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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**

April 8, 2026

1                    State Board of Osteopathic Medicine

2                                    April 8, 2026

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4 BOARD MEMBERS:

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6 Arion Claggett, Acting Commissioner of Professional  
7     and Occupational Affairs

8 Robert A. Bonacci, M.D., MPH, on behalf of Debra L.  
9     Bogen, M.D., Secretary of Health

10 Joseph M. Zawisza, D.O., Chair

11 Randy Litman, D.O., Vice Chair

12 Hillary D. Snyder, MSPAS, PA-C.

13 Ayanna S. Kersey-McMullen, D.O., Secretary

14 Bruce Frantz, D.O.

15 Lisa Witherite-Rieg, D.O.

16 Neil Curtis, EdD, LAT, ATC

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19 BUREAU PERSONNEL:

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21 Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel

22 Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison

23 J. Patrick Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecutor

24 Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor

25 Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor

26 Courtney J. Restemayer, Esquire, Board Prosecutor

27 Jamison Cassel, Board Administrator

28 Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide

29 Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk

30 Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,  
31     Prosecution Division

32 Taylor Koch, Fiscal Chief, Bureau of Finance and  
33     Procurement

34 Tamie Laudenslager, Fiscal Management Specialist,  
35     Bureau of Finance and Procurement

36 Nicholas Kahler, Intern, Office of Attorney General

37 Todd Kriner, Esquire, Senior Prosecutor-In-Charge

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40 ALSO PRESENT:

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42 Wesley Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC

43 Mary Marshall, M.D., The Hospital and Health System  
44     Association of Pennsylvania

45 Katie Gruber, MSW, CADC

46 William Reynolds, MPAS, PA-C, DFAAPA, Executive  
47     Director, Pennsylvania Society of Physician  
48     Associates

49 Erin Badstuebner, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,  
50     Inc.

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2 State Board of Osteopathic Medicine

3 April 8, 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 Monday,  
16 April 6, 2026. Joseph M. Zawisza, D.O., Chair,  
17 called the meeting of the State Board of Osteopathic  
18 Medicine to order at 10:31 a.m.

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20 [Dr. Zawisza noted the meeting was being recorded,  
21 and those who continued to participate were giving  
22 their consent to be recorded. He requested that all  
23 electronic devices be turned off.]

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25 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

1 [Jamison Cassel, Board Administrator, provided an  
2 introduction of Board members, staff, and attendees.  
3 A quorum of Board members was present.]

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5 Approval of Minutes - February 3, 2026

6 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

7 May I have a motion to approve the  
8 minutes of February 3, 2026?

9 [The Board discussed corrections to the minutes.]

10 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

11 We'll ask that those corrections are  
12 added.

13 May I have a motion for approval  
14 of the corrected minutes?

15 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

16 Motion to approve the corrected  
17 minutes.

18 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

19 And is there a second?

20 DR. KERSEY-MCMULLEN:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

23 I hear a second from Dr. Kersey-  
24 McMullen. Any discussion?

25 If not, Mr. Cassel, if you'll call

1 roll.

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

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 Appointment - Bureau of Finance and Procurement Fiscal  
11 Presentation

12 [Tamie Laudenslager, Fiscal Management Specialist,  
13 Bureau of Finance and Procurement (BFP), presented a  
14 slide presentation of the Board's fiscal financial  
15 report.

16 She referenced a slide reflecting the Board's  
17 renewable license counts, noting eight licensee  
18 classes broken apart for the biennial periods. For  
19 FY 20222 biennial, the Board had a total of 13,441  
20 licensee. The Board's average biennial licensee  
21 population was 15,412. She noted a very good  
22 increase in licensee counts.

23 Ms. Laudenslager discussed the license renewal  
24 fees. She stated this Board renews in November of  
25 even years and January of even years. The last time

1 the Board had a fee increase was in 2020. There will  
2 be no changes in fees before 2030.

3 Taylor Koch, Fiscal Chief, BFP, clarified, as the  
4 renewal period commences in November and in January,  
5 renewals completed in October and December would be  
6 counted as the first month in the new biennium, which  
7 is November and January.

8 Ms. Laudenslager referred to the revenue by  
9 source definitions for the Board's review. She  
10 stated revenues are also broken apart in biennium  
11 periods. The Board's total actual revenue for the  
12 '22 and '23 biennium was \$5,382,016. The Board's  
13 current biennium for fiscal years '24 and '25 is  
14 projected to be almost \$6,400,000. The Board's  
15 renewals and applications make up about 98.6% of  
16 their total revenue.

17 Ms. Laudenslager noted the cost category  
18 definitions. She explained the first category was  
19 the timesheet-based expenses for any Department of  
20 State employee that does work for the Board. Direct  
21 charges are the second category and would include  
22 occupations like stenographers or expert witnesses.  
23 The last category depended on a board's particular  
24 licensee population. She confirmed that every board  
25 pays into this expense depending on their licensee

1 population.

2 Ms. Laudenslager noted, for fiscal years '22 and  
3 '23, the Board's expenses were \$3,094,000. The  
4 current years '24 and '25 projected expenses were to  
5 be about \$4,777,000. The majority of this expense  
6 increase was due to the licensure modernization  
7 project that was still being created.

8 Ms. Laudenslager stated, by comparing the Board's  
9 expenses and revenues, the Board had a healthy  
10 balance of funds at \$12,700,000.]

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12 Report of Prosecuting Attorneys

13 [Keith Bashore, Esquire, Prosecution Liaison,  
14 presented Agenda Item No. 4, Case No. 26-53-002408;  
15 Agenda Item No. 5, Case No. 26-53-003929; and Agenda  
16 Item No. 6, Case No. 25-53-016435.]

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18 [It was noted Item No. 7 had been withdrawn.]

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20 [Courtney J. Restemayer, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
21 presented Agenda Item No. 8, Case No. 19-53-017494.]

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23 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
24 presented Agenda Item No. 9, Case No. 24-53-010239.]

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1 [Ms. Goshert stated, pursuant to Section 708(a)5 of  
2 the Sunshine Act, at 9:30am the Board entered into  
3 Executive Session with counsel for purposes of  
4 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations and receive  
5 advice of counsel]

6 MS. GOSHERT:

7                   Based on those Executive Session  
8                   deliberations, I believe the Board  
9                   would entertain a motion to approve the  
10                  VRP agreements at Case Nos. 26-53-  
11                  002408 and 26-53-003929.

12 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

13                   So moved.

14 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

15                   Is there a second?

16 DR. KERSEY-MCMULLEN:

17                   Second.

18 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

19                   Any discussion?

20                   Hearing none, call the vote.

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

1 Dr. Witherite-Rieg, aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 MS. GOSHERT:

5 Based on Executive Session  
6 deliberations, I believe the Board  
7 would entertain a motion to approve the  
8 Consent Agreements at Item No. 6, Case  
9 No. 25-53-016435; Item No. 8, Case No.  
10 19-53-017494; and Item No. 9, Case No.  
11 24-53-010239.

12 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

13 So moved.

14 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

15 Is there a second?

16 DR. KERSEY-MCMULLEN:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

19 Any discussion?

20 Hearing none, call the vote.

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

1 Dr. Witherite-Rieg, aye.  
2 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondents are  
3 as follows: Item No. 6, Case No. 25-53-016435, David  
4 Dahl, D.O.; Item No. 8, Case No. 19-53-017494, Eugene  
5 J. Romano, D.O.; and Item No. 9, Case No. 24-53-  
6 010239, Eric Chang, D.O.]

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8 Report of Board Counsel  
9 [Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted  
10 Item No. 10, the Status of Regulation. She stated  
11 the Education Volunteer Services regulation has an  
12 anticipated publication date of April 25, 2026.

13 She noted Item No. 11, Regulation 16A-5339 -  
14 Physician Assistants. She stated there were  
15 revisions to the second draft sent, which will be  
16 discussed with the Board at its next meeting. The  
17 preamble and annex were ready for the Board's vote to  
18 keep it moving forward.

19 Ms. Goshert noted Agenda Item No. 12, an  
20 application submitted by Brandon Toll, D.O. Based on  
21 the Board's Executive Session discussions, the Board  
22 will table that matter until the application is  
23 supplemented with additional information.]

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25 Report of Board Chair - No Report

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Report of Vice Chair

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[Dr. Litman discussed his attending an upcoming

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national meeting in Baltimore.]

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Report of Acting Commissioner

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[Acting Commissioner Claggett noted the Board needed

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to vote on Agenda Item Nos. 13 and 14.]

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Report of Department of Health

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[Robert A. Bonacci, M.D., MPH, Department of Health,

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presented an update to the Board on the current

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issues being addressed by the Department of Health

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(DOH). He stated the Respiratory Syncytial Virus

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(RSV) has been peaking much later this year in

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Pennsylvania. The DOH has extended the eligibility

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for vaccines through the Department of Health and

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Vaccines for Children through the end of April 2026.

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Dr. Bonacci discussed the rise in measles

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throughout the United States and recommended

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clinicians have a heightened awareness of this

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issue.]

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Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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1 Miscellaneous

2 MS. GOSHERT:

3 So at Agenda Items 13 and 14, the Board  
4 has before it two Department of Health,  
5 Office of Drug Surveillance and Misuse  
6 Prevention accreditation proposals.

7 At Agenda item No. 13, the subject  
8 title is It Takes a Team Providing  
9 Evidence Based Care to People Living  
10 with Opioid Disorder. And at Agenda  
11 Item No. 14, the subject title is  
12 Strategies for Improving Maternal and  
13 Infant Health Related to Opioid Use.

14 So would the Board entertain a  
15 motion to approve these two  
16 accreditation proposals at Agenda Items  
17 No 13 and 14?

18 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

19 So moved.

20 DR. KERSEY-MCMULLEN:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

23 It has been moved and seconded.

24 Is there any discussion?

25 Hearing no other discussion, we'll

1 take a vote.

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

8 [The motion carried. Dr. Bonacci recused himself  
9 from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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11 [Ms. Goshert noted Agenda Item No. 15, the Board's  
12 information from the FSMB about their Annual Meeting  
13 Scholarship Program. Agenda Item No. 16 notes FSMB's  
14 2026 Annual Meeting being held April 30 through May  
15 2, 2026.]

16 MS. GOSHERT:

17 I believe the Board would entertain a  
18 motion to approve travel and any  
19 associated expenses to send Dr. Litman  
20 to that meeting.

21 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

22 So moved.

23 DR. KERSEY-MCMULLEN:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

1 Is there any other discussion?

2 Mr. Cassel, if you'll take the  
3 vote.

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5 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Zawisza, aye;  
6 Dr. Litman, recuse; Dr. Bonacci, aye;  
7 Ms. Snyder, aye; Mr. Curtis, aye; Dr.  
8 Frantz, aye; Dr. Kersey-McMullen, aye;  
9 Dr. Witherite-Rieg, aye.

10 [The motion carried. Dr. Litman recused himself from  
11 voting on the motion.]

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13 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

14 Agenda Item No. 17, the proposed  
15 meeting dates for 2027 are February  
16 2nd, April 7th, June 9th, August 11th,  
17 October 13th and December 8th.

18 We'll take a motion to approve  
19 those dates.

20 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

21 So moved.

22 DR. KERSEY-MCMULLEN:

23 Second.

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25 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Zawisza, aye;

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

5 [The motion was passed unanimously.]

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7 Public Comments - None

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9 [Chair Zawisza stated, with no further business  
10 before the Board, the Board was adjourned.]

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12 [There being no further business, the State Board of  
13 Osteopathic Medicine Meeting adjourned at 11:08 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  
Sargent's Court Reporting  
Service, Inc.

STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE  
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April 8, 2026

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8	9:30	Executive Session
9	10:30	Return to Open Session
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11	10:31	Official Call to Order
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13	10:31	Introduction of Board Members/Attendees
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15	10:33	Approval of Minutes
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17	10:34	Appointment - Bureau of Finance Fiscal
18		Report
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20	10:56	Report of Board Counsel
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22	10:59	Report of Board Chair
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24	10:59	Report of Board Vice Chair
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26	11:00	Report of Acting Commissioner
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28	11:00	Report of Department of Health
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30	11:03	Report of Board Administrator
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32	11:03	Miscellaneous
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34	11:07	Public Comment
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36	11:08	Adjournment
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