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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 MEDICINE

TIME: 10:32 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

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

State Board of Medicine
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BOARD MEMBERS:

- Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
- Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair
- Donald M. Yealy, M.D., Vice Chair
- Gerard F. Dillon, Ph.D., Public Member - Absent
- Michael Ripchinski, M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP
- Walter A. Eisenhauer, MMSC, M.Ed., PA-C - Absent
- Sirisha Reddy, Executive Assistant, on behalf of Debra L. Bogen, M.D., FAAP, FABM, Acting Secretary of Health
- John D. Six, M.D.
- John A. Kutz, M.D., FACS
- Benjamin S. Abella, M.D., MPhil - Absent
- Catherine N. Udekwu, M.D.

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

- Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
- Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel
- Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor and Prosecution Liaison
- Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Lindsay Szymanski, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Saiyad Ali, Board Administrator
- Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State
- Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director, Department of State

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ALSO PRESENT:

- Ted Mowatt, CAE, Vice President/Lobbyist, Wanner Associates, on behalf of the Association for Professional Acupuncture
- Susan DeSantis, PA-C, Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants
- Angie Armbrust, Senior Associate, McNeese-Winter Group LLC
- Rebecca Belles, LGC, Geisinger Danville - Genetics
- Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC
- Misha Patel, M.D., Curriculum Education Assistant, Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine
- Tanya Miller, MS, LAT, ATC, Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society
- Andrea Wandling, Human Resources Manager, Pennsylvania Association of Community Health Centers
- Deniz Cataltepe, M.D., Director of Chapter Development & Curriculum Development, Scrubs Addressing the Firearm Epidemic, Inc.
- Dorothy Novick, M.D., Practice-Based Scholar, Center for Violence Prevention, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Kimberly Sterner-Stein, MSW, MPH, Center for Violence Prevention, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Christina Edwards
- Lauren Chambers, D.O.
- Catherine Policina, M.D.
- Derek Richmond

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4 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
5 at 8:45 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
6 with Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel,
7 and Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the
8 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on
9 a number of matters currently pending before the
10 Board and to receive the advice of counsel. The
11 Board returned to open session at 10:30 a.m.]

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13 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
14 Board of Medicine was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.
15 Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, called
16 the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

17 Chair Woodland noted March to be the month
18 recognizing women in medicine and thanked everyone
19 participating who is a woman in the medical field.

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21 Acknowledge Public - Turn Off Electronic Devices
22 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, informed
23 everyone that the meeting was being recorded, and
24 those who continued to participate were giving their
25 consent to be recorded. He also requested electronic

1 devices be muted.]

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3 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

4 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, provided
5 an introduction of Board members and attendees.]

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7 Approval of minutes of the January 30, 2024 meeting

8 CHAIR WOODLAND:

9 The next item on the agenda is approval
10 of the minutes. The minutes were
11 distributed ahead of time, and I think
12 the edits are back. These are for the
13 minutes of the January 30, 2024
14 meeting.

15 DR. YEALY:

16 I move to approve the minutes as
17 circulated.

18 CHAIR WOODLAND:

19 Do I have a second?

20 DR. UDEKWU:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR WOODLAND:

23 Any further discussion on the minutes?
24 Hearing none. Saiyad, could we have a
25 roll call, please, for approval?

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Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;

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Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;

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Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,

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aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

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[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Appointment - Scrubs Addressing the Firearm Epidemic

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(SAFE) Presentation

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[Deniz Cataltepe, M.D., Director of Chapter

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Development & Curriculum Development, Scrubs

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Addressing the Firearm Epidemic, Inc., stated she is

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a pediatrics resident at Children's Hospital of

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Philadelphia (CHOP). She introduced Dr. Dorothy

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Novick and Kimberly Sterner-Stein.

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Dr. Cataltepe addressed the work they do at CHOP

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regarding firearm storage, counseling patients and

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their families, distributing gun locks to families

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free of charge, and providing some education.

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Dr. Cataltepe provided an overview of

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why safe storage matters, the role of physicians, and

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how to discuss this issue with patients and their

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families.

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Dr. Cataltepe addressed gun sales in the United

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States from 2000 to 2022. She reported gun sales

1 correlated with events and mass shootings that
2 occurred, such as Sandy Hook in 2012 and San
3 Bernardino in 2015. She noted the biggest peak was
4 during the pandemic with the death of George Floyd
5 when many people took to the streets. She mentioned
6 that fear oftentimes drives people to purchase
7 weapons.

8 Dr. Cataltepe reported teen suicide has increased
9 4-10%, and they use family member weapons 82% of the
10 time, noting a 90% completion rate associated with
11 teen suicide by way of a firearm. She also noted
12 unintentional firearm death and injury are four times
13 higher and occur in the home 90% of the time. She
14 pointed out that even toddlers can pull the trigger.

15 Dr. Cataltepe reported violent crime has
16 increased, and 380,000 guns have been lost or stolen
17 since the pandemic and used in violent crimes.

18 Dr. Cataltepe addressed gun safety, noting the
19 least safe option is to have ready access to a weapon
20 because they are worried about the risk of an
21 intruder in the home or another imminent threat to
22 their safety and keep the weapon loaded or unlocked
23 next to their bed. She stated one step up from that
24 would be that the weapon is unloaded but still very
25 readily available, unlocked, and ammunition is

1 somewhere nearby. She reported the ideal scenario is
2 to have the firearm locked away loaded or unloaded
3 and separate from ammunition also locked away
4 elsewhere in the home.

5 Dr. Cataltepe referred to studies regarding safe
6 firearm storage that have shown a reduction in youth
7 suicide, unintentional injury, and lost or stolen
8 guns. She reported a 30% reduction in youth firearm
9 death even with a modest increase in safe firearm
10 storage.

11 Dr. Cataltepe noted that trigger locks are the
12 simplest storage option because they are inexpensive
13 and do not require the weapon to be unloaded as
14 opposed to cable locks, which requires the weapon to
15 be unloaded. She mentioned that safes are the most
16 secure option, and biometric safes are available for
17 ready access but expensive in the \$200 range.

18 Dr. Cataltepe addressed how to discuss safe
19 storage with patients and their families. She
20 discussed how she addresses the issue in the
21 pediatric primary care setting and tells patients and
22 their family that she is asking about it because they
23 live in Philadelphia, where it is a public health
24 issue that affects pretty much everyone.

25 Dr. Cataltepe noted the importance of talking

1 about this as a safety issue and to not use the term
2 gun control, so the issue remains collaborative. She
3 mentioned that the Board members practice many
4 different specialties and suggested they lean on
5 their own expertise within the realm of medicine as
6 opposed to speaking as if they were an expert on
7 firearms.

8 Dr. Cataltepe also mentioned the importance of
9 being educated on local gun culture and local laws
10 and having the option of distributing educational
11 materials through their clinics or practices.

12 Dr. Cataltepe addressed questions providers may
13 ask when the patient seems amenable to discussing
14 firearms, including where the firearm is stored, if
15 there are any children in the house and whether they
16 know where the firearm is stored, and the reason they
17 have the firearm.

18 Dr. Cataltepe noted it is totally fine if the
19 patient does not want to discuss firearms. She also
20 noted the provider can share that the discussion will
21 remain confidential as long as there is no threat to
22 their own safety or safety of others, emphasizing
23 that they care about violence prevention. She
24 mentioned that kids are exploratory and is the reason
25 they might unintentionally find a weapon in the home.

1 She noted they could also discuss the risk of
2 depression if teenagers around and whether a firearm
3 is accessible to that teenager.

4 Dr. Cataltepe addressed the importance of
5 discussing firearm training, self-defense laws,
6 biometric safes, and safe storage with patients who
7 have ready access to a weapon because they are
8 concerned about self-protection.

9 Dorothy Novick, M.D., Practice-Based Scholar,
10 Center for Violence Prevention, Children's Hospital
11 of Philadelphia, noted a study showing the
12 distribution of a free locking device at the time of
13 counseling can make an enormous difference in moving
14 the needle toward encouraging people to store a
15 firearm safely and is where they can have the
16 greatest impact.

17 Dr. Yealy thanked and congratulated them on what
18 they assembled and how they created an approach
19 usable by many that starts with the actions that
20 might change behavior.

21 Chair Woodland echoed Dr. Yealy's comments. He
22 mentioned the importance of clinicians facilitating
23 conversations regarding gun safety.

24 Dr. Udekwu mentioned being a pediatrician in
25 Pittsburgh, noting it to be a difficult subject to

1 bring up but offering someone options as opposed to
2 just discussing the issue makes a lot of sense. She
3 reported not having that available to them at this
4 point.

5 Chair Woodland mentioned the importance of
6 raising awareness at the State Board of Medicine on a
7 repetitive basis to heighten the issue even more.]

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9 Report of Prosecuting Attorneys

10 [Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board
11 Prosecutor and Board Prosecution Liaison, presented
12 the Consent Agreement for Case No. 23-49-007245.

13 Chair Woodland asked whether there were any
14 thoughts of continuing medical education and
15 counseling that would be documented.

16 Ms. McCarthy noted that it could be considered if
17 the Board finds it too lenient, where there may be
18 continuing medical education (CME) on verbal
19 communications with patients but were hoping that the
20 criminal conviction was discipline enough as far as a
21 deterrent for such future conduct.

22 Dr. Yealy commented that he understands the
23 penalty regarding licensure, the duration of it, and
24 its alignment with the criminal side. He noted they
25 are permitting return to the practice of medicine

1 and cannot fully assess whether that, which is
2 separate from the criminal punishment, is the
3 appropriate matching of the offense and any
4 particular licensure action.

5 Dr. Yealy mentioned that it is a negotiated
6 agreement but requested Ms. McCarthy address it more
7 due to the lack of detail available.

8 Ms. McCarthy noted the agreement would bring the
9 matter to a close without the time of a hearing, but
10 if it were to progress to a hearing, the Board would
11 have more detail, including testimony from the
12 doctor. She noted prosecution likes to resolve cases
13 by a consent agreement when there is an agreed
14 sanction that both sides feels is fair.

15 Ms. McCarthy mentioned that it is based on solely
16 the low-level criminal conviction, third-degree
17 misdemeanor, and somewhat minimal punishment he
18 received in the criminal system.]

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20 MS. WALTER:

21 Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the
22 Sunshine Act, the Board entered into
23 Executive Session at 8:45 a.m. to
24 receive the advice of counsel and
25 conduct quasi-judicial deliberations

1 regarding matters on the agenda.

2 Item 4 at Case No. 23-49-07245, I
3 believe the Board would entertain a
4 motion to reject as too lenient the
5 Consent Agreement at item 4.

6 DR. YEALY:

7 So moved.

8 DR. KUTZ:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR WOODLAND:

11 Any further discussion on this?

12 Hearing none. Saiyad, could we have a
13 roll call, please?

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15 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
16 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
17 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
18 aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 [Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecution
22 Liaison, presented the Consent Agreement for Case No.
23 20-49-000440, Case No. 20-49-013656, and Case No. 20-
24 49-002662.]

25 MS. WALTER:

1 I believe the Board would entertain a
2 motion to approve the Consent
3 Agreements at agenda items 5 through 7.

4 Item 5 is Case No. 20-49-000440;
5 item 6, Case No. 20-49-013656; and item
6 7, Case No. 20-49-002662.

7 DR. YEALY:

8 So moved.

9 DR. KUTZ:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR WOODLAND:

12 Any further discussion on these three
13 items? Hearing none. Saiyad, could we
14 have a roll call vote, please?

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16 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
17 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
18 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
19 aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
21 name at item 5 is Brian C. Bigler, M.D.; item 6, John
22 D. Horton, M.D.; and item 7, David P. Deutsch, M.D.]

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24 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
25 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 24-49-

1 002368.]

2 MS. WALTER:

3 I believe the Board would entertain a
4 motion to approve the Consent Agreement
5 at agenda item 8 at Case No. 24-49-
6 002368.

7 DR. YEALY:

8 So moved.

9 DR. KUTZ:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR WOODLAND:

12 Any further information or questions on
13 this one? Hearing none. Saiyad, could
14 we have a roll call vote, please?

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16 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
17 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
18 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
19 aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
21 name is Barry Kenneth Nelson, M.D.]

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23 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Reports from
24 Hearing Examiner

25 MS. WALTER:

1 Moving on to item 9, Danice Blaise,
2 M.D., Case No. 23-49-007946. This
3 matter will be tabled until the April
4 16 meeting.

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6 Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Status Report
7 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted she
8 and regulatory counsel are updating the list of
9 regulations for a future meeting.

10 Ms. Wucinski informed Board members that Act 53
11 final rulemaking was delivered to the Independent
12 Regulatory Review Commission and the standing
13 committees of the House and Senate on February 14,
14 2024. She noted all those who commented were also
15 notified of the delivery and availability of the
16 final-form rulemaking. She mentioned that it is
17 posted on the Independent Regulatory Review
18 Commission's (IRRC) website and is expected to be on
19 IRRC's agenda for the public meeting on March 21,
20 2024.

21 Ms. Wucinski addressed Regulation 16A-4955
22 regarding physician assistants and provided comments
23 from the public and IRRC for the Board's review.

24 Chair Woodland asked Ms. Wucinski to explain the
25 concept of a substitute supervising physician because

1 most of them have affiliate physicians who
2 participate in the institutional agreements.

3 Ms. Wucinski explained that the substitute
4 supervising physician is what they refer to anybody
5 who is not the primary supervising physician. She
6 stated the way it currently works is if a physician
7 assistant wants to practice in the absence of their
8 primary supervising physician that they need to name
9 substitute supervising physicians and then they can
10 have numerous other substitutes that are on file with
11 the facility or wherever they are practicing.

12 Ms. Wucinski mentioned that the Health Care
13 Facilities Act is a little bit different than
14 physician assistants who are practicing in a
15 healthcare facility because they do not have
16 substitutes. She stated their primary supervising
17 physician is whoever is the attending physician.

18 Dr. Yealy suggested counsel integrate that final
19 input into the responses and the revisions and
20 present it to the Board moving forward.]

21 MS. WUCINSKI:

22 I believe the Board would entertain a
23 motion to direct Board Counsel to draft
24 the final rulemaking addressing the
25 comments from the public and the

1 Independent Regulatory Review
2 Commission.

3 DR. YEALY:

4 So moved.

5 DR. KUTZ:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR WOODLAND:

8 Any further discussion? Hearing none.
9 Saiyad, could we have a roll call,
10 please?

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12 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
13 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
14 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
15 aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 Report of Board Counsel - Other

19 MS. WUCINSKI:

20 I believe the Board would entertain a
21 motion to table the Reconsideration
22 Request of Richard Brown, M.D., to
23 allow him to complete a preceptorship
24 program.

25 DR. YEALY:

1 So moved.

2 DR. KUTZ:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR WOODLAND:

5 Any further discussion? Hearing none.

6 Could we have a roll call, please?

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

9 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;

10 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,

11 aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 MS. WUCINSKI:

15 I believe the Board would entertain a
16 motion to direct Board Counsel to issue
17 an Order Removing the Limitation on the
18 License to Practice as a Physician and
19 Surgeon of Matthew Schreiber, M.D.

20 DR. YEALY:

21 So moved.

22 DR. KUTZ:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR WOODLAND:

25 Any further discussion on this one?

1 Hearing none. Saiyad, could we have a
2 roll call, please?

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4 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
5 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
6 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
7 aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 MS. WUCINSKI:

11 I believe the Board would entertain a
12 motion to deny the Request to Approve
13 an Alternate Reentry Evaluation for
14 Akhilesh Reddy, M.D.

15 DR. YEALY:

16 So moved.

17 DR. KUTZ:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR WOODLAND:

20 Any further comments or questions?

21 Hearing none. Saiyad, could we have a
22 roll call, please?

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24 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
25 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;

1 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
2 aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 Applications - Allied Health Professionals

6 MS. WUCINSKI:

7 At agenda items 15 through 17, I
8 believe the Board would entertain a
9 motion to provisionally deny the
10 following Applications for a License to
11 Practice as a Behavior Specialist:
12 Christina Edwards, Benjamin Paul
13 Kotchi, Shirley Williams.

14 DR. YEALY:

15 So moved.

16 DR. KUTZ:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR WOODLAND:

19 Any further comments or discussion?

20 [Christina Edwards asked why her application was
21 denied. Ms. Wucinski explained that she would
22 receive a letter explaining why the Board voted to
23 provisionally deny her application, along with the
24 process to appeal.]

25 CHAIR WOODLAND:

1 Anybody else have any comments or
2 questions? Hearing None. Saiyad,
3 we'll take a vote.

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5 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
6 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
7 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
8 aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 MS. WUCINSKI:

12 At agenda items 18 and 19, I believe
13 the Board would entertain a motion to
14 table the following Applications to
15 allow them to obtain a Reentry
16 Evaluation for the Application to
17 Practice as a Respiratory Therapist of
18 Jeffrey Toussaint and Kristina M.
19 Schrull-Valiente.

20 DR. YEALY:

21 So moved.

22 DR. KUTZ:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR WOODLAND:

25 Any further discussion? Hearing None.

1 Saiyad, could we have a roll call vote,
2 please?

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4 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
5 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
6 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
7 aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 Applications - Unrestricted Physician and Surgeon

11 MS. WUCINSKI:

12 At agenda item 20, I believe the Board
13 would entertain a motion to grant the
14 Application for a License to Practice
15 as a Physician and Surgeon of Katherine
16 G. Vital-Daley, M.D.

17 DR. YEALY:

18 So moved.

19 DR. KUTZ:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR WOODLAND:

22 Any further discussion on this item?
23 Hearing None. Saiyad, could we have a
24 roll call vote, please?

25

1 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
2 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
3 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
4 aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 MS. WUCINSKI:

8 At agenda item 21, I believe the Board
9 would entertain a motion to table this
10 agenda item to invite Syeda Kashfi
11 Qadri, M.D., to apply for an
12 Institutional License.

13 DR. YEALY:

14 So moved.

15 DR. KUTZ:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR WOODLAND:

18 Any further discussion on this item?
19 Hearing None. Saiyad, could we have a
20 roll call vote, please?

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22 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
23 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
24 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
25 aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 MS. WUCINSKI:

4 I believe the Board would entertain a
5 motion to table agenda items 22 through
6 24 and send a standard reentry letter
7 to Cathleen Roxas, M.D.; Kathryn Shaw,
8 M.D.; and Parul Yadav, M.D.

9 DR. YEALY:

10 So moved.

11 DR. KUTZ:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR WOODLAND:

14 Any further discussion on any of these
15 items? Hearing None. Saiyad, could we
16 have a roll call vote, please?

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18 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
19 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
20 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
21 aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

23 ***

24 Applications - Reactivations

25 MS. WUCINSKI:

1 aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 MS. WUCINSKI:

5 At agenda item 28, I believe the Board
6 would entertain a motion to
7 provisionally deny the Reactivation
8 Application for Eric Welling, M.D.

9 DR. YEALY:

10 So moved.

11 DR. KUTZ:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR WOODLAND:

14 Any further discussion on item 28?
15 Hearing None. Saiyad, could we have a
16 roll call vote, please?

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18 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
19 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
20 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
21 aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MS. WUCINSKI:

25 Agenda item 29 is tabled to allow the

1 Board to obtain additional information
2 regarding the clinical practice of
3 Baligh Yehia, M.D.

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5 Ratifications

6 MS. WUCINSKI:

7 I believe the Board would entertain a
8 motion to Ratify the granting of the
9 following Applications for a License to
10 Practice as a Physician and Surgeon:
11 Satkiran Grewal, M.D.; Aditi Gupta,
12 M.D.; Jonathan Noonan, M.D.

13 DR. YEALY:

14 So moved.

15 DR. KUTZ:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR WOODLAND:

18 Any further discussion on any of these
19 three items? Hearing None. Saiyad,
20 could we have a roll call vote, please?

21

22 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
23 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
24 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
25 aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 For the Board's Information/Discussion - Old
4 Business/New Business - USMLE Security Incident
5 Discussion

6 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, read the
7 United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE)
8 program statement on the notification of invalidated
9 exam, dated January 31, 2024, where the United States
10 Medical Licensing Examination has helped to ensure
11 physicians licensed to practice in the United States
12 have the knowledge and clinical skills necessary to
13 care for patients safely and effectively.

14 USMLE noted they regularly monitor and analyze
15 examinees test performances for unusual score
16 patterns or variations, and the USMLE program has
17 identified a pattern of anomalous exam performance
18 associated with Nepal. USMLE also noted that
19 examinees with results in question are being notified
20 by the USMLE Secretariat's Office that their previous
21 Step scores have been invalidated and will be
22 required to take additional validation exams.

23 Chair Woodland noted it impacted about 800 or so
24 individuals.]

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1 For the Board's Information/Discussion - Proposed
2 Language for the Genetic Counseling Licensure
3 Amendment

4 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
5 Professional and Occupational Affairs, asked whether
6 Board members read the correspondence from Rebecca
7 Belles regarding the proposed language for the
8 genetic counseling licensure amendment.

9 Rebecca Belles, LGC, Geisinger Danville -
10 Genetics, stated the proposed licensure amendment
11 would allow genetic counselors in the state of
12 Pennsylvania to sign orders on genetic testing. She
13 noted it to currently not be part of their licensure
14 scope of practice.

15 Ms. Belles reported identifying appropriate tests
16 for patients but requiring a physician to sign off on
17 their orders for patients. She informed Board
18 members that they would like to sign their own orders
19 with respect to just the genetic testing portion of
20 testing for patients.

21 Ms. Walter explained that any expansion of the
22 scope of practice would most likely require a
23 legislative change. She noted the Board has read the
24 information but may be limited in the next steps
25 without a change of scope of practice from the

1 General Assembly.

2 Ms. Belles stated they wanted to run their
3 proposed language for the amendment by the Board
4 prior to seeking out a legislator to introduce the
5 bill because they wanted to make sure that everyone
6 was going to be on board with the proposed amendment
7 prior to getting that introduced. She noted that
8 their plan is to move forward with getting the bill
9 introduced.

10 Ms. Walter addressed the normal course of action,
11 noting once the bill is proposed and introduced, it
12 would be sent to the Bureau of Professional and
13 Occupational Affairs for a bill analysis, at which
14 time she and Ms. Montgomery would reach out to the
15 Board members to obtain their opinions on the
16 proposed language, along with reaching out to other
17 stakeholders and prepare an analysis of the bill.

18 Ms. Walter stated the bill occasionally comes
19 back and amendments are made, and Board members do
20 have the opportunity to have input after the bill is
21 actually introduced.

22 Dr. Yealy commented that the Board understands
23 what Ms. Belles is seeking but will be following the
24 usual processes.

25 Acting Commissioner Claggett mentioned that the

1 proposed amendment was sent to the Policy Office, and
2 they are aware of it.

3 Chair Woodland informed Ms. Belles that the Board
4 has a path forward that they follow through the
5 legislative route.]

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7 For the Board's Information/Discussion - Board
8 Meeting Dates

9 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, noted
10 the approved 2024 and 2025 Board meeting dates listed
11 on the agenda.]

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13 Miscellaneous - Committee Assignments Discussion

14 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, stated
15 committee assignments have been discussed and
16 slightly restructured due to the expansion of the
17 Board. He informed everyone that the Probable Cause
18 Screening Committee consists of Don Yealy, Mike
19 Ripchinski, and Gerry Dillon as an alternate. He
20 noted the Board is looking to add Catherine Udekwu as
21 a full member to that committee also.

22 Chair Woodland noted the Committee on Allied
23 Health-Related Professionals is currently chaired by
24 Walt Eisenhauer and cochaired by Mike Ripchinski,
25 along with Gerry Dillon, who sits on that committee,

1 as well.

2 Chair Woodland stated the Committee on
3 Legislation/Policy Development and Review is chaired
4 by Mike Ripchinski, and Don Yealy sits on that
5 committee. He noted John Kutz and Ben Abella would
6 like to join that committee and have recommended them
7 to be on that committee as well.

8 Chair Woodland stated the Committee on Licensure
9 Qualifications currently consists of Gerry Dillon,
10 Don Yealy, and Walt Eisenhower, noting John Kutz
11 would like to also join that committee.]

12

13 Miscellaneous - Vote for Board Member Representatives
14 at the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)
15 Annual Meeting

16 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair,
17 requested a vote for Board members to attend the
18 Annual Federation of State Medical Boards Meeting in
19 Nashville, TN, April 18-20. He mentioned being
20 privileged to serve on the FSMB Board of Directors
21 representing the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine
22 in that role for the last two years. He informed
23 Board members that his term is up this year and will
24 be running for a reelection to rejoin the board in a
25 three-year position to be voted on at the upcoming

1 annual meeting.

2 Chair Woodland noted the vote is secured by all
3 of the 70 state medical boards in the country and
4 explained that there are 70 state medical boards
5 because there are 20 states with legacy medical and
6 osteopathic boards like the state of Pennsylvania.

7 Chair Woodland mentioned that he would be
8 attending the meeting and is happy to serve as their
9 delegate, along with other members, noting the State
10 Board of Osteopathic Medicine also has members
11 attending and will elect their own delegate.]

12 MS. WALTER:

13 I believe the Board would entertain a
14 motion to approve the cost of travel
15 for two Board members and Board
16 administrator to travel to Nashville,
17 Tennessee in April 2024 for attendance
18 at the FSMB Annual Meeting for Mr.
19 Gerry Dillon to be one of those members
20 and to be the voting delegate for the
21 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

22 Is there a motion?

23 DR. YEALY:

24 So moved.

25 DR. KUTZ:

1 Second.

2 CHAIR WOODLAND:

3 Any further discussion? Hearing None.
4 Saiyad, could you do a roll call vote,
5 please?

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7 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
8 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
9 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
10 aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 Miscellaneous - Vote for Correction Votes for January
14 2024 Agenda Items 22 and 23

15 MS. WUCINSKI:

16 I believe the Board would entertain a
17 motion to correct the votes from the
18 January 2024 meeting for agenda items
19 22 and 23 to reflect the following
20 applications were tabled to allow the
21 applicants to have a reentry
22 evaluation. The names are Ruth
23 Namuyinga, M.D. and Akhilesh Basi
24 Reddy, M.D.

25 DR. YEALY:

1 So moved.

2 DR. KUTZ:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR WOODLAND:

5 Any further discussion? Hearing None.
6 Saiyad, could we have a roll call vote,
7 please?

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9 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
10 Dr. Yealy, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;
11 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
12 aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 Report of Board Chair

16 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, again
17 noted March is Women in Medicine Month and recognized
18 all of the contributions of women in the field of
19 medicine.

20 Chair Woodland also recognized March 8 as
21 International Women's Day celebrating the social,
22 economic, cultural, and political achievements of
23 women globally. He mentioned the day also marks a
24 call to action for accelerating women's equality. He
25 reported the International Women's Day has occurred

1 for well over a century with the first gathering in
2 1911 supported by over a million people.

3 Chair Woodland noted March 2024 Health Awareness
4 includes National Nutrition Month, National
5 Colorectal Cancer Month, and National Women and Girls
6 HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. He mentioned that Healthy
7 People 2030 provides a lot of resources on their
8 website.

9 Chair Woodland stated the Kaiser Family
10 Foundation (KFF) has put out a states' ranking by
11 physician assistants per 100,000 people for 2024,
12 noting Pennsylvania is in the top 20. He also noted
13 a states' ranking by primary care physicians per
14 100,000 people, again noting Pennsylvania ranked in
15 the top 10.

16 Chair Woodland informed everyone of a webinar
17 series *State of the States: What key health issues*
18 *are in play this year?* for anybody interested in
19 looking at legislative affairs as they apply to state
20 of the states and what key health care issues are in
21 play. He mentioned one of their areas on the last
22 month's agenda was the venue change and how it's
23 impacted malpractice claims. He reported malpractice
24 mega verdicts have hit a record high.

25 Chair Woodland informed Board members that he has

1 been involved in the two sets of recommendations and
2 guidelines offered at the Annual FSMB Meeting this
3 year. He noted one to be the physicians in training
4 recommendations and guidelines to help modernize some
5 of the approaches to how they approach physicians in
6 training as it relates to regulation and licensure.
7 He reported the second is artificial intelligence in
8 medicine and professional regulation recommendations
9 and guidelines.

10 Chair Woodland noted he is the Chair of the FSMB
11 Ethics and Professionalism Committee and offered to
12 provide Board members with several highlights
13 hopefully at the next meeting. He reported that a
14 historic memorandum of understanding signed between
15 the International Association of Medical Regulatory
16 Authority (IAMRA) and the World Health Organization
17 occurred on Monday, February 19, 2024.

18 Chair Woodland explained that the memorandum
19 identified evidence as it relates to research in
20 healthcare workforce regulation, inclusion of
21 regulatory perspectives and areas of development by
22 the World Health Organization, the provision of
23 technical support for capacity building in medical
24 regulation, closer collaboration and sponsorship in
25 dealing with low- and middle-income countries, and

1 the development of educational webinar series to
2 focus on issues of medical regulators in low- and
3 middle-income series.

4 Chair Woodland noted that the 2025 Accreditation
5 Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) awards
6 are open and recognizing notable designated officials
7 and program directors, coordinators, residents, and
8 fellows for their outstanding work and contributions.

9 Chair Woodland also noted the Association of
10 American Medical Colleges (AAMC) has come out with
11 their strategic plan and includes strengthening
12 medical education, supporting students, focus on
13 inclusivity, diversifying tomorrow's doctors,
14 strengthening the research environment, evolving
15 leadership skills, improving access of care,
16 advancing knowledge, promoting health equity and
17 health justice, and adapting to change.

18 Chair Woodland provided websites and resources to
19 many of the items listed in his report.]

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21 Report of Vice Chair

22 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., Vice Chair, stated he would
23 like to seek the input of not only people who were on
24 the call or in person in Harrisburg, but those who
25 might read the minutes so that the Board of Medicine

1 could understand and become more informed about the
2 positions and views of not only the people they serve
3 who are seeking care but also those who are
4 delivering care that falls underneath the State Board
5 of Medicine about late career practitioner
6 assessments and practice evaluation.

7 Dr. Yealy stated the Board currently does not
8 have a specific position and mentioned that there are
9 concerns across the country as to whether or not
10 these should exist and whether cognitive and/or
11 physical abilities should be assessed at a specific
12 age.

13 Dr. Yealy asked whether there should be a pattern
14 regarding the best way to balance the safety and
15 fairness issues to the providers and all of the other
16 concerns. He mentioned that it is not the goal of
17 the Board to create a particular position or call for
18 any specific legislative action but to understand the
19 individuals providing the care and also the interest
20 of citizens from the Commonwealth.

21 Dr. Yealy noted everyone agrees that they want
22 the best possible care provided to citizens of the
23 Commonwealth by individuals who can function
24 underneath the licensure as it exists right now. He
25 informed everyone that a federal evaluation has been

1 ongoing for almost six years based on some concerns
2 at Yale University and the medical center. He
3 mentioned that it has not been adjudicated yet but
4 will be informative.

5 Dr. Yearly noted looking forward to any input to
6 help inform any conversations that the Board might
7 have at a future meeting.

8 Chair Woodland noted he has been looking at nodal
9 points in transitioning from different aspects of a
10 medical career from undergraduate medical education
11 into graduate medical education, graduate medical
12 education into fellowship or practice, and then the
13 next nodal point that is not always discussed is the
14 transitioning at the end of a person's career.

15 Chair Woodland stated the American College of
16 Surgeons has looked at competency, especially
17 surgical competency, as it relates to aging. He
18 noted fatigue and those issues have been addressed as
19 it relates to aging as well, which are other things
20 they have to evaluate.

21 Dr. Kutz agreed stated the American College of
22 Surgeons has also talked about duty hours, noting
23 other professional organizations have established
24 guidelines for this, but physicians have not,
25 particularly surgeons.

1 Dr. Kutz reported that the American Society of
2 Anesthesia has guidelines and advanced practitioners
3 have guidelines but surgeons have made this an
4 individual call on their own. He noted prior
5 discussion as to whether there should be some sort of
6 parameter in place or a policy, whether it be state
7 or federal, to kind of guide this as it moves forward
8 because it is going to continue to be an issue.]

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10 Report of Acting Commissioner

11 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
12 Professional and Occupational Affairs, informed Board
13 members that the timeline for the Pennsylvania
14 Licensing System (PALS) replacement has been moved
15 back from the end of 2024 to the spring of 2025.

16 Acting Commissioner Claggett noted the Board room
17 is pretty bare and invited local Board members to
18 participate in person, along with the folks in the
19 public.

20 Chair Woodland commented that the State Board of
21 Medicine Meeting is valuable for everybody and
22 invited everyone to attend in person. He mentioned
23 that COVID opened the virtual window, and the window
24 is not going to close. He noted appreciation for
25 everyone who attended in person and online.

1 Acting Commissioner Claggett informed everyone
2 that the Board is open for business and willing to
3 engage in conversations with stakeholders to discuss
4 their concerns or just talk about anything they may
5 want to discuss. He reported having a meeting
6 scheduled with the Pennsylvania Medical Society
7 (PAMED) to discuss some items.

8 Acting Commissioner Claggett addressed his
9 participation, along with Mr. Ali and Ms. Wucinski, a
10 couple months ago at the Penn State College of
11 Medicine's Project Medical Education, where they were
12 trained to be a doctor in one day. He noted the
13 medical students shared their dreams and how
14 important it is for them to get their license
15 quickly. He mentioned taking notes and doing an
16 internal processes review to make sure people receive
17 their license as quickly as possible.

18 Lauren Chambers, D.O., requested information
19 regarding the status of the Interstate Medical
20 Licensure Compact (IMLC). She mentioned that she did
21 her fellowship in Pennsylvania and has been looking
22 to return to the state. She noted being an IMLC
23 member, and her state of primary licensure is in
24 Utah. She stated legislation passed the IMLC for
25 Pennsylvania in 2016 but that it has been

1 approximately eight years without any finalization.

2 Dr. Chambers informed Board members that every
3 state in the country except Pennsylvania has a
4 contact phone number, email, or both on their website
5 for anyone who has questions or inquiries. She noted
6 contacting the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine
7 and was told to do her own search on the Pennsylvania
8 Department of State.

9 Dr. Chambers mentioned reviewing minutes from six
10 meetings since 2018 but that it was not very clear as
11 to what has delayed the implementation of the IMLC.
12 She noted locating Dr. Woodland's practice after
13 searching for someone who attended the meetings and
14 was provided a response by Dr. Woodland concerning
15 the timeline of the IMLC.

16 Dr. Chambers read Dr. Woodland's response
17 verbatim. "The Board is not currently confirming any
18 specific time frames. The implementation process is
19 still tentative and can be subject to change based on
20 the process being adopted to our licensing system."
21 She noted the response was vague and presented to the
22 Board to request more information regarding the
23 delay.

24 Dr. Chambers addressed why the IMLC would be
25 beneficial to the state of Pennsylvania. She

1 reported the general turnaround time for obtaining a
2 medical license in Pennsylvania is approximately four
3 to six months and does not include the empanelment
4 process or obtaining hospital privileges, none of
5 which can start until after their medical license.
6 She also reported the new graduate season seems to
7 delay the process by approximately one to three
8 months further with return to baseline around
9 November.

10 Dr. Chambers addressed long wait times when
11 calling the State Board of Medicine that can be as
12 long as 2 hours on Sundays. She mentioned not being
13 able to necessarily speak to an evaluator but
14 speaking with someone who provides the status, noting
15 there may be a deficiency or a missing item, where
16 oftentimes the item has actually already been
17 submitted and then be reported that the evaluator has
18 to locate that item, which can delay the process by
19 another month.

20 Dr. Chambers stated the main delay seems to be
21 getting the file to an evaluator, because once the
22 file is with an evaluator, it generally is processed
23 within about two to three weeks. She expressed
24 concern with the Board being understaffed given the
25 long turnaround time, long hold time, and it takes so

1 long for a file to get to an evaluator.

2 Dr. Chambers commented that understaffing creates
3 barriers for physicians to relocate to Pennsylvania
4 and leads to reduced healthcare coverage for
5 patients. She referred to Becker's Physician
6 Leadership, noting Pennsylvania is the fifth state
7 with the highest medically underserved areas and
8 mentioned that physicians may be going to work in
9 another state.

10 Dr. Chambers informed Board members that she
11 applied to do her fellowship in 2019 but almost did
12 not get to complete it because her application for a
13 medical license had not been processed by the Board
14 in time for her to start. She believed the
15 credentialing coordinator had to contact their
16 government representative to get assistance
17 processing her cohort class for her to even start.

18 Dr. Chambers also informed Board members that she
19 recently looked into applying for locum tenens
20 positions and also had a contract to return for a
21 permanent position in Pennsylvania within the past
22 couple of weeks but ultimately declined the permanent
23 position because she was not sure when she would get
24 her medical license and cannot not work for six
25 months.

1 Dr. Chambers stated she took a permanent position
2 in a state that is not IMLC but has a faster
3 processing time. She noted also accepting a locum
4 tenens provider position in the interim in an IMLC
5 state, and it took two days to receive her medical
6 license. She mentioned being a perfect example of a
7 physician that Pennsylvania lost who otherwise would
8 have been in Pennsylvania providing coverage for
9 patients.

10 Dr. Chambers addressed the inequity of processing
11 the applications among large healthcare systems. She
12 stated Pennsylvania State has expressed that they
13 have a contact at the Board and are able to get
14 licenses processed in a matter of weeks if working a
15 locum tenens position, whereas applying for a locum
16 tenens position at the University of Pittsburgh
17 Medical Center (UPMC) may take up to six months and
18 sometimes have to reach out to their government
19 representatives to expedite applications once a
20 physician is signed because they do not have a
21 contact.

22 Dr. Woodland thanked Dr. Chambers for the
23 extensive review of the issue, noting the Board is
24 supportive but is the process to get it across that
25 affects other states as well.

1 Ms. Walter also thanked Dr. Chambers for the very
2 thorough analysis of the issues. She informed Dr.
3 Chambers that the Board is aware that it has been
4 several years since the IMLC was passed by the
5 legislature, and the Bureau of Professional and
6 Occupational Affairs (BPOA) is working diligently on
7 implementing either the IMLC partially or fully.

8 Ms. Walter stated Pennsylvania has partially
9 implemented the nurse compact and is aware of the
10 urgency related to the need for healthcare providers
11 and the interest that providers have in Pennsylvania
12 becoming an IMLC state.

13 Ms. Walter explained that the IMLC requires
14 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) background
15 checks to be procured by the individual states who
16 are acting as states of principal licensure. She
17 mentioned that some states fully implemented the IMLC
18 and then were told by the United States Department of
19 Justice that they were not able to obtain the
20 background checks as they had been doing from the
21 FBI, so they had to walk back their implementation.

22 Ms. Walter noted Pennsylvania is working with
23 state and federal partners on a solution that will
24 allow them to obtain all of the information that is
25 required for participation in the IMLC. She also

1 noted they understand the urgency and are doing their
2 best. She invited Dr. Chambers to reach out to her
3 or Attorney Wucinski for any progress.

4 Acting Commissioner Claggett addressed processing
5 times and stated one of the primary reasons why PALS
6 is being replaced is because PALS allows for partial
7 submission of applications. He reported experiencing
8 times where there are 100 applicants and 50 of that
9 100 submit a completed application and the other 50
10 submit a partial application.

11 Acting Commissioner Claggett stated staff created
12 delays because they were reviewing both sets of
13 applications. He noted they are going to attach a
14 completion percentage to each application, so all of
15 the applications that have a score of 100, meaning
16 that all their requirements have been met, will be
17 processed first. He also noted that folks who do not
18 have a score of 100 will receive a weekly email
19 outlining what items are still missing.

20 Acting Commissioner Claggett reported currently
21 having only four applications for the State Board of
22 Osteopathic Medicine in the system that are 100%
23 complete and the rest are missing items.

24 Dr. Woodland informed Dr. Chambers that he
25 appreciated her communications and thorough

1 investigation.]

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3 Report of Department of Health

4 [Sirisha Reddy, Special Assistant, on behalf of Debra
5 L. Bogen, M.D., announced that the Department of
6 Health's Office of Health Equity is hosting a Health
7 Equity Summit April 4-5 at the Harrisburg University
8 of Science and Technology to discuss eliminating
9 health disparities.

10 Ms. Reddy noted this year's theme is joy and
11 justice, and there will be several panel discussions
12 around environmental justice, maternal health and
13 health equity policy innovations. She informed
14 everyone that an in-person and virtual option is
15 available, and the registration deadline is March 22.

16 She offered to drop a link to the health summit
17 registration page.

18 Chair Woodland referred to the cyberattack on e-
19 Prescribing (eRx), noting it can impact care
20 delivery, but did not believe the Department of
21 Health had any guidelines as of yet. He mentioned
22 that institutions are developing workarounds on their
23 own.

24 Ms. Reddy stated there is no guidance at this
25 time but is hoping to have a more detailed update in

1 the coming months.

2 Catherine Policina, M.D., stated her hospital
3 wanted to submit a J-1 visa application, but that
4 area was withdrawn from the health professional
5 shortage area (HPSA) list. She noted being told that
6 a lot of areas in Pennsylvania were withdrawn from
7 HPSA and are negotiating with the Department of
8 Health so that the list can be updated.

9 Ms. Reddy informed Dr. Policina that the
10 Department of Health is aware of that and are
11 currently in negotiations. She offered to provide
12 more information through the Board or at the next
13 Board meeting after speaking with experts on that
14 matter.

15 Dr. Policina reported being told that they do not
16 know the specific timeline as to when it can be
17 updated. She noted their training is going to end by
18 June and do not know whether they are coming back to
19 their country first or waiting for that update to
20 file their waivers.

21 Chair Woodland thanked Ms. Reddy for addressing
22 the issue for Dr. Policina.]

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24 Report of Committee on Health-Related Professionals -
25 No Report

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2 Report of Committee on Legislation/Policy Development
3 and Review - No Report

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5 Report of Committee on Licensure Qualifications
6 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., Vice Chair, informed everyone
7 that the Committee on Licensure Qualifications is one
8 of the busier committees, where most of the work
9 happens between meetings as the group evaluates,
10 discusses, and acts upon nontraditional applications,
11 working very effectively in vigorous conversations
12 where they see consistency alongside of an
13 appropriate amount of flexibility.

14 Ms. Walter clarified that the conversations
15 taking place regarding the applications committee are
16 related solely to the applications, and they are
17 pursuant to prior authorization by vote of the Board.
18 She noted the matters are ratified at the meeting
19 following the granting of the licenses.]

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21 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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23 Public Comments

24 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, noted
25 the State Board of Medicine appreciated the questions

1 and concerns brought forth by members of the public
2 and all of the input from everybody else concerning
3 state licensure.

4 Chair Woodland informed everyone that the next
5 meeting will be held on April 16, again noting Acting
6 Commissioner Claggett's open invitation for everyone
7 to fill the room in Harrisburg.]

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9 Adjournment

10 CHAIR WOODLAND:

11 I entertain a motion to adjourn.

12 DR. YEALY:

13 So moved.

14 DR. KUTZ:

15 Second.

16 CHAIR WOODLAND:

17 I appreciate everybody being here.

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19 [There being no other business, the State Board of
20 Medicine Meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.]

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



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