



**Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine**

Agenda for September 30th, 2025

Time

Executive Session – 8:45 A.M.

Public Session – 10:30 A.M.

Location

In Person:

Eaton conference room

2525 N. 7th Street

Harrisburg, PA 17110

Online via Microsoft Teams:

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1-267-332-8737

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Board Members

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Adanma Okereh, CNM, CRNP, Nurse Midwife

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Board Counsel

Dana Archer, Esquire

Board Prosecution Liaison

Todd Kriner, Esquire

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MEETING CALL TO ORDER (Donald M. Yealy, M.D., Chair)

1. Call to Order - 10:30 A.M

ACKNOWLEDGE PUBLIC - TURN OFF ELECTRONIC DEVICES (Donald M. Yealy, M.D., Chair)

RECURRING MEETING REQUIREMENTS AND CONDUCT (Board Counsel)

ATTENDEE IDENTIFICATION (Board Administrator)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Donald M. Yealy, M.D., Chair)

2. August 19th, 2025

APPOINTMENTS

3. 10:30 am-New Deputy Chief Counsel, Shana Walter, Esquire

REPORT OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS

Todd Kriner, Esq

4. VRP Case No. 25-49-011597
5. VRP Case No. 25-49-012047
6. VRP Case No. 25-49-010397
7. VRP Case No. 25-49-011197

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Keith A. Bashore, Esq

8. Case No. 25-49-007904

9. Case No 25-49-006844

Berk V. Demiral, Esq

10. Case No. 23-49-015444

11. Case No. 23-49-017371

Jason T. Anderson, Esq

12. Case No. 25-49-004689

Patrick M. Green, Esq

13. Case No. 24-49-013932

14. Case No. 25-49-002561

REPORT OF BOARD COUNSEL (Dana Archer)

Proposed Reports from Hearing Examiner

15. Abby Melissa Irwin, M.D.-Case No. 25-49-006355

16. Omar Almusa, M.D.-Case No. 21-49-006529

Adjudications from Hearing Examiner

17. Paula Zak Johnson, M.D.-Case No. 24-49-005674

18. Scott Gestrich, M.D.-Case No. 25-49-000791

19. Samirkumar J. Shah, M.D.-Case No. 21-49-012805

20. Gene Edward Pershwitz, M.D.-Case No. 23-49-004256

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Final Adjudications for Board Approval

Regulatory Report

- 21. Status of Regulations
- 22. 16A-4954 - General Revisions and Updates - Proposed Rulemaking

Other

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

Applications – Allied Health Professionals

- 23. Behavior Specialist- Ashlee Pulley
- 24. Behavior Specialist- Antonia Mann-Roane
- 25. Behavior Specialist- Travis Herbert Worrell
- 26. Behavior Specialist-Michael Ryan Downs
- 27. Behavior Specialist-Kerry Pitter
- 28. Behavior Specialist-Alessandra Griffith

Applications – Unrestricted Physician and Surgeon

- 29. Medical Physician and Surgeon- Armin Zarrintan, M.D.
- 30. Medical Physician and Surgeon- Oludare Alabi, M.D.
- 31. Medical Physician and Surgeon-Lubab Al Quaraishi, M.D.
- 32. Medical Physician and Surgeon- Anna Shalman Merkin, M.D.
- 33. Medical Physician and Surgeon-Zvorfura George Makura, M.D.

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Applications – Reactivations

- 34. Medical Physician and Surgeon- Annette Turner, M.D.
- 35. Medical Physician and Surgeon- Bruce Himelstein, M.D.
- 36. Medical Physician and Surgeon- David Hitz, M.D.
- 37. Medical Physician and Surgeon- Barbara Nabrit-Stephens, M.D
- 38. Certified Nurse Midwife-Terri Lynne Caton
- 39. Respiratory Therapist-Richard Macedo
- 40. Respiratory Therapist-Derrick Lee Orr
- 41. Respiratory Therapist-Jennifer Carroll
- 42. Athletic Trainer-Dalton Cremer Tice

Reconsiderations

- 43. Certified Nurse Midwife-Charlotte Morris
- 44. Respiratory Therapist-Shannon Childs
- 45. Medical Physician and Surgeon-Aletha Akers, M.D
- 46. Medical Physician and Surgeon-Nivedita Jha, M.D.
- 47. Written Agreement Waiver Request-Daniel Lodge, M.D.
- 48. Physician Assistant-Angelo-Act 41 Consideration

RATIFICATIONS

- 49. Medical Physician and Surgeon-Dr. Michael Petersen, M.D.
- 50. Medical Physician and Surgeon-Dr. Garza Gangemi, M.D.
- 51. Medical Physician and Surgeon-Sannidhi Dewan, M.D.
- 52. Medical Physician and Surgeon-Ozge Sarac, M.D.
- 53. Medical Physician and Surgeon-Catalina Le Cacheux, M.D.

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54. Medical Physician and Surgeon-Gonzalo Mosquera, M.D.

55. Behavior Specialist- Jacqueline Fabian

56. Behavior Specialist-Kelly Kennedy

57. Behavior Specialist-Denise Noble

58. Behavior Specialist-Isaha Polanco Almanzar

59. Behavior Specialist-Linda Wright

FSMB Updates

FOR THE BOARDS INFORMATION – DISCUSSION

Board Meeting Dates

60. Upcoming 2025-26 Board Meeting Dates.

MISCELLANEOUS

61. Medical Physician and Surgeon-James Roy Lewis, M.D.-Change of Status

62. Medical Physician and Surgeon-Gail Slap, M.D.-Change of Status

63. FAQs for Website for Physician Assistants

64. USMLE Exam Attempt Waiver Request- Andres Juan Onetto, M.D.

REPORT OF BOARD CHAIR (Donald M. Yealy, M.D.)

REPORT OF VICE CHAIR (Michael R. Ripchinski M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP)

REPORT OF ACTING COMMISSIONER (Arion Claggett)

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Debra Bogen, M.D., FAAP)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEALTH-RELATED PROFESSIONALS

(Walter Eisenhower, MMSC., M.Ed., PA-C Michael Ripchinski, MD, MBA, CPE, FAAFP, Gerard Dillon, PH.D.)

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION/POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW

(Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Adanma Okereh, CNM, CRNP, Nurse Midwife, John D. Six, M.D.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LICENSURE QUALIFICATIONS

(Gerard F. Dillon, PH.D., Michael Ripchinski, M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP, John Kutz, M.D.)

REPORT OF BOARD ADMINISTRATOR (Jamison Cassel)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Committee Information**

Probable Cause Screening Committee		
John Kutz, M.D.	Chair	Primary
Michael Ripchinski, M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP		Primary
John D. Six, MD		Primary
Gerard Dillon, PH.D.		Alternate*
Committee on Allied Health Related Professionals**		
Walter Eisenhower, MMSC., M.Ed., PA-C	Chair	
Michael Ripchinski, M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP	Co-Chair	
Gerard F. Dillon, PH.D.		
Committee on Legislation / Policy Development and Review		
Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG	Chair	Primary
Adanma Okereh, CNM, CRNP, Nurse Midwife	Co-Chair	Primary
John D. Six, M.D.		Primary
Committee on Licensure Qualifications***		
Gerard F. Dillon, PH.D.	Chair	Primary
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Walter Eisenhower, MMSC., M.Ed., PA-C		Alternate
John Kutz, M.D.		Primary

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January 28
March 4
April 8
May 20
July 1
August 19
September 30
November 18
December 23

2026 Board Meeting Dates
February 3
March 17
April 22
May 19
July 1
August 18
September 29
November 10
December 23