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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**

February 3, 2026

1                    State Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
2                                    February 3, 2026

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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. - Absent  
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 Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
29 Jamison Cassel, Board Administrator  
30 Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide  
31 Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk  
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 Jason C. Giurintano, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,  
38     Counsel Division  
39 Jacqueline Wolfgang, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel  
40 Deena Parmelee, Legal Office Administrator

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42 ALSO PRESENT:

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44 Kevin Knipe, MSW, LSW, CCDP Diplomat, Co-Program  
45     Manager, Professional Health Monitoring Program  
46 Julie Drodody, MS, BSW, Co-Program Manager,  
47     Professional Health Monitoring Program  
48 William Reynolds, MPAS, PA-C, DFAAPA, Executive  
49     Director, Pennsylvania Society of Physician  
50     Associates

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ALSO PRESENT (CONT.):

Tyler Burke, Senior Director of Government Affairs,  
Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association

Tanya Miller, MS, LAT, ATC, NASM-CES, Governmental  
Affairs Chair, Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers'  
Society

Erin Badstuebner, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,  
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2 State Board of Osteopathic Medicine

3 February 3, 2026

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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 Tuesday,  
16 February 3, 2026. 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 - December 10, 2025

11 CHAIR LITMAN:

12 Has everyone reviewed the minutes from  
13 our last meeting in December? And may  
14 I have a motion for approval?

15 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

16 Witherite-Rieg, so moved

17 CHAIR LITMAN:

18 Second?

19 DR. KERSEY-MCMULLEN:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR LITMAN:

22 All in favor? Do a roll call sir.

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24 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Litman, aye; Dr.  
25 Zawisza, aye; Dr. Witherite-Rieg, aye;

1 Dr. Kersey-McMullen, aye; Mr. Curtis,  
2 aye; Ms. Snyder, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 Amendment of Agenda

6 MS. KEEFER:

7 Would the Board entertain a motion to  
8 amend today's Agenda to add the Board's  
9 2026 election to the Agenda?

10 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

11 Witherite-Rieg, so moved

12 DR. KERSEY-MCMULLEN:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR LITMAN:

15 All in favor, let's do a roll call.

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17 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Litman, aye; Dr.  
18 Zawisza, aye; Dr. Witherite-Rieg, aye;  
19 Dr. Kersey-McMullen, aye; Mr. Curtis,  
20 aye; Ms. Snyder, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 Appointment - Annual Prosecution Report

24 [Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,  
25 Prosecution Division, explained the Bureau of

1 Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA) provides  
2 administrative and legal support to the 29  
3 professional and occupational licensing boards and  
4 commissions within the department. The Office of  
5 Chief Counsel Prosecution Division works with its  
6 investigative (BEI) and compliance arms (PCO), who  
7 receive complaints, investigate allegations, and  
8 enforce compliance with the acts and regulations that  
9 govern the boards and commissions. She stated the  
10 Prosecution Division consists of five senior  
11 prosecuting attorneys and 34 prosecutors.

12 Ms. Walter stated the prosecution process always  
13 begins with a complaint either from the public or by  
14 Board referral. She reported, in both 2024 and 2025,  
15 the department received approximately 22,800 total  
16 complaints for all boards. Ms. Walter provided an  
17 overview of the investigative process in which the  
18 complaint moves through several levels of review. She  
19 noted the primary role of prosecution at Board  
20 meetings is to present Consent Agreements to the  
21 Board.

22 Ms. Walter explained after the investigative  
23 process, the evidence is reviewed by the prosecuting  
24 attorney to determine whether there have been any  
25 violations of the act or regulations, how sufficient

1 the evidence is and determine if additional files  
2 need to be opened. She stated, if a violation is  
3 suspected, the available options include immediate  
4 temporary suspension, filing an order to show cause,  
5 automatic suspension, an order for a mental or  
6 physical examination, and a petition for appropriate  
7 relief if the case violates a previous Board order.  
8 Avenues for discipline types are revocation,  
9 suspension, probation, public reprimand, civil  
10 penalty, remedial education, and cost of  
11 investigation. She added all investigations are  
12 confidential and are not subject to right-to-know  
13 requests.

14 Ms. Walters shared, in 2025, there were 17,354  
15 cases opened and 19,131 cases closed, up  
16 significantly from 2024. Specifically for the  
17 Osteopathic Board, she reported 769 cases were opened  
18 with 1,033 cases closed. She added, of the closed  
19 cases, a lot were MCare cases. The penalties  
20 included one monetary, 20 types of discipline  
21 affecting the ability to practice, 131 warning  
22 letters. She added reinstatement was granted to nine  
23 and denied to one. The Osteopathic Board currently  
24 has 22,703 licensees with 769 open cases.]

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1 Report of Prosecuting Attorneys

2 [Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
3 Liaison, presented the VRP Consent Agreement for  
4 Agenda Item No. 4, VRP Case No. 25-53-018185. He  
5 also presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda Item  
6 No. 5, Case No. 25-53-009211.]

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8 [Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel noted  
9 Agenda Item No. 6, Case Nos. 23-53-017712 and 25-53-  
10 005800, would be tabled and brought to the Board at a  
11 future meeting.]

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13 [Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor presented  
14 the Consent Agreement for Agenda Item No. 7, Case No.  
15 25-53-007229.]

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17 MS. GOSHERT:

18 We'll start with Agenda Item 4.

19 I believe based on Executive  
20 Session deliberations, the Board would  
21 entertain a motion to approve the VRP  
22 Agreement at Case No. 25-53-018185.

23 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

24 Witherite-Rieg, so moved

25 DR. KERSEY-MCMULLEN:

1 Kersey-McMullen, second.

2 CHAIR LITMAN:

3 All in favor?

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

6 Zawisza, aye; Dr. Witherite-Rieg, aye;

7 Dr. Kersey-McMullen, aye; Mr. Curtis,

8 aye; Ms. Snyder, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 MS. GOSHERT:

12 I'll move on and do Agenda Items 5 and

13 7 together.

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15 Based on Executive Session

16 deliberations, I believe the Board

17 would entertain a motion to approve the

18 Consent Agreements at Case No. 25-53-

19 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

20 Witherite-Rieg, so moved

21 DR. KERSEY-MCMULLEN:

22 Kersey-McMullen, second.

23 CHAIR LITMAN:

24 All in favor?

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1 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Litman, aye; Dr.  
2 Zawisza, aye; Dr. Witherite-Rieg, aye;  
3 Dr. Kersey-McMullen, aye; Mr. Curtis,  
4 aye; Ms. Snyder, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

5 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent at  
6 Agenda Item No. 5, Case No. 25-53-009211 is Regis P.  
7 Burlas, D.O. The Respondent at Agenda Item No. 7,  
8 Case No. 25-53-007229 is Mark D. Avart, D.O.]

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10 Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Status Report  
11 [Jacqueline Wolfgang, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel,  
12 provided the Board with a written outline on the  
13 status of its regulations.]

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15 Report of Board Counsel - Education and Volunteer  
16 Services (16A-5337)  
17 [Jacqueline Wolfgang, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel,  
18 stated 16A-5337, regarding opioid education,  
19 volunteer services, and organ donation continuing  
20 education, was published as proposed in November  
21 2025. The Board did not receive any public comments  
22 or any comments from the Independent Regulatory  
23 Review Commission (IRRC). IRRC indicated the  
24 regulation would be deemed approved if the Board did  
25 not make any changes to the final rulemaking. Ms.

1 Wolfgang prepared the final rulemaking for the  
2 Board's review and recommended it move forward  
3 without any changes.

4 Ms. Wolfgang noted, with the organ donation CE  
5 requirements going into effect on May 1, 2026, she  
6 was working with Board Counsel to put a notice on the  
7 Board's website. Licensees will have five years to  
8 complete two hours of organ donation CE as part of  
9 the overall CE requirements.

10 Mr. Curtis asked, regarding volunteer services,  
11 who approves the list of clinics and where the list  
12 would be maintained.

13 Ms. Wolfgang replied the clinics would be  
14 qualified under the volunteer health services law.  
15 Approved organizations would be nonprofit as defined  
16 under Section 5013, as approved by the Department of  
17 Military Affairs. Approved clinic is defined as an  
18 organized, community-based clinic offering primary  
19 health care services to individuals and family who  
20 cannot pay for their care; medical assistant clients;  
21 or residents of medically underserved areas or health  
22 professional shortage areas. The term may include a  
23 stated health center, nonprofit community-based  
24 clinic or a federally qualified health center as  
25 designated by federal rulemaking or approved by the

1 Department of Health or Department of Human Services.

2 Chair Litman asked if the recommended courses for  
3 organ donation CE would be listed on the website or  
4 would be added to academic conventions.

5 Ms. Wolfgang stated the regulation requires the  
6 curriculum to be contained within the CE course. She  
7 added there is an organ procurement organization  
8 working on an online CE course. In addition, the  
9 Pennsylvania Medical Association is working on a  
10 course. She noted there are existing courses;  
11 however, the course providers need to ensure they are  
12 following the required curriculum.

13 Chair Litman asked if the opiate two-hours would  
14 be in addition to the eight-hour course required by  
15 the DEA for DEA licensing. Ms. Wolfgang replied the  
16 course would be attributable if it was CE approved.

17 Dr. Kersey-McMullen understood the organ donation  
18 CE to be a one-time requirement for the life of the  
19 physician's licensure. She asked how the information  
20 would be housed to know the physician had met the  
21 requirement and if the information would be tracked  
22 by the State Board or would be something the  
23 physician would need to prove each licensure cycle.

24 Ms. Wolfgang stated there would be a question  
25 added to the renewal regarding organ donation CE.

1 She added licensees should still keep records just as  
2 they would for any other CE. She further added the  
3 Board would not be tracking organ donation CE  
4 requirements.]

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6 MS. WOLFGANG:

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At this time, I believe the Chair would  
entertain a motion to approve the Final  
Regulation, the Preamble and Annex,  
16A-5337, relating to education and  
volunteer services and direct  
Regulatory Counsel to move the final  
form rulemaking through the regulatory  
process.

15 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

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Witherite-Rieg, so moved

17 DR. KERSEY-MCMULLEN:

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Kersey-McMullen, second.

19 CHAIR LITMAN:

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All in favor, take the roll.

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

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Zawisza, aye; Dr. Witherite-Rieg, aye;

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Dr. Kersey-McMullen, aye; Mr. Curtis,

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aye; Ms. Snyder, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 [Ms. Wolfgang provided the Board with the current  
4 stakeholder list for its review and general  
5 information. She noted the list is maintained to  
6 ensure the Board is conducting outreach to  
7 individuals who are interested in knowing about the  
8 Board's proposed regulations. She asked for the  
9 Board members to reach out to her if they knew of any  
10 suggestions for entities to be added to the list. In  
11 addition, she noted a link was added to the website  
12 to make it easier for individuals and organizations  
13 to receive information.]

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15 Report of Board Counsel - Regulation 16A-5339

16 Physician Assistants

17 [Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, explained  
18 the Board had previously reviewed the Annex for  
19 revised physician assistant (PA) regulations that was  
20 exclusively focused on the law changes related to Act  
21 78. She stated there were significant comments from  
22 stakeholders requesting the Board streamline  
23 additional parts of the regulation to be more inline  
24 with the Medical Board's PA regulations as well as  
25 eliminate some outdated things in the regulation. In

1 response, the Board agreed to comprehensively  
2 modernize the regulations as a whole.

3 Ms. Wolfgang explained the draft in front of the  
4 Board included restructured sentences and sections  
5 for clarity. She removed outdated provisions,  
6 updated language to be gender neutral, and aligned  
7 the Osteopathic regulations with the State Board of  
8 Medicine regulations.

9 Dr. Witherite-Rieg asked for confirmation that a  
10 main change was the number of PAs a which could be  
11 supervised by a physician increased from four to six.  
12 Ms. Goshert confirmed she was correct and the change  
13 occurred due to Act 78.

14 Ms. Snyder noted a couple of typos which Ms.  
15 Goshert made a note of.

16 Dr. Kersey-McMullin requested clarification  
17 relating to direct supervision. She noted the  
18 regulation stated for emergency rooms, direct  
19 supervision requires the presence of a supervising  
20 physician in the emergency room suite. She asked if  
21 the regulation was only speaking about hospital-based  
22 emergency rooms or if it also included urgent care.

23 Ms. Goshert stated it was for hospital-based  
24 emergency rooms and directed back to statutes.

25 Dr. Kersey-McMullin stated it would be helpful to

1 add clarification to the regulation as some emergency  
2 services are done in urgent care settings.]

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4 MS. GOSHERT:

5                   Would the Board entertain a motion to  
6                   approve the revised exposure draft  
7                   relating to the Physician's Assistant  
8                   Regulation 16A-5339, including the  
9                   revisions discussed in today's meeting,  
10                  and authorize the Bureau to circulate  
11                  the exposure draft to stakeholders for  
12                  public comment prior to proceeding with  
13                  proposed rulemaking?

14 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

15                   Witherite-Rieg, so moved

16 DR. KERSEY-MCMULLEN:

17                   Kersey-McMullen, second.

18 CHAIR LITMAN:

19                   All in favor? Would you take the roll,  
20                   sir?

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22                   Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Litman, aye; Dr.  
23                   Zawisza, aye; Dr. Witherite-Rieg, aye;  
24                   Dr. Kersey-McMullen, aye; Mr. Curtis,  
25                   aye; Ms. Snyder, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 Report of Board Counsel - FYI -SB 1062 - Delivering  
4 Better Health Care for our Veterans

5 [Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, explained  
6 SB 1062 would implement a veteran specific training  
7 requirement through continuing education. Physicians  
8 and other covered providers would be required to  
9 complete the training as part of their existing  
10 licensure or renewal requirements. She noted the  
11 bill was currently with the Senate Health and Human  
12 Services Committee.]

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14 Applications for Licensure

15 MS. GOSHERT:

16 At Item No. 13, based on Executive  
17 Session deliberations, I believe the  
18 Board would entertain a motion to  
19 provisionally deny the application  
20 submitted by Olga Selcova.

21 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

22 Witherite-Rieg, so moved

23 DR. KERSEY-MCMULLEN:

24 Kersey-McMullen, second.

25 CHAIR LITMAN:

1                   Take the roll.

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3                   Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Litman, aye; Dr.  
4                   Zawisza, aye; Dr. Witherite-Rieg, aye;  
5                   Dr. Kersey-McMullen, aye; Mr. Curtis,  
6                   aye; Ms. Snyder, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 [Dr. Kersey-McMullin returned to the topic of SB  
10 1062. She asked why there was a specific  
11 recommendation to have veteran specific education and  
12 how the CE would differ from current CE. She noted  
13 there is a constant addition of new CEs being  
14 required and wished to understand better how the  
15 veteran CE would differ form other general medical  
16 education CEs.

17               Ms. Goshert stated her understanding comes from  
18 reading the information provided with the bill, and  
19 there was a potential hole in knowledge or awareness  
20 as related to veterans' care and things like PTSD.  
21 She was aware of the Board's opinion with regard to  
22 adding specialized CE and would come to the Board if  
23 feedback was requested.

24               Dr. Litman noted there was a dedicated warning  
25 related to issues addressed by SB 1062 at the

1 Osteopathic Medical Education Conference. He stated  
2 the issue was more in depth than just PTSD. He  
3 explained there are medical, psychiatric, and social  
4 issues associated with returning veterans.]

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6 Report of the Board Chair

7 [Randy Litman, D.O., Chair, stated the National Board  
8 of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) is in phase  
9 four of the C3DO, the core competency exam.

10 He reported NBOME recently released a refined  
11 list of the seven osteopathic competencies for  
12 medical schools that will affect inter-professional  
13 communications, medical knowledge, and  
14 professionalism in the professional settings. He  
15 anticipated the list would soon be released to the  
16 Board.]

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18 Report of the Board Vice Chair - No Report.

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20 Report of the Acting Commissioner - No Report.

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22 Report of Department of Health

23 [Robert A. Bonacci, M.D., MPH, Department of Health,  
24 on behalf of Debra L. Bogen, M.D., Secretary of  
25 Health, provided a link to the DOH's respiratory

1 virus dashboard. He stated the 2025/2026 season had  
2 shown an initial peak in influenza cases, which  
3 started to decrease with influenza A being  
4 predominant. He added RSV cases are rising with the  
5 RSV season occurring later than in recent years. He  
6 reminded clinicians across Pennsylvania to address  
7 patients on appropriate vaccinations, particularly  
8 with regard to respiratory viruses.

9 Dr. Bonacci also provided a link to CDC  
10 information regarding measles outbreaks. He noted  
11 there was a large and rapidly growing outbreak in  
12 South Carolina, which has approximately 850 cases  
13 between the end of 2025 and into the current year.  
14 He added the total current case count for measles in  
15 the United States for 2025 was 2,267. He further  
16 added the case count thus far for 2026 is 588 across  
17 the United States.

18 He noted measles activity remains very high when  
19 compared to historical recent years. He encouraged  
20 practitioners to keep measles on their differential  
21 for individuals presenting with signs and symptoms  
22 consistent with measles, particularly for people who  
23 have travels to areas with known cases.

24 Dr. Kersey-McMullen asked if the individuals  
25 being diagnosed with measles were largely

1 unvaccinated. She also asked how the numbers  
2 compared to endemic numbers prior years.

3 Dr. Bonacci replied the majority of the  
4 individuals in the current outbreak are unvaccinated.  
5 He noted, in 2025, 93 percent of cases were either  
6 unvaccinated or had an unknown immunization status.  
7 For 2026, the number is currently 94 percent. He  
8 noted Pennsylvania does not have measles cases year  
9 to year and are rare. The cases are often related to  
10 people who have traveled to areas with ongoing  
11 outbreaks. He reiterated a heightened sense of  
12 awareness when it comes to measles.

13 Dr. Bonacci shared the American Academy of  
14 Pediatrics (AAP) had released their 2026 update to  
15 the Child and Adolescent Immunization schedule. DOH  
16 continues to recommend practitioners follow  
17 immunization recommendations from AAP, American  
18 College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG),  
19 and American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). He  
20 added AAP's schedule largely remained the same,  
21 recommending the same number of core vaccines as in  
22 2025.

23 Chair Litman asked if there were any particular  
24 groups who should be retested for their level of  
25 immunity such as the elderly. He noted he had looked

1 for the information when he saw the South Carolina  
2 outbreak but was unable to locate an answer.

3 Dr. Bonacci apologized for not having an answer  
4 but stated he would be happy to follow up with the  
5 EPI team.]

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7 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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9 Report of Board Counsel - Sunshine Act and Recusal  
10 Guidelines

11 [Ashley Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, presented  
12 the biannual Sunshine Act and Recusal Guidelines  
13 Presentation. She summarized that the Sunshine Act  
14 ensures transparency in government by requiring open  
15 meetings for all official actions and deliberations  
16 involving agency matters. Any time a quorum of Board  
17 members meets to discuss Board business, the meeting  
18 must be publicly advertised. Deliberations are  
19 defined as discussions intended to lead to decisions,  
20 and official actions include votes or policy  
21 decisions.

22 Public notice of meetings must be issued at the  
23 beginning of the calendar year and at least three  
24 days in advance, with any changes requiring 24-hour  
25 notice. Emergency meetings are exempt but must be

1 justified. All meetings and Agendas are posted  
2 publicly, including in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and  
3 on the Board's website.

4 Ms. Goshert noted that amendments to the Sunshine  
5 Act in 2021 require that if the agenda changes within  
6 24 hours of the meeting, an amended agenda must be  
7 published afterward. Meeting locations and agendas  
8 must be made available in advance, and discussions  
9 outside the posted agenda are only allowed if there  
10 is a natural connection. All votes must be publicly  
11 cast, so virtual participant members must have  
12 cameras on. Meeting minutes must include the time,  
13 place, attendance, and substance of discussions,  
14 though not verbatim. Executive Sessions may be held  
15 for limited purposes, such as discussing litigation  
16 strategy, deliberation matters, or personnel issues,  
17 though personnel issues typically fall outside Board  
18 purview. Executive Sessions must be announced with  
19 reasons and remain confidential even after the  
20 meeting.

21 She warned that violations of the Sunshine Act  
22 can invalidate meeting actions and lead to litigation  
23 or attorney fees. Criminal penalties are rare and  
24 require District Attorney action. She clarified that  
25 actions of Board committees like the Application

1 Committee or Probable Cause Committee are not  
2 considered to be a meeting if there is no quorum and  
3 if actions are preliminary or administrative.

4       Regarding recusals, Ms. Goshert outlined the  
5 types of recusals and the impact of those recusals.  
6 Mandatory recusals include involvement in  
7 prosecution, being a complainant, or having a direct  
8 financial interest. Strongly recommended recusals  
9 include personal connections or outside knowledge of  
10 a case. Discretionary recusals apply when  
11 impartiality is uncertain. She advised Board members  
12 to consult Counsel in advance when unsure.  
13 Abstentions from voting are allowed for lack of  
14 preparation or uncertainty but prevent a member from  
15 requesting reconsideration later. Members may still  
16 attend for quorum purposes, but recusals count  
17 against quorum.

18       Ms. Goshert also detailed conflict-of-interest  
19 rules. Professional members may not serve as officers  
20 or agents of statewide professional associations, and  
21 public members may not be part of the regulated  
22 profession or have immediate family members who are.  
23 Public members must not hold any other appointed  
24 office in the Commonwealth.]

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1 Public Comments

2 [Tanya Miller, MS, LAT, ATC, NASM-CES, Governmental  
3 Affairs Chair, Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers'  
4 Society stated her organization had received  
5 information that the Department of Defense and the  
6 athletic trainer's certifying body was moving forward  
7 with a compact. She stated there were six states who  
8 had introduced legislation related to the compact and  
9 Pennsylvania is also pursuing the compact. She  
10 provided a website with additional information. She  
11 added once seven states enact the compact, it would  
12 be two years before implementation and would not  
13 change any of the jurisdictional duties of the  
14 state.]

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16 CHAIR LITMAN:

17 It's time to have an election to  
18 transition the leaders of our group.  
19 May I have a nomination for Secretary  
20 of the Board?

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

22 I would like to nominate Dr. Kersey-  
23 McMullen for Secretary.

24 CHAIR LITMAN:

25 Can I get a second?

1 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

2 Witherite-Rieg, second.

3 MS. GOSHERT:

4 Dr. Kersey-McMullen, do you accept that  
5 nomination?

6 DR. KERSEY-MCMULLEN:

7 I do.

8 MS. GOSHERT:

9 And are there any other nominations for  
10 Secretary? Hearing none, is there a  
11 motion to elect Dr. Kersey-McMullen as  
12 Secretary of the Board?

13 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

14 Witherite-Rieg, so moved.

15 DR. ZAWISZA:

16 Zawisza, second.

17 MS. GOSHERT:

18 Okay. And then roll call.

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

21 Zawisza, aye; Dr. Witherite-Rieg, aye;

22 Mr. Curtis, aye; Ms. Snyder, aye; Dr.

23 Bonacci, aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 CHAIR LITMAN:

2 May I take nominations for Vice-Chair?

3 DR. KERSEY-MCMULLEN:

4 This is Dr. Kersey-McMullen. I  
5 nominate Dr. Randy Litman for Vice-  
6 Chair.

7 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

8 Witherite-Rieg, I second the  
9 nomination.

10 CHAIR LITMAN:

11 Any other candidates? Any other  
12 nominations? Can we take a roll call  
13 please? I accept the nomination.

14 MS. GOSHERT:

15 Is there a motion to elect Dr. Litman  
16 as Vice Chair of the State Board of  
17 Osteopathic Medicine? We just need  
18 another motion.

19 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

20 Witherite-Rieg, so moved.

21 MS. GOSHERT:

22 Do we have a second?

23 DR. KERSEY-MCMULLEN:

24 Dr. Kersey-McMullen, second.

25 MS. GOSHERT:



1                   Zawisza Chair of the State Board of  
2                   Osteopathic Medicine?

3 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

4                   Witherite-Rieg, so moved.

5 CHAIR LITMAN:

6                   Second?

7 DR. KERSEY-MCMULLEN:

8                   Dr. Kersey-McMullen, second.

9 CHAIR LITMAN:

10                  Let's do the roll call.

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

13                  Witherite-Rieg, aye; Dr. Kersey-

14                  McMullen, aye; Mr. Curtis, aye; Ms.

15                  Snyder, aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 Adjournment

19 CHAIR LITMAN:

20                  Just on a personal note, I've enjoyed

21                  the great support in the short time

22                  I've served as your Chair and I hope

23                  you extend that same support to Dr.

24                  Zawisza as we move on. May I have a

25                  motion to adjourn.

1 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

2 Witherite-Rieg, so moved.

3 DR. KERSEY-MCMULLEN:

4 Dr. Kersey-McMullen, second.

5 CHAIR LITMAN:

6 Our next meeting is April 8, 2026.

7 Have a good day.

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9 [There being no further business, the State Board of  
10 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.



Erin Badstuebner,

Minute Clerk

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TIME	AGENDA
9:30	Executive Session
10:30	Return to Open Session
10:30	Official Call to Order
10:30	Introduction of Board Members/Attendees
10:31	Approval of Minutes
10:34	Appointment - Annual Prosecution Report
10:39	Report of Prosecuting Attorneys
10:45	Regulatory Status Report
11:05	Applications for Licensure
11:08	Report of Board Chair
11:10	Report of Department of Health
11:18	Report of Board Counsel - Sunshine Act
11:33	Public Comment
11:35	Elections
11:37	Adjournment