated the 
committee has been spending time trying to analyze 
what factors they consider important in the decisions
they make, noting they agree almost 100 percent of
the time whether to grant the request or refer it
back. He noted the importance of allowing people to
bring multiple perspectives and see how things turn
out.

Dr. Yealy mentioned that the committee is trying
to provide consistency with flexibility by
recognizing some of the nuances individuals bring
when requesting to serve healthcare needs in the
commonwealth. He believed they have a good approach
that serves the needs within the regulations and the
legislative guidance.

Mr. Dillon offered to provide new Board members
with assistance on any issues or questions.

Chair Woodland asked new Board members to decide
whether they would like to be a member of the
Committee on Health-Related Professionals, Committee
on Legislation/Policy Development and Review, or the
Committee on Licensure Qualifications. He noted Mr.
Ripchinski would welcome the company on his committee
to be able to do a more in depth review of issues.
He mentioned possibly entertaining some conversations
maybe a little bit offline about orientation so that
they have a better understanding before the next
meeting.]
Adjournment

CHAIR WOODLAND:

I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

DR. YEALY:

So moved.

MR. DILLON:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Thank you.

[There being no other business, the State Board of Medicine Meeting adjourned at 11:51 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.

Derek Richmond,
Minute Clerk
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