

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

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

MEETING OF:

**STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE**

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

Held at

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

**VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

State Board of Medicine  
May 20, 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  
Robert Bonacci, M.D., on behalf of Debra L. Bogen,  
M.D., FAAP, FABM, Secretary of Health  
John D. Six, M.D. - Absent  
John A. Kutz, M.D., FACS  
Catherine N. Udekwu, M.D. - Absent  
Adanma S. Okereh, CNM, CRNP, Nurse Midwife - Absent

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel  
Dana M. Archer, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel  
Todd P. Kriner, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
Jamison Cassel, Board Administrator  
Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel  
Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Patrick Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Adrianne R. McClendon, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Saiyad Ali, Board Administrator  
Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide, Department of State  
Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State  
Jason C. Giurintano, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel  
Tanya Miller, Clerical Assistant 2

ALSO PRESENT:

Lori Traska  
Mary Marshall, Director, Workforce & Professional  
Development, The Hospital and Healthsystem  
Association of Pennsylvania  
Angie Armbrust, Senior Associate, McNees-Winter  
Group LLC  
Catherine Policina, M.D.

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ALSO PRESENT (cont.):

Katie Gruber, MSW, CADC, Case Manager, Physicians'  
Health Program, Foundation of the PA Medical  
Society

Julie Heaney, Communications Coordinator, Foundation  
of the Pennsylvania Medical Society

Misha Patel, M.D., Curriculum Education Assistant,  
Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine

Patrick J. Leadbitter, DPAS, PA-C

Robert Ross, President, Pennsylvania Society of  
Physician Associates

Ruth Brown

Sandy Fettrow, CPCS

Suzanne Landis Kaczor, D.Ac., L.Ac.

Ted Mowatt, CAE, Vice President/Lobbyist, Wanner  
Associates

Walter Kizzie

Elena Balez

Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC

Tracey Ziegler, Director, Lifeguard Program

Danielle Moik, LRT

Elena Balez

Steve Rice, Esquire, Steve Rice Law

Allison Walker, Sargent's Court Reporting  
Service, Inc.

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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 Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel,  
and Dana M. Archer, Esquire, Senior 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, May 20, 2025.  
Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, called the  
meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

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[Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel,  
noted the meeting was being recorded and voluntary

1 participation constituted consent to be recorded.

2 Ms. Walter also noted the Board entered into  
3 quasi-judicial deliberations this morning to discuss  
4 matters on the agenda and to receive the advice of  
5 counsel.]

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7 Approval of Minutes of the April 8, 2025 meeting

8 CHAIR YEALY:

9 First order of business is the  
10 minutes were circulated in advance. I  
11 hope you had a chance to review them.  
12 I'd be happy to entertain a motion to  
13 approve.

14 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

15 So moved.

16 DR. KUTZ:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR YEALY:

19 We have a motion and a second. Any  
20 further conversation? Hearing none,  
21 Sai, would you like to do a roll call?

22

23 Mr. Claggett, abstain; Dr. Yealy, aye;  
24 Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;  
25 Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.

1 Kutz, aye.

2 [The motion carried. Acting Commissioner Claggett  
3 abstained from the vote.]

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5 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

6 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, requested an  
7 introduction of Board members and attendees. A  
8 quorum of Board members was present.

9 Mr. Cassel requested that callers identify  
10 themselves for the record.]

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12 Appointments - Lifeguard Presentation

13 [Tracey Ziegler, Director, Lifeguard Program,  
14 provided introductory details on the Lifeguard  
15 Program. She stated that it is a nationally  
16 recognized physician assessment and remediation  
17 program that began addressing physician assessment  
18 needs in 2009 and joined the Foundation of the  
19 Pennsylvania Medical Society in 2016. Lifeguard is  
20 approved by the Federation of State Medical Boards  
21 and is one of four or five such programs nationwide.

22 Unlike standardized programs, Lifeguard uses  
23 personalized case management plans and serves  
24 physicians and physician assistants who are  
25 reentering the workforce, seeking license

1 reinstatement, or require practice monitoring. She  
2 outlined key Lifeguard programs, including the  
3 Reentry/Reinstatement Program for individualized  
4 clinical competency evaluations; the Quality of Care  
5 Assessment for cases involving variation in care or  
6 complaints; the Practice Monitoring Program, which  
7 includes both on-site and remote oversight; and the  
8 ATM Program (Assessment, Training, Monitoring)  
9 developed to address controlled substance prescribing  
10 patterns.

11 Ms. Ziegler also described the Fitness for Duty  
12 Assessment, used to determine if a provider is  
13 physically and cognitively able to fulfill  
14 professional responsibilities, and the Professional  
15 Support Program, developed in response to referrals  
16 involving disruptive behavior and expanded to address  
17 systemic and burnout issues.

18 Ms. Ziegler continued by detailing Lifeguard's  
19 ABEM Re-eligibility Program, launched in 2022 in  
20 collaboration with the American Board of Emergency  
21 Medicine to support physicians who timed out of board  
22 eligibility through a structured six-month program.  
23 She described assessment components including  
24 knowledge exams using NBME and specialty question  
25 banks; neurocognitive evaluations performed by

1 licensed neuropsychologists; physician reviewer  
2 interviews; oral case presentations tailored to  
3 participants' specialties; and standardized patient  
4 simulations conducted through partnerships with Penn  
5 State Hershey and Texas A&M's KSTAR program.  
6 Additional tools included randomized medical records  
7 reviews and hands-on simulation labs, particularly  
8 for surgical and anesthesia assessments. Enrollment  
9 begins with an intake conversation and submission of  
10 documentation such as a CV, NPDB report, and board  
11 correspondence, followed by proposal generation,  
12 acceptance, and payment. Assessments typically span  
13 two to three days and are mostly conducted on-site,  
14 though remote options are available. Final results  
15 are reviewed by the physician team and compiled into  
16 a report within two weeks of completion.

17 Ms. Ziegler was thanked for her time and the  
18 program's continued service to the Board and the  
19 Commonwealth.]

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21 Report of Prosecuting Attorneys  
22 [Todd P. Kriner, Esquire, Acting Senior Board  
23 Prosecutor and Prosecution Liaison, presented Agenda  
24 Items 4 through 6, the Consent Agreements for VRP  
25 Case Nos. 25-49-001079, 25-49-005865, and 25-49-



1 004469.]

2 MS. WALTER:

3 I believe the Board would entertain a  
4 motion to approve the VRP Agreements at  
5 Agenda Items 4 through 6. No. 4 is  
6 Case No. 25-49-001079; No. 5 is 25-49-  
7 005865; and No. 6 is 25-49-004469.

8 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

9 So moved.

10 DR. KUTZ:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR YEALY:

13 We have a motion and a second. Any  
14 further conversation? Hearing none,  
15 Sai, can we do a roll call vote,  
16 please?

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18 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.  
19 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.  
20 Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.  
21 Kutz, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 [Mr. Kriner presented Agenda Item 7, the Consent  
25 Agreement for Case No. 24-49-014392.]

1 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

2 So moved.

3 DR. KUTZ:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR YEALY:

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

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

14 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's  
15 name for Case No. 24-49-014392 is Ashok Panigraphy,  
16 M.D.]

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18 [Patrick Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented  
19 Agenda Item 8, the Consent Agreement for VRP Case No.  
20 24-49-018074.]

21 CHAIR YEALY:

22 I see no questions. Ready for a motion?

23 MS. WALTER:

24 I believe the Board would entertain a  
25 motion to approve the Agreement at No.

1 8 on the Agenda, 24-49-018074.

2 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

3 So moved.

4 DR. KUTZ:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR YEALY:

7 We have a motion and second. Any  
8 further discussion? Hearing none, can  
9 we have a roll call vote, please?

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

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
18 presented Agenda Item 9, the Consent Agreement for  
19 Case Nos. 19-49-006843, 21-49-020233, and 22-49-  
20 009930.]

21 MS. WALTER:

22 I believe the Board would Entertain a  
23 motion to reject as too lenient at Item  
24 No. 9 on the Agenda, Case Nos. 19-49-  
25 006843, 21-49-020233, and 22-49-

1 009930.

2 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

3 So moved.

4 DR. KUTZ:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR YEALY:

7 We have a motion and second. Any  
8 further discussion? Hearing none, can  
9 we have a roll call vote, please?

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11 Mr. Claggett, nay; Dr. Yealy, nay; Dr.  
12 Ripchinski, nay; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.  
13 Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.  
14 Kutz, aye.

15 [The motion carried. Mr. Claggett, Dr. Yealy, and  
16 Dr. Ripchinski opposed the motion.]

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18 [Mr. Anderson presented Agenda Item 10, the Consent  
19 Agreement for Case No. 25-49-002535.]

20 MS. WALTER:

21 I believe the Board would entertain a  
22 motion to approve the Consent Agreement  
23 at Case No. 25-49-002535.

24 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

25 So moved.

1 DR. KUTZ:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR YEALY:

4 We have a motion and second. Any  
5 further discussion? Hearing none,  
6 could we get a roll call vote?

7

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

12 [The motion carried. The Respondent's name for Case  
13 No. 25-49-002535 is Gregory David Harvey, M.D.]

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15 [Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
16 Liaison, presented Agenda Items 11 through 19, the  
17 Consent Agreements for Case Nos. 19-49-000894, 21-49-  
18 007836, 24-49-016287, 24-49-019210, 24-49-019226, 25-49-  
19 002681, 25-49-003313, 25-49-003596, and 25-49-003677.]

20 MS. WALTER:

21 I believe the Board would entertain a  
22 motion to approve the Consent Agreement  
23 at Agenda Items 11 through 19. 11 is  
24 Case No. 19-49-000894; 12 is 21-49-  
25 007836; 13 is 24-49-016287; 14 is 24-

1 49-019210; 15 is 24-49-019226; 16 is  
2 25-49-002681; 17 is 25-49-003313; 18 is  
3 25-49-003596; and 19 is 25-49-003677.

4 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

5 So moved.

6 DR. KUTZ:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR YEALY:

9 We have a motion and second. Any  
10 further discussion? Hearing none,  
11 could we get a roll call?

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

17 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's  
18 name for No. 11 is Jason L. Dillinger, PA-C; 12 is  
19 John Keun Sang Lee, M.D.; 13 is Samuel Mark Shor,  
20 M.D.; 14 is Anna Gabriella, M.D.; 15 is Randy Kevin  
21 Metcalf, M.D.; 16 is Mandeep Oberoi, M.D.; 17 is  
22 Sinikka Green, M.D.; 18 is Donald Nicell, M.D.; and  
23 19 is Steven J. Rizzolo M.D.]

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25 [Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,

1 presented Agenda Items 20, 21, and 22, the Consent  
2 Agreements for Case Nos. 23-49-013645, 23-49-015950,  
3 and 24-49-011797.

4 The Board discussed further details to Agenda  
5 Item 20 and acknowledged comments from Mr. Steve Rice,  
6 Esquire.]

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8 MS. WALTER:

9 I believe the Board would entertain a  
10 motion to approve the Consent Agreements  
11 at 20 through 22 on the Agenda. Number  
12 20 is 23-49-013645; 21 is 23-49-015950,  
13 and 22 is 24-49-011797.

14 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

15 So moved.

16 DR. KUTZ:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR YEALY:

19 We have a motion and second. Any  
20 further discussion? Hearing none,  
21 could we get a roll call vote, please?

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

1 Kutz, aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's  
3 name for 20 is Stephen Soloway, M.D.; 21 is William  
4 Bradley Bush, M.D.; and 22 is Amy Jo Charland.]

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6 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Reports From  
7 Hearing Examiner

8 MS. ARCHER:

9 I believe the Board would entertain a  
10 motion to adopt the Hearing Examiner's  
11 Memorandum Order of the Final Order of  
12 the Board for Andrew Bruno at Case No.  
13 24-49-001372.

14 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

15 So moved.

16 DR. KUTZ:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR YEALY:

19 We have a motion and second. Any  
20 further discussion? Hearing none,  
21 could we get a roll call?

22

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



1                   Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.  
2                   Kutz, aye.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 MS. ARCHER:

6                   I believe the Board would entertain a  
7                   motion to direct Board Counsel to  
8                   draft and issue a Final Adjudication  
9                   and Order consistent with discussions  
10                  in Executive Session for Shaniesa  
11                  Magambo. And that's at Case No. 24-49-  
12                  001372.

13 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

14                   So moved.

15 DR. KUTZ:

16                   Second.

17 CHAIR YEALY:

18                   We have a motion and second. Any  
19                   further discussion? Hearing none,  
20                   could we get a roll call?

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

1 MS. ARCHER:

2 I need to correct the Case No. for that,  
3 it is actually 24-49-010656.

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 MS. ARCHER:

7 Moving onto Agenda Item 25, I believe  
8 the Board would entertain a motion to  
9 adopt the Hearing Examiner's Proposed  
10 Adjudication of Danielle Moik, and  
11 that's at Case No. 24-49-015899.

12 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

13 So moved.

14 DR. KUTZ:

15 Second.

16 CHAIR YEALY:

17 We have a motion and second. Any  
18 further discussion? Hearing none,  
19 could we get a roll call?

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

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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MS. ARCHER:

I believe the Board would entertain a motion to adopt the Hearing Examiner's Adjudication and Order as the Final order of the Board for Marcus R. Williams, M.D., that's at Case No. 19-49-005850.

DR. RIPCHINSKI:

So moved.

DR. KUTZ:

Second.

CHAIR YEALY:

We have a motion and second. Any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Applications for Licensure

Applications - Allied Health Professionals

1 [Dana M. Archer, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel, noted  
2 Agenda Item No. 24 would be tabled to allow the Board  
3 time to obtain additional information related to the  
4 application.]

5 MS. ARCHER:

6                   Jumping down to Agenda Item 31, I  
7                   believe the Board would entertain a  
8                   motion to grant the Application to  
9                   Practice as a Behavior Specialist for  
10                  Lourdes Maria Alcantara.

11 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

12                   So moved.

13 DR. KUTZ:

14                   Second.

15 CHAIR YEALY:

16                   We have a motion and second. Any  
17                   further discussion? Hearing none, roll  
18                   call vote please?

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20                   Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.  
21                   Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.  
22                   Dillon, nay; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.  
23                   Kutz, aye.

24 [The motion carried. Mr. Dillon voted nay.]

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1 MS. ARCHER:

2 I believe the Board would entertain a  
3 motion to provisionally deny the  
4 Application to practice as a Behavioral  
5 Specialist of Myiah Davis.

6 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

7 So moved.

8 DR. KUTZ:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR YEALY:

11 We have a motion and second. Any  
12 further discussion? Hearing none, roll  
13 call vote please?

14

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

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 MS. ARCHER:

22 At Agenda Items 33, 35 and 36, I  
23 believe the Board would entertain a  
24 motion to grant the Applications to  
25 practice as a Behavior Specialist of

1                   Katherine Dondero, Rebeca Lapaix, and  
2                   Nurys Jiovanny Gomez Reyes.

3 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

4                   So moved.

5 DR. KUTZ:

6                   Second.

7 CHAIR YEALY:

8                   We have a motion and second. Any  
9                   further discussion? Hearing none, roll  
10                  call vote?

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

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 MS. ARCHER:

19                  At agenda Item 34, I believe the Board  
20                  would entertain a motion to deny the  
21                  Application to practice as a Behavior  
22                  Specialist of Shanisha Jeffrey.

23 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

24                  So moved.

25 DR. KUTZ:

1 Second.

2 CHAIR YEALY:

3 We have a motion and second. Any  
4 further discussion? Hearing none,  
5 could we get a roll call?

6

7 Mr. Claggett, nay; Dr. Yealy, nay; Dr.  
8 Ripchinski, nay; Dr. Woodland, nay.

9 [The motion failed. After clarification from Ms.  
10 Archer, the motion was revised.]

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12 MS. ARCHER:

13 Let me rephrase that motion. At Item  
14 34, I believe the Board would entertain  
15 a motion to approve the Application to  
16 practice as a Behavior Specialist of  
17 Shanisha Jeffrey.

18 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

19 So moved.

20 DR. KUTZ:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR YEALY:

23 We have a motion and second. Any  
24 further discussion? Hearing none,  
25 could we get a roll call?

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Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.  
Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.  
Dillon, nay; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.  
Kutz, aye.

[The motion carried. Mr. Dillon opposed the motion.  
Chair Yealy thanked the Board for their fidelity.]

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MS. ARCHER:

Jumping down To Agenda Item 37, I  
believe the Board would entertain a  
motion to grant the Initial Application  
for a License to practice as a  
Physician and Surgeon for Talal  
Alenezi, M.D.

DR. RIPCHINSKI:

So moved.

DR. KUTZ:

Second.

CHAIR YEALY:

We have a motion and second. Any  
further discussion? Hearing none,  
could we get a roll call?

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



1 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.  
2 Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.  
3 Kutz, aye.

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 MS. ARCHER:

7 At agenda Item 38, I believe the Board  
8 would entertain a motion to grant the  
9 Initial Application for a License to  
10 practice as a Physician and Surgeon of  
11 Abdellaziz Dahou, and noting that Dr.  
12 Kutz is recused.

13 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

14 So moved.

15 MR. DILLON:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR YEALY:

18 We have a motion and second. Any  
19 further discussion? Hearing none,  
20 could we get a roll call?

21  
22 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.  
23 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.  
24 Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.  
25 Kutz, recused.

1 [The motion carried. Dr. Kutz was recused from  
2 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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4 MS. ARCHER:

5 At agenda Items 39 and 40, I believe  
6 the Board would entertain a motion to  
7 provisionally deny the Application for  
8 License to Practice as a Physician and  
9 Surgeon of Joseph Martin, M.D. and  
10 Nilofaur Masoudi, M.D.

11 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

12 So moved.

13 DR. KUTZ:

14 Second.

15 CHAIR YEALY: :

16 We have a motion and second. Any  
17 further discussion? Hearing none,  
18 could we get a roll call?

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

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 MS. ARCHER:

2                   Jumping down To Agenda Item 41, I  
3                   believe the Board would entertain a  
4                   motion to grant the initial Application  
5                   for License and Practice as a Physician  
6                   and Surgeon of Grant Nugent M.D., and  
7                   this would be effective June 21, 2025.

8 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

9                   So moved.

10 DR. KUTZ:

11                   Second.

12 CHAIR YEALY:

13                   We have a motion and second. Any  
14                   further discussion? Hearing none, may  
15                   we have a roll call?

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

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

22                   \*\*\*

23 [Dana M. Archer, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel, noted  
24 Agenda Item 42 was tabled to allow the Applicant to  
25 provide the Board with additional information.]

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Applications - Reactivations

MS. ARCHER:

At Agenda Items 43 through 44, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to grant the following Reactivation Applications, Valerie Brown and Walter Kizzie.

DR. RIPCHINSKI:

So moved.

DR. KUTZ:

Second.

CHAIR YEALY:

We have a motion and second. Any further discussion? Hearing none, may we have a roll call, please?

Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MS. ARCHER:

At Agenda Items 45, 46 and 48, I

1 believe the Board would entertain a  
2 motion to table the following  
3 Reactivation Applications, to allow the  
4 applicants to obtain a Reentry  
5 Assessment and follow through with any  
6 recommendations. Linette Ann Krutz,  
7 Garrett Blanchett, M.D., and Susan  
8 Ricciardi.

9 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

10 So moved.

11 DR. KUTZ:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR YEALY:

14 We have a motion and second. Any  
15 further discussion? Hearing none, may  
16 we have a roll call?

17  
18 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.  
19 Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.  
20 Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.  
21 Kutz, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

23 \*\*\*

24 MS. ARCHER:

25 At Agenda Item 47, I believe the Board

1                   would entertain a motion to table the  
2                   Reactivation Application to allow  
3                   Stephen Eugene Perkins, M.D., to obtain  
4                   a reentry assessment and follow through  
5                   with any recommendations.

6 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

7                   So moved.

8 DR. KUTZ:

9                   Second.

10 CHAIR YEALY:

11                   We have a motion and second. Any  
12                   further discussion? I need to recuse  
13                   from the vote, but may we have a roll  
14                   call vote, please?

15  
16                   Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, recused;  
17                   Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;  
18                   Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.  
19                   Kutz, aye.

20 [The motion carried. Chair Yealy recused from  
21 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

22                   \*\*\*

23 MS. ARCHER:

24                   At Agenda Items 49 and 50, I believe  
25                   the Board would entertain a motion to

1                   table the following Reactivation  
2                   Applications to allow the applicants to  
3                   obtain reentry assessments and follow  
4                   through with any recommendations.  
5                   Joseph Russino, M.D. and Fay Wright,  
6                   M.D.

7 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

8                   So moved.

9 DR. KUTZ:

10                  Second.

11 CHAIR YEALY:

12                  We have a motion and second. Any  
13                  further discussion? 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, recused;  
18                  Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr.  
19                  Kutz, aye.

20 [The motion carried. Dr. Woodland recused from  
21 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

22   \*\*\*

23 Applications - Ratifications

24 MS. ARCHER:

25                   At Agenda Items 51 through 57, I

1 believe the Board would entertain a  
2 motion to ratify the drafting of the  
3 following applications to practice as a  
4 Physician and Surgeon. Driele  
5 Bittencourt, Chirag Chaudhary, Hazem  
6 Orabi, Jihoon Park, Mikiko Senzai,  
7 Jigishkumar Vyas, Michal Nisnboym Ziv.

8 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

9 So moved.

10 DR. KUTZ:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR YEALY:

13 We have a motion and second. Any  
14 further discussion? Hearing none,  
15 could we get roll call vote, please?

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

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

22 \*\*\*

23 Miscellaneous - Written Agreement Waiver Request-  
24 Daniel Lodge, M.D.

25 MS. ARCHER:



1                   The last Item for voting would be  
2                   Agenda Item 62. I believe the Board  
3                   would entertain a motion to deny the  
4                   Request of Penn State Health, will  
5                   allow Daniel Lodge M.D., to supervise  
6                   three additional Physician Assistants.

7 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

8                   So moved.

9 DR. KUTZ:

10                  Second.

11 CHAIR YEALY:

12                  We have a motion and second. Any  
13                  further discussion? Hearing none,  
14                  could we get a roll call?

15  
16                  Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr.  
17                  Ripchinski, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye; Mr.  
18                  Dillon, aye; Dr. Bonacci, recused; Dr.  
19                  Kutz, aye.

20 [The motion carried. Dr. Bonacci recused from  
21 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

22   \*\*\*

23 Miscellaneous - Letter to FSMB from U.S. Food and  
24 Drug Administration

25 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, stated that

1 Agenda Item 59 was a letter from the US Food and Drug  
2 Administration to the Federation of State Medical  
3 Boards providing guidance, with no action required.]

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5 Miscellaneous - Correspondence from Eli Lilly and  
6 Company

7 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, noted that  
8 agenda Item 60 was a letter from Eli Lilly regarding  
9 weight reduction medications, including compounded  
10 and non-compounded versions, which was included in  
11 the meeting minutes and on the website to inform  
12 stakeholders across the Commonwealth. No further  
13 action was needed for either Item.]

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15 Miscellaneous - Hil Rizvi, M.D. vs. Pennsylvania  
16 Department of State, State Board of Medicine - 31 WM  
17 2025

18 [Dana M. Archer, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel,  
19 reported that agenda Item 61 was a pending writ of  
20 mandamus filed in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court by  
21 Petitioner Hil Rizvi, M.D. She noted that an answer  
22 to the writ was filed on May 2, 2025, and the Board  
23 was now awaiting a response from the court.]

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25 Regulatory Status Report

1 [Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel,  
2 reported on the status of regulations listed under  
3 Item 27 on the Agenda.

4 She noted that proposed regulation 16A-4945,  
5 regarding general updates to licenses and permits,  
6 was drafted by Board counsel Ms. Archer and was  
7 currently under her review, with plans to present it  
8 to the Board by July or August. She also updated the  
9 Board on regulation 16A-4955 concerning Physician  
10 Assistants, which was unanimously approved by the  
11 Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) on  
12 May 15, 2025. The regulation was under review by the  
13 Office of Attorney General, with publication in the  
14 Pennsylvania Bulletin expected by the end of June,  
15 pending timely approval. She thanked Ms. Archer for  
16 her expertise in advancing both regulations.

17 Ms. Wolfgang discussed regulation 16A-4960 on  
18 Continuing Education and Volunteer Licenses. The  
19 exposure draft was circulated to stakeholders in  
20 September 2025, and feedback from the Pennsylvania  
21 Medical Society (PA Med) was reviewed. She made  
22 several clarifying, non-substantive amendments to the  
23 Annex, including adding definitions for primary  
24 health services and types of retired practitioners,  
25 removing a redundant child abuse training

1 requirement, clarifying that the organ donation  
2 training was a one-time requirement, and specifying  
3 that the PA support curriculum was not mandatory.

4 Dr. Woodland expressed concern about the mandated  
5 organ donation training, noting that Pennsylvania was  
6 the only state to require it and that medical schools  
7 already provided such education. He questioned the  
8 scope of organ donation and the relevance of this  
9 mandate compared to other CME topics. He urged  
10 consideration of the educational value and necessity  
11 of such mandates.

12 Ms. Wolfgang acknowledged his concerns but  
13 reiterated that the mandate was legislatively  
14 required and outside her control, although she  
15 appreciated the feedback.

16 Chair Yealy thanked Ms. Wolfgang for her efforts  
17 to clarify and streamline the regulations and  
18 emphasized the Board's appreciation for her work  
19 within legislative constraints.

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21 MS. WOLFGANG:

22 If there are not any other questions,  
23 would the Board be willing to consider  
24 a motion to adopt this proposed  
25 Regulation?

1 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

2 So moved.

3 DR. KUTZ:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR YEALY:

6 We have a motion and second. Any  
7 further discussion? Hearing none,  
8 could we get a roll call?

9

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

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 [Ms. Wolfgang clarified that the regulation discussed  
17 was 16A-496(a), relating to education and volunteer  
18 services. She outlined the regulatory process,  
19 stating that she would finalize the package and  
20 submit it for review by the Office of General  
21 Counsel, Budget, and Policy, which typically takes  
22 about 30 days or slightly longer. Following that,  
23 the regulation would be sent to the Office of  
24 Attorney General, which has 30 days to review and  
25 approve. Once approved, it would be delivered to the

1 Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) and  
2 legislative committees, followed by a 30-day public  
3 comment period. After receiving comments from IRRC,  
4 the regulation would return to the Board for further  
5 review.

6 Dr. Woodland requested an update on the  
7 Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

8 Acting Commissioner Claggett responded that full  
9 implementation of the Compact was still on track for  
10 June 2025, though no specific date had been  
11 confirmed. He stated that a definitive date and  
12 related communications, including email blasts and  
13 press releases, would be provided once available.

14 Ms. Wolfgang added that although a regulation had  
15 been considered for the Compact, discussions with  
16 Board counsel indicated it might not be necessary.

17 Ms. Archer confirmed that no regulation was  
18 required to implement the Compact. Any future  
19 regulation would be optional and potentially address  
20 matters such as application fees, but was not  
21 essential for initial implementation.]

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23 Other

24 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, noted Items 29  
25 and 30 and turned the discussion to the Board for any

1 comments.

2 Ms. Archer informed the Board that there were  
3 several pending House Bills and stated that if any  
4 began to gain traction, the Board would be notified  
5 and their stance acknowledged.

6 Dr. Woodland commented on the Genetic Counselor  
7 Bill (Senate Bill 536), emphasizing its importance  
8 due to rapid advancements in the field of genetics.  
9 He suggested that expanding the scope of practice for  
10 genetic counselors was necessary and predicted that,  
11 in the future, individuals would likely have both a  
12 primary care provider and a genetic counselor to  
13 interpret their genome and guide healthcare  
14 decisions. He recommended closely monitoring the  
15 bill.

16 Chair Yealy agreed with Dr. Woodland's  
17 assessment. He briefly commented on House Bill 1066,  
18 acknowledging it as an interesting initiative and  
19 asked to be updated on its status.]

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21 For the Board's Information - Discussion

22 Board Meeting Dates

23 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, brought up the  
24 upcoming Board meeting dates. He noted the different  
25 committees that work within the Board of Medicine and

1 their members. He also noted that page nine contains  
2 future Board meeting dates. The next meeting is July  
3 1, 2025.]

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5 Report of Committee on Licensure Qualifications -  
6 None

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

10 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, expressed  
11 appreciation for the committee handling license  
12 qualifications, noting their efforts helped  
13 streamline the meeting. He reported on the FSMB 2025  
14 annual meeting, highlighting a joint poster  
15 presentation on cultural competency in state-mandated  
16 CME, created with the Pennsylvania State Medical  
17 Board, Drexel students, and FSMB staff. The study  
18 found that 18 percent of states mandated cultural  
19 competency training, while 72 percent mandated opioid  
20 use disorder education, making the latter the most  
21 common topic. He announced that the findings would  
22 be published in the Journal of Medical Regulation.  
23 Dr. Woodland also noted that Mr. Dillon had been  
24 appointed chair of the FSMB's 2025 Bioethics and  
25 Professionalism Committee, which would explore the



1 impact of unions on U.S. medical care and any related  
2 regulatory implications.

3 Mr. Dillon confirmed his new role as chair of the  
4 FSMB's Bioethics and Professionalism Committee and  
5 shared that the committee would examine the effects  
6 of unionization in the healthcare workforce, though  
7 its work had not yet begun.

8 Dr. Woodland further emphasized the significance  
9 of Mr. Dillon's role, linking it to broader issues of  
10 corporatization in healthcare, including hospital  
11 closures and reduced access to care in Pennsylvania.  
12 He noted a national movement toward unionizing  
13 physicians and the involvement of graduate medical  
14 education representatives. He announced his own  
15 reelection to the FSMB Executive Committee and  
16 appointment as chair of the FSMB Journal Oversight  
17 Committee, a three-year position.

18 Dr. Woodland then identified five major FSMB  
19 conference sessions of interest: artificial  
20 intelligence in medicine, physician competency  
21 evaluation, innovation in CME accreditation,  
22 misconceptions about medical regulation and licensure  
23 among new physicians, and discussion of a national  
24 practice registry. He also noted a delegate vote  
25 establishing an advisory commission on licensing

1 models, commending Pennsylvania's leadership in  
2 exploring institutional licenses and alternative  
3 evaluation pathways for international medical  
4 graduates.]

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6 Report of Committee on Health-Related Professionals -  
7 None

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9 Report of Department of Health  
10 [Robert Bonacci, M.D., gave the report on behalf of  
11 Debra L. Bogen, M.D., FAAP, FABM.

12 As of the most recent CDC report, there were  
13 1,024 cases in the United States in 2025, with 96  
14 percent of cases occurring in individuals with  
15 unknown or unvaccinated status. Approximately 13  
16 percent of those infected had been hospitalized, and  
17 three deaths had been recorded. Pennsylvania  
18 reported 15 confirmed measles cases, stemming from  
19 both international and domestic travel to outbreak  
20 areas. Dr. Bonacci urged increased diagnostic  
21 awareness and emphasized the importance of MMR  
22 vaccination.

23 Dr. Bonacci then highlighted the rise in  
24 emergency department visits related to tick-borne  
25 illnesses, including Lyme disease, which continues to

1 increase across Pennsylvania. He encouraged  
2 preventive education while promoting outdoor  
3 activity. He also referenced a public dashboard  
4 displaying county-level tick-borne disease data and  
5 shared resources, including health alerts (HANS) and  
6 prevention guidelines.

7 Dr. Woodland expressed concern about the spread  
8 of misinformation, particularly regarding vaccines  
9 and fluoride, and inquired whether the Department of  
10 Health planned to issue guidance on fluoride given  
11 increasing public confusion.

12 Dr. Bonacci responded that while community water  
13 fluoridation decisions in Pennsylvania are made  
14 locally, the Department does provide online  
15 information supporting its dental health benefits.  
16 He acknowledged the importance of the issue and  
17 committed to sharing further resources.

18 Dr. Woodland emphasized the need for the  
19 Department of Health to both react to and proactively  
20 manage information, ensuring the public receives  
21 scientifically supported guidance amidst the spread  
22 of misinformation.]

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24 Report of Acting Commissioner - None

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1 Report of Vice Chair

2 [Michael R. Ripchinski, M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP, Vice  
3 Chair, expressed gratitude for the Committee's  
4 diligence and work. He noted the next scheduled  
5 Board meeting is July 1, 2025.]

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7 Report of Board Chair

8 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., FACEP, Chair, recognized  
9 recent national observances, noting that two weeks  
10 prior was National Nursing Week and encouraging  
11 ongoing appreciation for nurses across the  
12 Commonwealth and the Board of Nursing. He also  
13 acknowledged EMS Week, emphasizing the vital and  
14 often unrecognized work of emergency medical service  
15 providers who respond to critical, time-sensitive  
16 situations in unpredictable environments.

17 Chair Yealy reported emerging public health  
18 developments in Pennsylvania, highlighting early  
19 findings in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh on  
20 Medetomidine, a new street drug adulterant replacing  
21 Xylazine in opioid exposures. He explained that  
22 Medetomidine, an alpha agonist causing deep sedation,  
23 presented a rapid and severe withdrawal profile,  
24 unlike Xylazine. He noted firsthand experience  
25 managing this withdrawal as an emergency physician

1 and commended licensed partners for sharing data that  
2 the CDC and MMWR have since adopted, underscoring  
3 Pennsylvania's national leadership in early detection  
4 and response to substance use trends.

5 Finally, Chair Yealy discussed the Board's  
6 ongoing efforts to ensure access to skilled  
7 healthcare providers while minimizing unnecessary  
8 barriers. He emphasized initiatives such as the  
9 Interstate Licensure Compact, veteran reentry  
10 pathways, and accommodations for internationally  
11 trained professionals, clarifying that retraining is  
12 not always required. He also referenced changes  
13 inspired by the Lorna Breen Foundation to reduce  
14 stigma around mental health in licensure  
15 applications. He praised the Board's forward-  
16 thinking approach and encouraged greater awareness of  
17 its thoughtful, progressive efforts to support high-  
18 quality, accessible care across the Commonwealth.]

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20 Adjournment

21 CHAIR YEALY:

22 With that, I don't have any other  
23 further comments. We'll leave things  
24 open if there're any other questions or  
25 Items people want to bring up. Hearing

1 none, I'd be happy to entertain a  
2 motion to adjourn.

3 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

4 So moved.

5 DR. KUTZ:

6 Second.

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

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12 CERTIFICATE

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

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TIME

AGENDA

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10:30	Return to Open Session
10:30	Official Call to Order
10:31	Acknowledge Public - Turn Off Electronic Devices
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10:34	Introduction of Board Members/Attendees
10:36	Appointment - Lifeguard Presentation - Tracey Ziegler
10:54	Report of Prosecuting Attorneys
11:23	Report of Board Counsel
11:XX	Applications for Licensure
11:XX	Ratifications
11:38	Miscellaneous
11:40	Report of Regulatory Counsel
11:52	Other
11:54	Report of Committee on Legislation/Policy Development and Review
12:00	Report of Department of Health
12:06	Report of Vice Chair
12:06	Report of Board Chair
12:12	Adjournment