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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 OSTEOPATHIC 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**

December 10, 2025

1                    State Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
2    December 10, 2025  
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5 BOARD MEMBERS:  
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7 Randy Litman, D.O., Chair  
8 Joseph M. Zawisza, D.O., Vice-Chair  
9 Arion Claggett, Acting Commissioner of Professional  
10     and Occupational Affairs  
11 Robert A. Bonacci, M.D., MPH, Department of Health,  
12     on behalf of Debra L. Bogen, M.D., Secretary of  
13     Health  
14 Hillary D. Snyder, MSPAS, PA-C  
15 Jonathan P. Oline, D.O.  
16 Ayanna S. Kersey-McMullen, D.O., Secretary  
17 Bruce Frantz, D.O. - Absent  
18 Lisa Witherite-Rieg, D.O.  
19 Neil Curtis, EdD, LAT, ATC  
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21 BUREAU PERSONNEL:  
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23 Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel  
24 Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
25 Liliana G. Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
26 J. Patrick Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
27 Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
28 Jamison Cassel, Board Administrator  
29 Diedre Bowers, Board Administrator  
30 Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide, Department of State  
31 Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State  
32 Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,  
33     Prosecution Division  
34 Nicholas Kahler, Intern, Office of Attorney General  
35 Todd Kriner, Esquire, Senior Prosecutor-In-Charge  
36 CJ Restemayer, Esquire, Office of General Counsel  
37 Adrienne McClendon, Esquire, PA Office of General  
38     Counsel  
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40 ALSO PRESENT:  
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42 Misha Patel, M.D., Curriculum Education Assistant,  
43     Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine  
44 Patrick Leadbitter, DPAS, PA-C  
45 Jacob Hill, Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.  
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2 State Board of Osteopathic Medicine

3 December 10, 2025

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,  
6 at 9:30 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session  
7 with Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, for  
8 the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial  
9 deliberations on a number of matters that are  
10 currently pending before the Board and to receive the  
11 advice of counsel. The Board returned to open  
12 session at 10:30 a.m.]

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14 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
15 Board of Osteopathic Medicine was held on Wednesday,  
16 December 10, 2025. Randy Litman, D.O., Chair, called  
17 the meeting of the State Board of Osteopathic  
18 Medicine to order at 10:30 a.m.

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20 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

21 [Jamison Cassel, Board Administrator, provided an  
22 introduction of Board members, staff, and attendees.  
23 A quorum of Board members was present.]

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25 [Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the

1 meeting was being recorded, and those who continued  
2 to participate were giving their consent to be  
3 recorded.

4 Ms. Goshert also noted the Board entered into  
5 Executive Session for the purpose of conducting  
6 quasi-judicial deliberations on a number of matters  
7 that are currently pending before the Board and to  
8 receive the advice of counsel.]

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10 Approval of Minutes - September 24, 2025 and October  
11 8, 2025

12 CHAIR LITMAN:

13 Has everyone had a chance to review the  
14 minutes and can I have a motion for  
15 approval?

16 DR. ZAWISZA:

17 Motion to approve the minutes from  
18 October 8th and September 24th, 2025.

19 CHAIR LITMAN:

20 Do I have a second?

21 DR. KERSEY-MCMULLEN:

22 I second.

23 CHAIR LITMAN:

24 Would you do a roll call again, sir?  
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1 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Litman, abstain;  
2 Dr. Zawisza, aye; Ms. Snyder, aye; Dr.  
3 Oline, aye; Dr. Kersey-McMullen,  
4 abstain; Dr. Witherite-Rieg, abstain;  
5 Dr. Bonacci, aye.

6 [The motion carried. Dr. Litman, Dr. Kersey-McMullen  
7 and Dr. Witherite-Rieg abstained from voting on the  
8 matter. Mr. Curtis experienced technical  
9 difficulties and could not vote.]

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11 Report of Prosecuting Attorneys

12 [Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
13 Liaison, presented the VRP Consent Agreements for  
14 Agenda Item No. 3, VRP Case No. 25-53-017363; and  
15 Agenda Item No. 4, VRP Case No. 25-53-016396.]

16 MS. GOSHERT:

17 I believe, based on Executive Session  
18 deliberations, the Board would  
19 entertain a motion to approve the VRP  
20 Agreements at Case No. 25-53-017363 and  
21 Case No. 25-53-016396.

22 DR. ZAWISZA:

23 Zawisza, so moved.

24 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

25 Witherite-Rieg, second.

1 CHAIR LITMAN:

2 May we take a roll call Jamison?

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4 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Litman, aye; Dr.

5 Zawisza, aye; Ms. Snyder, aye; Dr.

6 Oline, aye; Dr. Kersey-McMullen, aye;

7 Dr. Witherite-Rieg, aye; Dr. Bonacci,

8 aye.

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Status Report

12 [Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, reported

13 Jacqueline Wolfgang, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel,

14 provided the Board with a written outline on the

15 status of its regulations.]

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17 Report of Board Counsel - Regulation 16A-5339

18 Physician Assistants

19 [Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, reported

20 there quite a few comments on the initial exposure

21 draft particularly with streamlining the regulation

22 with the Medical Board's regulations. She is

23 continuing to work through the comments with Ms.

24 Wolfgang. A redraft of the initial draft will be

25 available for the Board's review at the February 2026

1 meeting.]

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3 Report of Board Counsel - Attendance at FSMB

4 Attorney's Workshop

5 [Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, reported  
6 on attending the FSMB Attorney Workshop in November  
7 in Philadelphia. She shared it was a valuable  
8 experience. As representatives of the host state,  
9 she was given the opportunity with the Medical Board  
10 Counsel to give opening remarks. She noted the  
11 workshop covered a wide range of topics, including  
12 the current legal issues facing medical and  
13 osteopathic boards across the country. She thanked  
14 the Board for sending her.]

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16 Report of Board Counsel - FYI - HB 1993 - Regulating

17 Use of AI in Mental Health Care

18 [Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, explained  
19 HB 1993 creates rules for using AI in mental health  
20 therapy. Specifically, the bill allows AI to only be  
21 used for administrative or supplemental tasks and  
22 only with written informed consent if therapy  
23 sessions are recorded or transcribed. In addition,  
24 the bill bans AI from acting as a therapist,  
25 providing therapeutic advice, and prohibits companies

1 from marketing AI as capable of providing therapy.  
2 Violations are treated as unprofessional conduct  
3 under applicable licensing statutes. The bill is  
4 with the House Professional Licensure Committee.]

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6 Report of Board Counsel - FYI - HB 1961 and SB 1051 -  
7 Physician Assistant Compact Model Legislation  
8 [Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, reported  
9 HB 1961 and SB 1051 were introduced to allow  
10 Pennsylvania to enter the Physician Assistant  
11 Licensure Compact. She noted HB 1961 passed the  
12 House and was with the Senate. SB 1051 is pending in  
13 committee.]

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15 Report of Board Counsel - FYI - HB 1980 and SB 1043 -  
16 Nutrition CME  
17 [Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, explained  
18 HB 1980 and SB 1043 would require physicians in  
19 Pennsylvania to complete one hour of continuing  
20 medical education (CME) in nutrition during each two-  
21 year license renewal cycle. HB 1980 passed the House  
22 and was under consideration in the Senate. SB 1043  
23 was introduced and referred to Senate Licensure. If  
24 enacted, the bills would ensure physicians receive  
25 regular updated training in nutrition, reflecting the

1 growing recognition of nutrition's importance in  
2 preventative care and chronic disease management.

3 Dr. Zawisza stated Boards were being regulated to  
4 death regarding CME. He noted, as a general  
5 practitioner, CMEs generally apply to his practice.  
6 He added specialists may not need the same CME. He  
7 added, as a Board, there was nothing it could do.

8 Ms. Goshert stated, when legislation reaches out  
9 to Board Counsel for a write-up, she would be sure to  
10 reach out to Dr. Zawisza for his input.]

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12 Applications for Licensure - None.

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14 Report of the Board Chair

15 [Randy Litman, D.O., Chair, discussed attending the  
16 FSMB meetings as a representative of the Board during  
17 the past two years. He was chosen to serve on the  
18 educational committee for the program, which will  
19 take place in Baltimore, Maryland in April 2026. He  
20 noted of importance for the meeting will be the  
21 stressors of the weight of CME, responses to how AI  
22 is used, and the electronic medical record.

23 Chair Litman noted, as a designated institutional  
24 official for an ACGME residency program, he visits  
25 both rural and urban practices. He noted the

1 stressors that health professionals are under, and  
2 looking at CME requirements in relation to specialty  
3 may be worth a view.]

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5 Report of the Board Vice Chair - No Report.

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7 Report of the Acting Commissioner - No Report.

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9 Report of Department of Health

10 [Robert A. Bonacci, M.D., MPH, Department of Health,  
11 discussed health alerts from the Department of  
12 Health. He dropped a few links into the chat for  
13 online attendees.

14 Dr. Bonacci referenced a recent Health Alert  
15 Network regarding a recall on ByHeart Whole Nutrition  
16 Formula, which was recalled in response to an FDA  
17 investigation for infant botulism related to the  
18 formula.

19 Dr. Bonacci shared a link for information on  
20 respiratory virus season. He noted overall rates of  
21 influenza, covid, and RSV remain low despite upticks  
22 of influenza across the state. He reminded everyone  
23 to have discussions with patients on their  
24 immunization status for various respiratory viruses.

25 Dr. Bonacci mentioned on December 4th and 5th,

1 2025, the Advisory Committee on Immunization  
2 Practices (ACIP) met and changed their  
3 recommendations regarding the hepatitis B vaccination  
4 for newborns and infants. He added the recommended  
5 change shared clinical decision-making rather than an  
6 affirmative recommendation. Dr. Bonacci emphasized  
7 the Shapiro Administration, Department of Health, and  
8 those who work in health-related areas across the  
9 state government firmly continue to support the  
10 importance of the newborn dose of the hepatitis B  
11 vaccination, which remains consistent with expert  
12 medical societies, including the American Academy of  
13 Pediatrics. He shared a link to a letter the  
14 Administration released shortly after the ACIP  
15 meeting, as well as Pennsylvania's DOH  
16 recommendations that follow recommendations by the  
17 American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy  
18 of Family Physicians, and the American College of  
19 Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He added guidance  
20 regarding vaccinations and immunizations can be found  
21 at [pa.gov/vaccines](http://pa.gov/vaccines).]

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23 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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25 Board Meeting Dates

1 [Randy Litman, D.O., Chair, noted the next meeting  
2 was scheduled for February 3, 2026. He added the  
3 meeting dates for 2026 are February 3rd, April 8th,  
4 June 10th, August 12th, October 14th, and December  
5 9th.]

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7 Miscellaneous - FSMB 2026 Trauma Informed Regulation  
8 Training - February 27, 2026

9 [Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, explained  
10 the Trauma Informed Training would take place  
11 February 27, 2026, in New Orleans, Louisiana. The  
12 training relates to how trauma affects licensees,  
13 complainants, and Board staff. The training also  
14 helps with the regulatory process and how to redesign  
15 to avoid retraumatizing people while still protecting  
16 the public.]

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18 MS. GOSHERT:

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20 Would the Board entertain a motion to  
21 approve travel and expenses for Board  
22 Counsel and/or Regulatory Counsel  
23 and/or two Board Members to attend the  
24 FSMB Trauma Informed Regulation  
25 Training taking place on February 27,  
2026, in New Orleans, Louisiana?

1 DR. ZAWISZA:

2 Zawisza, so moved.

3 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

4 Witherite-Rieg, second.

5 CHAIR LITMAN:

6 May we take a roll call?

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8 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Litman, aye; Dr.

9 Zawisza, aye; Ms. Snyder, aye; Dr.

10 Oline, aye; Dr. Kersey-McMullen, aye;

11 Dr. Witherite-Rieg, aye; Dr. Bonacci,

12 aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 Public Comments - None

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17 Adjournment

18 CHAIR LITMAN:

19 May I have a motion for Adjournment?

20 DR. ZAWISZA:

21 Zawisza, so moved.

22 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

23 Witherite-Rieg, second.

24 CHAIR LITMAN:

25 All in favor, raise your hands. Okay.

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I wish you all a happy and safe  
holiday time and I'll see you in 2026.

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[There being no further business, the State Board of  
Osteopathic Medicine Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary  
minutes of the State Board of Osteopathic 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  
Osteopathic Medicine meeting.

Jacob Hill

Jacob Hill,  
Minute Clerk  
Sargent's Court Reporting  
Service, Inc.

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TIME	AGENDA
9:30	Executive Session
10:30	Return to Open Session
10:30	Official Call to Order
10:31	Introduction of Board Members/Attendees
10:31	Approval of Minutes
10:32	Report of Prosecuting Attorneys
10:36	Report of Board Counsel
10:42	Report of Board Chair
10:44	Report of Department of Health
10:48	Report of Board Administrator
10:49	Miscellaneous
10:51	Adjournment