

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 10, 2026

State Board of Osteopathic Medicine
June 10, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS:

Arion Claggett, Acting Commissioner of Professional
and Occupational Affairs
Robert A. Bonacci, M.D., MPH, on behalf of Debra L.
Bogen, M.D., Secretary of Health
Joseph M. Zawisza, D.O., Chair
Randy Litman, D.O., Vice Chair
Ayanna S. Kersey-McMullen, D.O., Secretary - Absent
Hillary D. Snyder, MSPAS, PA-C.
Jonathan Oline, D.O.
Bruce Frantz, D.O.
Lisa Witherite-Rieg, D.O.
Neil Curtis, EdD, LAT, ATC

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel
Jamison Cassel, Board Administrator
Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
J. Patrick Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Nicholas Kahler, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Liliana Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Todd Kriner, Esquire, Senior Prosecutor-In-Charge
Courtney J. Restemayer, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Jacqueline Wolfgang, Esquire, Senior Regulatory
Counsel
Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide
Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk
Alexa Davies

ALSO PRESENT:

Misha Patel, Esquire, Assistant General Counsel,
Pennsylvania Medical Society
Allison Walker, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
Inc.

State Board of Osteopathic Medicine

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

The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026. Joseph M. Zawisza, D.O., Chair, called the meeting of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine to order at 10:31 a.m.

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

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 - April 8, 2026

6 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

7 Next, I'll ask for an approval of the
8 minutes from the April 8, 2026 meeting.

9 Is there a motion to approve?

10 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

11 Claggett, so moved.

12 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

13 Thank you. And second?

14 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

15 Witherite-Rieg, second.

16 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

17 Call the roll for the minutes'
18 approval.

19

20 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Zawisza, aye;
21 Dr. Witherite-Rieg, aye; Ms. Snyder,
22 aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Dr. Frantz, aye;
23 Dr. Oline, aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 Report of Prosecuting Attorneys

2 [Keith Bashore, Esquire, Prosecution Liaison,
3 presented the VRP Consent Agreement for Agenda Item
4 No. 3, Case No. 26-53-007855.]

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6 [Nicholas Kahler, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
7 presented Agenda Item No. 4, Case No. 25-53-000904.]

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9 [Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
10 presented Agenda Item No. 5, Case No. 23-53-017712
11 and 25-53-005800. It was noted Chair Zawisza did not
12 participate in any discussion in Executive Session
13 for Agenda Item No. 5 and was recused.]

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15 [Ashley Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, stated
16 pursuant to Section 708(a)5 of the Sunshine Act, at
17 9:30am the Board entered into Executive Session with
18 counsel for purposes of conducting quasi-judicial
19 deliberations and receive advice of counsel.]

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21 MS. GOSHERT:

22 Based on those deliberations, I believe
23 the Board would entertain a motion to
24 approve the VRP Agreement at Case No.
25 26-53-007855.

1 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

2 Is there a motion?

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

4 Claggett, so moved.

5 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

6 Is there a second?

7 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

8 Witherite-Rieg, second.

9 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

10 Any discussion?

11 Hearing none, we'll ask for a roll
12 call vote.

13

14 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Zawisza, aye;
15 Dr. Witherite-Rieg, aye; Ms. Snyder,
16 aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Mr. Curtis, aye,
17 Dr. Frantz, aye; Dr. Oline, aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 MS. GOSHERT:

21 Moving on to Agenda Item 4, based on
22 Executive Session deliberations, I
23 believe the Board would entertain a
24 motion to approve the Consent Agreement
25 at Case No. 25-53-000904.

1 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

2 Thank you. Is there a motion?

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

4 Claggett, so moved.

5 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

6 And a second?

7 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

8 Witherite-Rieg, second.

9 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

10 Thank you. We have a motion and a

11 second. Is there any discussion?

12 Hearing none, we'll ask for a roll
13 call vote.

14

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

16 Dr. Witherite-Rieg, aye; Ms. Snyder,

17 aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Mr. Curtis, aye,

18 Dr. Frantz, aye; Dr. Oline, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent at
20 Agenda Item No. 4, Case No. 25-53-000904, is James M.
21 Shettsline, D.O.]

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23 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

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25 MS. GOSHERT:

1 So at No. 5, based on Executive Session
2 deliberations and noting Dr. Zawisza's
3 recusal, I believe the Board would
4 entertain a motion to approve the
5 Consent Agreement at Case Nos. 23-53-
6 017712 and 25-53-005800.

7 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

8 Now that I have been deputized, so we
9 have a motion?

10 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

11 So moved, Witherite-Rieg.

12 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

13 Do we have a second?

14 MS. SNYDER:

15 Snyder, second.

16 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

17 Roll call.

18
19 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Zawisza, recuse;
20 Dr. Witherite-Rieg, aye; Ms. Snyder,
21 aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Mr. Curtis, aye,
22 Dr. Frantz, aye; Dr. Oline, aye.

23 [The motion carried. Chair Zawisza was recused from
24 deliberations and voting on the motion. The
25 Respondent at Agenda Item No. 5, Case Nos. 23-53-

1 017712 and 25-53-005800, is Adam Warren Ellis, DO.]

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3 CHAIR ZAWISZA RESUMED THE CHAIR.

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5 Report of Board Counsel

6 MS. GOSHERT:

7 I have a Proposed Report from the
8 Hearing Examiner for Item 6.

9 Based on Executive Session
10 deliberations, I believe the Board
11 would entertain a motion to adopt the
12 Proposed Report from the Hearing
13 Examiner for Samier Ali Wahib, D.O.,
14 Case No. 25-53-006851.

15 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

16 Very good. May I have that motion?

17 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

18 Claggett, so moved.

19 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

20 Thank you and a second?

21 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

22 Witherite-Rieg, second.

23 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

24 Thank you. Moved and seconded. Is
25 there any discussion?

1 Hearing none, we'll go to the
2 vote.

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

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 MS. GOSHERT:

11 At Item No. 7, the Board, in Executive
12 Session, reviewed the Final
13 Adjudication for Adarsh Kumar Gupta,
14 D.O. along with the associated filings
15 with that.

16 Based on those Executive Session
17 deliberations, I believe the Board
18 Chair would entertain a motion to
19 direct Board Counsel to draft a Final
20 Adjudication and Order consistent with
21 discussions in Executive Session, in
22 the matter of Adarsh Kumar Gupta, D.O.,
23 Case No. 20-53-011484.

24 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

25 Thank you. Motion please?

1 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

2 Claggett, so moved.

3 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

4 Thank you. And second?

5 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

6 Witherite-Rieg, second.

7 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

8 Very good. Any discussion on this
9 matter?

10

11 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Zawisza, aye;
12 Dr. Witherite-Rieg, aye; Ms. Snyder,
13 aye; Dr. Bonacci, aye; Mr. Curtis, aye,
14 Dr. Frantz, aye; Dr. Oline, aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 Regulatory Status Report

18 [Jacqueline Wolfgang, Esquire, Senior Regulatory
19 Counsel, noted a list of all pending regulations
20 provided to the Board. She called attention to 16A-
21 5337, Education and Volunteer Services, which was
22 published as final in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on
23 April 25, 2026. As such, the regulation was now
24 effective. She noted the regulation addressed three
25 areas: Opioid education, organ donation continuing

1 education, and volunteer license regulations.
2 Regarding opioid education and volunteer services,
3 the final regulation updated and codified the Board's
4 current procedures to reflect opioid and volunteer
5 service laws. She noted, under Act 90, as of May 1,
6 2026, physicians have to complete at least two hours
7 of continuing education in organ donations, which is
8 a one-time requirement within five years of initial
9 licensure or licensure renewal, whichever comes
10 first.

11 With 16A-5337 promulgated, Ms. Wolfgang directed
12 the Board's attention to 16A-5331, the acupuncture
13 regulation, to update the Board's regulations to
14 conform with amendments to the Acupuncture Licensure
15 Act.]

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17 [Randy Litman, D.O., Vice Chair entered the meeting
18 at 10:45 a.m.]

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20 Other - 16A-5339 Physicians Assistants

21 [Ashley Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, reviewed the
22 steps already taken with 16A-5339. She noted
23 comments regarding alignment with the Medical Board's
24 physician assistant regulations and regarding changes
25 made. She stated the latest version of the Annex was

1 before the Board along with a draft Preamble. If
2 approved, the documents would be implementable for
3 publication as a proposed rulemaking.

4 It was pointed out there was a line pertaining to
5 obsolete information which should be struck from the
6 proposed document.]

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8 MS. GOSHERT:

9 I believe the Board would entertain a
10 motion to approve the proposed
11 regulation Preamble and Annex at
12 Regulation 16A-5339, and direct Board
13 Counsel to move the proposed rulemaking
14 through the regulatory process with the
15 changes noted.

16 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

17 Do I have said motion?

18 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

19 Claggett, so moved.

20 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

21 Thank you. And second?

22 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

23 Witherite-Rieg, second.

24 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

25 If there's no discussion, we'll call

1 the vote.

2

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

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 Other - FYIs

11 [Ashley Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, reported on
12 proposed legislation. HB2390 proposes to authorize
13 Pennsylvania to join the Respiratory Care Interstate
14 Compact, allowing qualified licensed respiratory
15 therapists to practice across state lines in
16 participating states. The bill was referred to the
17 House Professional Licensure Committee on April 16,
18 2026.

19 HC03347 proposes legislation prohibiting mental
20 health professionals from providing conversion
21 therapy to minors. The proposal is based on concerns
22 regarding psychological harms associated with the
23 practice and is intended to codify protections for
24 LGBTQ+ youth in Pennsylvania. The memo has been
25 circulated for co-sponsorship, but the memo's

1 publication has not been introduced as a bill. She
2 pointed out the memo specifically references the fact
3 that the Board along with other health licensing
4 boards have already adopted policies related to
5 conversion therapy.

6 HB2379 would require specific healthcare
7 professionals involved in maternity care to complete
8 continuing education in trauma informed maternity
9 care. The intention of the bill is to improve
10 maternal health outcomes by promoting patient
11 centered care practices that recognize and respond to
12 the impact of trauma on pregnant and postpartum
13 patients.

14 Mr. Curtis commented athletic trainers are also
15 about to introduce compact legislation. He
16 recommended Ms. Goshert keep an eye out for the
17 proposed legislation.]

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19 Applications for Licensure

20 MS. GOSHERT:

21 At Item No. 13, we have one application
22 that the Board reviewed for Brandon
23 Toll, D.O.

24 Based on Executive Session
25 deliberations, I believe the Board

1 [Randy Litman, D.O., Vice Chair, reported on
2 attending the Federation of State Medical Boards
3 (FSMB) 2026 meeting as the Board's representative.
4 He noted topics discussed included artificial
5 intelligence and its applications within the practice
6 of medicine and approaches to future licensure. Dr.
7 Litman stated the National Board of Osteopathic
8 Medical Examiners reviewed the new credential, C3DO,
9 which will be offered at the undergraduate level.
10 The credential will be used for testing performance
11 evaluation for graduates. He concluded his report by
12 noting Pennsylvania was now represented at the top of
13 FSMB with Medical Board Member Dr. Woodland being
14 elected as Chair-elect of FSMB's Board.]

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16 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report.

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18 Report of Department of Health

19 [Robert A. Bonacci, M.D., MPH, on behalf of Debra L.
20 Bogen, M.D., Secretary of Health, provided updates on
21 measles and Ebola. Regarding measles, he reported
22 the United States now had more than 2,000 measles
23 cases in 2026. The pace is exceeding that of 2025.
24 He noted there was also an increase in Pennsylvania
25 with approximately 50 cases, concentrated in

1 Lancaster and Lebanon counties. He added the
2 majority of cases nationwide and in Pennsylvania have
3 been in unvaccinated individuals or individuals with
4 unknown vaccine status. He reminded clinicians to
5 speak with patients regarding the MMR vaccine. He
6 also encouraged clinicians to be familiar with signs
7 and symptoms of measles, sharing there was
8 educational information on the DOH website. He also
9 shared information regarding upcoming informational
10 sessions.

11 Regarding Ebola, Dr. Bonacci noted the Democratic
12 Republic of Congo (DRC) confirmed an outbreak in the
13 eastern part of their country on May 15, 2026. Two
14 days later, the World Health Organization declared a
15 public health emergency of international concern,
16 which is their second highest level of alert. He
17 noted the region is also experiencing a humanitarian
18 crisis due to ongoing armed conflict, making
19 isolation of cases and contact tracing exceedingly
20 difficult. He also noted recognition of the outbreak
21 was likely delayed as early testing was for Ebola
22 Zaire, not Ebola Bundibugyo. He added the testing
23 for one strain does not recognize other strains of
24 the virus. As of June 8, 2026, there were more than
25 600 confirmed cases and more than 100 deaths in DRC.

1 Uganda had also reported 19 cases and two confirmed
2 deaths. In response, the CDC and United States
3 federal government instituted enhanced entry
4 screening for returning travelers from DRC, Uganda,
5 and South Sudan. After screening, travelers are
6 being monitored by state and local health
7 departments. The Department of Health and Human
8 Services has also instituted a travel ban for non-
9 U.S. passport holders who have traveled to DRC,
10 Uganda or South Sudan in the prior 21 days to their
11 arrival. He noted the risk to the United States
12 public remains low but encouraged clinicians to be
13 aware of patients with relevant travel history who
14 are presenting with exposure to someone with known
15 Ebola. He also noted, with the World Cup, players
16 are being monitored, and there were no anticipated
17 issues with players. The travel ban is still in
18 effect for fans who fall under the criteria.]

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20 Report of Board Administrator - No Report.

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22 Miscellaneous - Committee on Licensure

23 Qualifications discussion

24 [Joseph M. Zawisza, D.O., Chair, thanked Dr.

25 Witherite-Rieg, Dr. Litman, and Ms. Snyder for their

1 participation on the Committee on Licensure
2 Qualifications.]

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4 Adjournment

5 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

6 Is there any other comment before we
7 adjourn our meeting?

8 Hearing none, I'll call for a
9 motion to adjourn.

10 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

11 Claggett, so moved.

12 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

13 Second?

14 DR. WITHERITE-RIEG:

15 Witherite-Rieg, second.

16 CHAIR ZAWISZA:

17 All right. Thank you. We are
18 adjourned.

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20 [There being no further business, the State Board of
21 Osteopathic Medicine Meeting adjourned at 11:04 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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10:56	Report of Department of Health
11:03	Miscellaneous
11:04	Adjournment