

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

June 11, 2025

State Board of Osteopathic Medicine
June 11, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS:

Arion Claggett, Acting Commissioner of Professional
and Occupational Affairs
Debra L. Bogen, Secretary of Health - Absent
Vacant, Chairman
Randy Litman, D.O., Secretary
Hillary D. Snyder, MSPAS, PA-C - Absent
Joseph M. Zawisza, D.O.
Jonathan P. Oline, D.O.
Ayanna S. Kersey-McMullen, D.O.
James R. Latronica, D.O.
Neil Curtis, EdD, LAT, ATC

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel
Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Courtney Restemayer, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Jason Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Adrianne McClendon, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Tara Czekner, Esquire
Jamison Cassel, Board Administrator
Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide, Department of State
Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State
Todd Kriner, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Saiyad Ali, Board Administrator
Patrick Green, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Jacquelyn Wolfgang, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel

ALSO PRESENT:

Misha Patel, M.D., Curriculum Education Assistant,
Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine
Adam Buerk, D.O.
Lawrence Miller, D.O.
Jacquelyn Condell, Public Health Program Manager,
Pennsylvania Department of Health
Aven Bittinger, MPA
Haynes Hunt, Esquire
Paul Hoffman, Program Manager, Pennsylvania
Department of Health
Muneeza Iqbal, Deputy Secretary of Pennsylvania
Department of Health
Gustavo Samuel Garcia, Respondent

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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

Lauren Knepp, Pennsylvania Department of Community
And Economic Development

Adrian Jeff

Patrick Leadbitter

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

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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 June 11, 2025. Randy Litman, Secretary, of the
17 Board, called the meeting of the State Board of
18 Osteopathic 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 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.]

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5 Approval of minutes of the April 9, 2025 Meeting

6 MR. LITMAN:

7 Has everyone reviewed the minutes and
8 may I have a motion for approval of the
9 minutes?

10 MR. OLINE:

11 So moved.

12 MR. LITMAN:

13 May I have a second please?

14 MS. KERSEY MCMULLEN:

15 I second.

16 MR. LITMAN:

17 Roll call.

18 MR. CASSEL:

19 Arion Claggett, aye; Randy Litman, aye;
20 Joseph Zawisza, aye; Jonathan Oline,
21 aye; Ayanna Kersey-McMullen, aye; James
22 Latronica, aye; Neil Curtis, aye.

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 Appointments - Licensure Survey for Health Care

1 Providers

2 [Dr. Muneeza Iqbal, Deputy Secretary for Department
3 of Health-Department of Health's licensure survey for
4 healthcare providers, presented on the topic of the
5 Pennsylvania Primary Care Office, (PCO), and how it
6 works with survey data to help accomplish the work it
7 does for medically underserved areas across the
8 state.

9 Dr. Iqbal began by stating that the mission of
10 the PCO is to improve access and distribution of
11 medical, mental, and dental healthcare services for
12 underserved populations.

13 She advised that the PCO already has various
14 programs to help these segments of the population,
15 such as loan repayment programs and other community
16 based healthcare programs. Dr. Iqbal stated these
17 programs use significant data through the licensure
18 survey process to enable their continued ability to
19 help the medically underserved.

20 Dr. Iqbal commented that there are a number of
21 federally designated underserved areas across the
22 state. They are referred to as Health Professional
23 Shortage Areas, (HPSA). The PCO works with the help
24 of the Health Resources and Services Administration,
25 (HRSA), to create and/or preserve existing shortage

1 designations at risk; designations that can attract
2 more providers, their services and their facilities
3 to them.

4 Dr. Iqbal advised the Board that the assistance
5 provided to the medically underserved areas from the
6 PCO comes from the data obtained through the
7 workforce survey and the re-licensure of medical
8 professionals that occurs every two years. Most of
9 the occupational positions in the medical field are
10 surveyed in order to collect the highest quality data
11 and ensure the accuracy of potentially underserved
12 areas or those underserved areas that already exist.

13 Dr. Iqbal explained that some of the information
14 being requested on medical provider surveys involved
15 obtaining a provider's specific practice area, the
16 address where the provider practices, what
17 specialties the provider offers and other numerous
18 inquiries of this nature. She suggested that
19 proposed shortage designations will typically look at
20 provider to patient ratio as well. This data, she
21 stated, helps the PCO with the state legislature and
22 stakeholders that are interested in potential
23 provider access for the underserved areas and the
24 strategies involved in meeting the needs for those
25 providers.

1 Dr. Iqbal stated approximately 300 healthcare
2 providers are offering medical, mental health and
3 dental services to underserved areas. These
4 providers are supported through the PCO programs.
5 Seventeen organizations are receiving funding from
6 the Community Based Healthcare Grant program to
7 contribute to underserved areas. There are 400 HPSAs
8 designated in Pennsylvania as well as 155 underserved
9 areas or populations that already exist in the state.
10 Medicaid data on claim files and statewide
11 organizational input are integrated into the
12 statewide research.

13 Ms. Iqbal reiterated the importance of collecting
14 accurate data for the PCO and advised that keeping
15 this data up to date was imperative for continued
16 state and federal funding that the PCO receives for
17 their work. She commented that this year Governor
18 Shapiro proposed \$10 million towards behavioral
19 health and \$5 million towards rural health.

20 She requested that medical providers go to the
21 CMS website to update any practice details on the MPI
22 system. She asked for participation from them for
23 the PCO's the outreach efforts. She further
24 emphasized that medical providers speak with their
25 colleagues on the importance of filling out these

1 surveys.

2 She introduced Paul Hoffman, the new Program
3 Manager, at the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

4 Dr. Litman inquired as to how the PCO could
5 validate the data they receive, particularly with
6 Medicaid for those providers who did not engage in
7 private practice. Dr. Iqbal responded by stating
8 that surveys are sent to the larger hospitals so that
9 they may prepare their providers with the information
10 that the surveys are requesting. The PCO works with
11 the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania to help
12 ensure that surveys are responded to by their
13 providers.]

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15 Report of Prosecuting Attorneys - Consent Agreements
16 [Keith Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented
17 on Consent Agreement for Item No. 4, Case No. 24-53-
18 004133.]

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20 [Todd Kriner, Esquire, and on behalf of Courtney
21 Restemayer, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,
22 presented on Consent Agreement for Item No. 5, Case
23 No. 24-53-006740

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25 [Jason Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,

1 presented on Consent Agreement for Item No. 6, Case
2 No. 24-53-016775, and for Item No. 7, Case No. 25-53-
3 002170. Respondent's Counsel, Haynes Hunt, Esquire,
4 was also present for the discussion.]

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6 [Adrienne McClendon, Esquire, Pennsylvania Department
7 of State presented on Consent Agreement for Item No.
8 8, Case No. 25-53-004726.]

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10 MS. GOSHERT:

11 Based on Executive Session
12 deliberations, I believe the Board
13 would entertain a motion to approve the
14 Consent Agreements for Case Nos. 23-53-
15 004133, 24-53-006740, 24-53-016775 and
16 25-53-002170.

17 MR. OLIVE:

18 So moved.

19 MS. KERSEY MCMULLEN:

20 Second.

21 MR. LITMAN:

22 Do you want to do a roll call please?

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24 Arion Claggett, aye; Randy Litman, aye;
25 Joseph Zawisza, aye; Jonathan Oline,

1 aye; Ayanna Kersey-McMullen, aye; James
2 Latronica, aye; Neil Curtis, aye.
3 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
4 name for Case No. 23-53-004133 is Christopher Jackson
5 Davis, D.O. The Respondent's name for Case No. 24-
6 53-006740 is Asit P. Upadhyay, D.O. The Respondent's
7 name for Case No. 24-53-016775 is Justin Adibi, D.O.
8 The Respondent's name for Case No. 25-53-002170 is
9 John Symthe Michel, D.O.]

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11 MS. GOSHERT:

12 Based on Executive Session
13 deliberations and noting the recusals
14 of Board members, Dr. Kersey-Mullen and
15 Dr. Zawisza, I believe the Board would
16 entertain a motion to approve the
17 Consent Agreement for Item No. 8, Case
18 No. 25-53-004726.

19 DR. OLINE:

20 So moved.

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22 COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

23 Second.

24 MR. LITMAN:

25 Please call the roll.

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Arion Claggett, aye; Randy Litman, aye;
Joseph Zawisza, recused; Jonathan
Oline, aye; Ayanna Kersey-McMullen,
recused; James Latronica, aye; Neil
Curtis, aye.

[The motion carried. Dr. Zawisza and Dr. Kersey-
McMullen were recused from deliberations and voting
on the motion. The Respondent's name at Case No. 25-
53-004726 is Gustavo Samuel Garcia.]

Report of Board Counsel - Proposed reports from the
Hearing Examiner

MS. GOSHERT:

Based on Executive Session
deliberations I believe the Board would
entertain a motion to approve and adapt
the proposed report from the hearing
examiner for Item No. 9, Case No. 23-
53-015606 for Mark Koch, D.O.

MR. OLINE:

So moved.

MS. KERSEY MCMULLEN:

Second.

MR. LITMAN:

1 Take the roll please.

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3 Arion Claggett, aye; Randy Litman, aye;
4 Joseph Zawisza, aye; Jonathan Oline,
5 aye; Ayanna Kersey-McMullen, aye; James
6 Latronica, aye; Neil Curtis, aye.

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 Regulatory Status Report - Education and Volunteer
10 Services

11 [Jacquelyn Wolfgang, Esquire, Pennsylvania Department
12 of State, presented on the Status of Regulations,
13 with the first regulation being the Education and
14 Volunteer Services, specifically, the opioid
15 education curriculum at Act 126 of 2016 from the
16 State Board of Osteopathic Medicine. She informed
17 the Board that all licensees authorized to prescribe
18 or dispense opioids adapt an opioid education
19 curriculum to be offered in colleges and elsewhere.

20 Ms. Wolfgang stated the BPOA (Pennsylvania Bureau
21 of Occupational and Professional Affairs) contracted
22 with Temple University to develop a curriculum for
23 same, which she advised was presented to the Board a
24 few years ago. She could not locate any information
25 stating that the Board had ever voted on adapting the

1 curriculum.

2 Ms. Wolfgang requested the adoption of the
3 Education and Volunteers Services Regulation.]

4 MS. GOSHERT:

5 If there are no more questions, what I
6 would ask for the Board is if the Board
7 would entertain a motion to adopt the
8 PA Support Curriculum.

9 MR. LITMAN:

10 Do we have a motion for approval?

11 COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

12 So moved.

13 MR. LATRONICA:

14 Second.

15 MR. LITMAN:

16 Take the roll please.

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18 Arion Claggett, aye; Randy Litman, aye;
19 Joseph Zawisza, aye; Jonathan Oline,
20 aye; Ayanna Kersey-McMullen, aye; James
21 Latronica, aye; Neil Curtis, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 Regulatory Status Report (Cont.) - Education and
25 Volunteer Services

1 [Ms. Wolfgang discussed the education and volunteer
2 license regulation, which includes opioid education,
3 organ donation and continuing education and volunteer
4 license regulations.

5 The opioid regulation requirement would update
6 the Board's regulations to reflect the mandatory
7 opioid education under Act 124 and the PA support
8 curriculum that the Board had just adapted.

9 Ms. Wolfgang advised that other updates to the
10 current regulations will be added, such as mandatory
11 continuing education on organ donation for
12 physicians. The proposed regulation would implement
13 this statutory requirement. This regulation would
14 propose amendments to the volunteer license
15 regulations. The Board already implemented these
16 amendments.

17 Ms. Wolfgang requested the Board to entertain a
18 motion to release the exposure draft of the
19 proposed annex, 16A-5337.]

20 MS. GOSHERT:

21 Would the Board entertain a motion to
22 release an exposure draft of the
23 proposed annex, 16A-5337 related to
24 education and volunteer services.

25 MR. LITMAN:

1 Do we have a motion for approval?

2 MR. OLINE:

3 So moved.

4 MR. LATRONICA:

5 Second.

6 MR. LITMAN:

7 Take the roll please.

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9 Arion Claggett, aye; Randy Litman, aye;

10 Joseph Zawisza, aye; Jonathan Oline,

11 aye; Ayanna Kersey-McMullen, aye; James

12 Latronica, aye; Neil Curtis, aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 Regulatory Status Report (Cont.) - Physician

16 Assistants

17 [Ashley Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, discussed

18 16A-5339 reflecting statutory amendments for

19 Physician Assistants under Act 78 of 2021. These

20 amendments included but were not limited to updating

21 supervisory requirements for PA's, expanding the

22 scope of practice for PA's and other amendments.]

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24 MS: GOSHERT:

25 I would ask the Board to entertain a

1 motion to release an exposure draft of
2 the proposed annex for 16A-5339 to
3 interested parties and stakeholders for
4 comment.

5 MR. OLIN:

6 So moved.

7 MS. KERSEY MCMULLEN:

8 I second.

9 MR. LITMAN:

10 Please take the roll.

11 MR. CASSEL:

12 Arion Claggett, aye; Randy Litman, aye;
13 Joseph Zawisza, aye; Jonathan Oline,
14 aye; Ayanna Kersey-McMullen, aye; James
15 Latronica, aye; Neil Curtis, aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 Report of Board Chair - No Report

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20 Report of Vice Chair - No Report

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22 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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24 Report of Secretary - Status Report

25 [Randy Litman, D.O., Secretary, discussed his

1 representation of the Board at the Federation of
2 State Medical Boards. Pennsylvania presented an
3 excellent board presentation and received an
4 honorable mention.

5 He further stated he was appointed to the
6 Committee on Education for the next academic year.]

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8 Report of Department of Health - No Report

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10 Applications for Licensure - No Report

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12 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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14 For the Board's Information/Discussion - Election of
15 Officers for 2025

16 MR. LITMAN:

17 May I have a nomination for a Board
18 Chair?

19 MR. OLIVE:

20 I nominate Randy Litman.

21 MR. LITMAN:

22 Do I have a second?

23 MS. KERSEY MCMULLEN:

24 I second that.

25 MS. GOSHERT:

1 Do we have a motion to elect Dr. Litman
2 as Chair of the State Board of
3 Osteopathic Medicine for the remainder
4 of 2025?

5 MR. OLINE:

6 Yes. So moved.

7 MS. KERSEY MCMULLEN:

8 Second. Roll Call.

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10 Arion Claggett, aye; Randy Litman,
11 abstain; Joseph Zawisza, aye; Jonathan
12 Oline, aye; Ayanna Kersey-McMullen,
13 aye; James Latronica, aye; Neil Curtis,
14 aye.

15 [The motion carried. Dr. Litman abstained from
16 voting.]

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18 MR. LITMAN:

19 May I have a nomination for vice?

20 DR. OLINE:

21 I nominate Dr. Zawisza.

22 MS. KERSEY MCMULLEN:

23 I second.

24 MS. GOSHERT:

25 Do we have any other nominations for

1 vice chair?

2 Hearing none, do we have a motion
3 to elect Dr. Zawisza as Vice Chair of
4 the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine
5 for the remainder of this year, 2025?

6 MR. OLINE:

7 So moved.

8 MS. KERSEY MCMULLEN:

9 I second. Roll call.

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11 Arion Claggett, aye; Randy Litman, aye;
12 Joseph Zawisza, abstain; Jonathan
13 Oline, aye; Ayanna Kersey-McMullen,
14 aye; James Latronica, aye; Neil Curtis,
15 aye.

16 [The motion carried. Dr. Zawisza abstained from
17 voting.]

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19 MR. LITMAN:

20 May I have a nominations for office of
21 the Secretary for the Board for the
22 remainder of this year?

23 DR. OLINE:

24 I nominate Dr. Kersey-McMullen.

25 DR. LATRONICA:

1 Second.

2 MR. LITMAN:

3 Any other candidates?

4 MS. GOSHERT:

5 Hearing none, is there a motion to
6 elect Dr. Kersey-McMullen as secretary
7 of the State Board of Osteopathic
8 Medicine for the remainder of this
9 year, 2025?

10 MR. OLINE:

11 So moved.

12 MR. CURTIS:

13 I second.

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15 Arion Claggett, aye; Randy Litman, aye;
16 Joseph Zawisza, aye; Jonathan Oline,
17 aye; Ayanna Kersey-McMullen, abstain;
18 James Latronica, aye; Neil Curtis, aye.

19 [The motion carried. Dr. Kersey-McMullen abstained
20 from voting on the motion.]

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22 Old Business / New Business - Miscellaneous

23 MS. GOSHERT:

24 Item 15 submitted by Janet Nwaukoni, I
25 believe, based on Executive Session

1 deliberations the Board would entertain
2 a motion to grant this petition for
3 exception to the COMLEX-USA attempt
4 limit policy.

5 MR. OLINE:

6 So moved.

7 MS KERSEY MCMULLEN:

8 Second. Roll call.

9
10 Arion Claggett, aye; Randy Litman, aye;
11 Joseph Zawisza, aye; Jonathan Oline,
12 aye; Ayanna Kersey-McMullen, aye; James
13 Latronica, aye; Neil Curtis, aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 MS. GOSHERT:

17 Would the Board entertain a motion to
18 approve the Preceptor submitted for
19 Case No. 24-53-009717, Respondent Dr.
20 Lawrence I. Miller?

21 MR. OLINE:

22 So moved.

23 MS. KERSEY MCMULLEN:

24 Second. Roll call.

25

1 Arion Claggett, aye; Randy Litman, aye;
2 Joseph Zawisza, aye; Jonathan Oline,
3 aye; Ayanna Kersey-McMullen, aye; James
4 Latronica, aye; Neil Curtis, aye.

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 MR. LITMAN:

8 Our next meeting is August 13th. Is
9 there any further business?

10 If not, I'll take a motion for
11 adjournment.

12 MR. OLINE:

13 Moved.

14 Ms.KERSEY MCMULLEN:

15 Second.

16 MR. LITMAN:

17 We are adjourned.

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19 [There being no further business, the State Board of
20 Osteopathic Medicine Meeting adjourned at 11:27 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,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
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11:20	For the Board's Information/Discussion
11:24	Miscellaneous / Old and New Business
11:27	Adjournment