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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

2601 North Third Street

One Penn Center, Board Room C

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

State Board of Medicine
March 7, 2023

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
Michael Ripchinski, M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP
Walter A. Eisenhauer, MMSC, M.Ed., PA-C
Debra L. Bogen, M.D., FAAP, FABM, Acting Secretary,
Department of Health - Absent

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Dean F. Picarella, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel
Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel
Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board
Prosecutor/Prosecution Liaison
Mark R. Zogby, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Kelsey B. Ashworth, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Jonelle Harter Eshbach, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Nichole Wray, Board Administrator
Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Esquire, Executive Deputy
Chief Counsel, Department of State
Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Executive Policy Specialist,
Department of State
Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State
Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel

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ALSO PRESENT:

- Susan DeSantis, PA-C, Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants
- Mary Marshall, Director, Workforce & Professional Development, The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania
- Angie Armbrust, Senior Associate, McNeese-Winter Group LLC, representing the Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- Ted Mowatt, CAE, Vice President/Lobbyist, Wanner Associates
- Misha Patel, M.D., Curriculum Education Assistant, Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine
- Nicole Sidle, Executive Director, Professional Licensure Committee, PA House of Representatives
- Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC
- Lisa Claypool Stevenson, Senior Associate Counsel, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
- Emily Hackman
- Randy Stevens, Director of Legislative Affairs, Pennsylvania Orthotic and Prosthetic Society
- Joanne Magro, M.D.
- Rick Bin
- Michele Ann McGinnis
- Kari L Orchard
- Danie Bendesky
- Tanya Miller

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2 State Board of Medicine

3 March 7, 2023

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

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14 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
15 Board of Medicine was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.
16 Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, called
17 the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

18 Chair Woodland welcomed everyone to the State
19 Board of Medicine Meeting. He reminded everyone that
20 the meeting was being recorded, and voluntary
21 participation constituted consent to be recorded.

22 Chair Woodland recognized March as Women's
23 History Month and International Women's Day tomorrow.

24 Chair Woodland also reminded everyone to keep
25 electronic devices muted.

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2 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

3 [Chair Woodland provided an introduction of Board
4 members and attendees.]

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6 Approval of minutes of the February 7, 2023 meeting

7 CHAIR WOODLAND:

8 The first order of business is approval
9 of minutes from February 7, 2023.

10 I would take a motion to approve.

11 DR. YEALY:

12 So moved.

13 MR. DILLON:

14 Second.

15 CHAIR WOODLAND:

16 Any further discussion? No other
17 discussion, Nichole, could you take a
18 roll call, please?

19
20 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
21 Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
22 Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye.

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 Report of Prosecuting Attorneys

1 [Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board
2 Prosecutor/Prosecution Liaison, presented the VRP
3 Consent Agreements for Case No. 22-49-018970 and Case
4 No. 23-49-002408.]

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6 [Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
7 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 21-49-
8 000717.]

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10 [Jonelle Harter Eshbach, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
11 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 22-49-
12 006358.]

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14 [Kelsey B. Ashworth, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
15 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 22-49-
16 010103.]

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18 [Mark R. Zogby, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented
19 the Consent Agreement for Case No. 22-49-014728.]

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21 MS. WALTER:

22 Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the
23 Sunshine Act, the Board entered into
24 quasi-judicial deliberations this
25 morning at 8:45 a.m. to discuss items

1 on the agenda at numbers 3 through 7
2 and 10 through 27.

3 We will move on into the VRP
4 Agreements. I believe the Board would
5 entertain a motion to accept the VRP
6 Agreements at number 3, Case No. 22-49-
7 018970, and number 4 at Case No. 23-49-
8 002408.

9 DR. YEALY:

10 So moved.

11 MR. DILLON:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR WOODLAND:

14 Any further discussion on these two
15 items? Hearing none. Nichole, could
16 you do a roll call, please?

17

18 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
19 Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
20 Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye.

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 MS. WALTER:

24 I believe the Board would entertain a
25 motion to accept the Consent Agreements

1 at number 5 on the agenda and number 7.

2 Number 5 is Case No. 21-49-000717

3 and number 7 is Case No. 22-49-010103.

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5 DR. YEALY:

6 So moved.

7 MR. DILLON:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR WOODLAND:

10 Any further discussion on these two
11 items? Hearing none. Nichole, could
12 we have a roll call, please?

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14 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
15 Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
16 Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye.

17 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
18 name at number 5 is Nichole A. Phiambolis aka Nichole
19 A. Ziehmer, LBS, BCBA. Number 7 is Walter J.
20 Jucewicz, RT.]

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22 MS. WALTER:

23 I believe the Board would entertain a
24 motion at number 6 on the agenda at
25 Case No. 22-49-006358 to accept the

1 Consent Agreement, noting Dr. Yealy is
2 recused.

3 MR. DILLON:

4 So moved.

5 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR WOODLAND:

8 Any further discussion on this item?

9 Hearing none. Nichole, could we have a
10 roll call, please?

11

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

13 Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye;

14 Mr. Eisenhower, aye.

15 [The motion carried. Donald Yealy recused himself
16 from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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18 MS. WALTER:

19 Number 8 on the agenda is Case No. 22-
20 49-014728. I believe the Board would
21 entertain a motion to reject the
22 Consent Agreement as too lenient.

23 DR. YEALY:

24 So moved.

25 MR. DILLON:

1 Second.

2 CHAIR WOODLAND:

3 Any further discussion? Hearing no
4 further discussion. Could we have a
5 roll call, please?

6

7 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
8 Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
9 Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously]

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12 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Reports from
13 Hearing Examiner

14 MS. WUCINSKI:

15 Moving on to agenda items 10 through
16 12, I believe the Board would entertain
17 a motion to direct Board Counsel to
18 draft an Adjudication and Order
19 consistent with discussions in
20 Executive Session for the following:
21 Jay Jacobs, M.D., at Case No. 22-49-
22 001448; Joanne Magro, M.D., at Case No.
23 22-49-004446; and Cecilia Olugbade-
24 Oseyemi, M.D., Case No. 22-49-008369.

25 DR. YEALY:

1 So moved.

2 MR. DILLON:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR WOODLAND:

5 Any further discussion on these three
6 items? Hearing none. Nichole, could
7 we have a roll call, please?

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9 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
10 Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
11 Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously]

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15 Report of Board Counsel - Other

16 MS. WUCINSKI:

17 At item 13, I believe the Board would
18 entertain a motion to approve David
19 Weiss, D.O. as a preceptor for Paul M.
20 DiLorenzo, M.D. to complete his
21 preceptorship as described in the
22 correspondence to the Board and to
23 grant a nonpublic non-disciplinary
24 license to Dr. DiLorenzo to allow him
25 to practice only under the auspices of

1 that preceptorship.

2 DR. YEALY:

3 So moved.

4 MR. DILLON:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR WOODLAND:

7 Any further discussion on this one?

8 Hearing none. Nichole, could we have a
9 roll call?

10

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

12 Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.

13 Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously]

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16 Applications for Licensure - Allied Health

17 Professionals

18 MS. WUCINSKI:

19 At item 14, I believe the Board would
20 entertain a motion to grant the
21 Reconsideration Request of Victor Silva
22 and grant him a license to practice as
23 an athletic trainer.

24 DR. YEALY:

25 So moved.

1 MR. DILLON:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR WOODLAND:

4 Any further discussion on item 14?

5 Hearing none. Nichole, could we have a
6 roll call?

7

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

9 Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.

10 Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously]

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13 Applications for Licensure - Unrestricted Physician
14 and Surgeon

15 MS. WUCINSKI:

16 At item 15 has already been resolved,
17 and agenda item 16 is going to be
18 tabled to allow Board staff to obtain
19 additional information from the
20 applicant.

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22 Applications for Licensure - Reactivations

23 MS. WUCINSKI:

24 I am going to do a vote for agenda
25 items 17 through 26 altogether.

1 I believe the Board would entertain
2 a motion to grant the reactivation
3 applications for the following
4 applicants: Laura Fry; Rebecca Thomas,
5 M.D.; Luis Visot, M.D.; Robert Falk,
6 M.D.; Gina Fedel, M.D.; Debra Feldman,
7 M.D.; Tamar Jefferies, M.D.; Christine
8 Lyons, M.D.; Melvyn Wolf, M.D.; Sheldon
9 Rosenthal, M.D.; Adam Edelman, M.D.

10 DR. YEALY:

11 So moved.

12 MR. DILLON:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR WOODLAND:

15 Any further discussion on this group?
16 Hearing none. Nichole, could I have a
17 roll call, please?

18
19 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
20 Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
21 Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously]

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24 Ratifications

25 MS. WUCINSKI:

1 I believe the Board would entertain a
2 motion to ratify the granting of the
3 Application for an Initial License to
4 Practice as a Physician and Surgeon by
5 Endorsement for Prabhjot Singh, M.D.

6 DR. YEALY:

7 So moved.

8 MR. DILLON:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR WOODLAND:

11 Any further discussion? Hearing none.
12 Nichole, could we have a roll call,
13 please?

14

15 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
16 Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
17 Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously]

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20 Report of Vice Chair - No Report

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22 Report of Acting Commissioner

23 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
24 Professional and Occupational Affairs, informed
25 everyone of new functionality being added to the

1 Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS) in May to notify
2 licensees through email that their actual license has
3 expired.]

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5 Report of Department of Health - No Report

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7 Report of Committee on Health-Related Professionals -
8 No Report

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10 Report of Committee on Legislation/Policy Development
11 and Review - No Report

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13 Report of Committee on Licensure Qualifications - No
14 Report

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16 Report of Board Chair

17 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, again
18 recognized March as Women's History Month, noting the
19 theme for International Women's Day on March 8 is
20 Embrace Equity. He stated the application process to
21 residency had been the largest match ever in the
22 United States. He referred to a publication on
23 February 16 regarding states with the most medical
24 students enrolled in medical school, where
25 Pennsylvania ranked 4th, New York 1st, Texas 2nd,

1 California 3rd, and Illinois 5th.

2 Chair Woodland reported over 5,728 students are
3 enrolled in medical school, noting the importance of
4 the physician workforce and moving forward.

5 Chair Woodland stated the well-being of
6 physicians and providers in Pennsylvania is the key
7 issue for many organizations nationally, noting the
8 American Medical Association (AMA) put forth a
9 recovery plan, along with the National Academy of
10 Medicine.

11 Chair Woodland noted prior Board discussion
12 concerning trying to turn the paradigm of mental
13 health inside out and not making it as much of an
14 issue for medical licensure but as an issue of just
15 health and well-being in general. He noted the Board
16 decided to have a presentation at a future Board
17 meeting and would provide Ms. Wray with the
18 information once a presenter is confirmed.

19 Chair Woodland mentioned that the National
20 Academy of Medicine published a plan for health
21 workforce well-being that included creating positive
22 work and learning environments, investing in
23 assessment and research looking at well-being,
24 supporting mental health, addressing regulatory and
25 policy barriers, using effective technology, adopting

1 well-being as an institutional value for every health
2 care facility, and maintaining a diverse and
3 inclusive health care workforce.

4 Chair Woodland addressed work concerning
5 artificial intelligence and how it may impact
6 training for the future as well as medical licensure
7 applications. He referred to a publication in the
8 Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) by
9 the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)
10 highlighting their work on artificial intelligence
11 and how it may impact the educational process all the
12 way to licensure.

13 Chair Woodland again noted the match is on March
14 17 and provided the match results from last year for
15 comparison.

16 Chair Woodland also provided the National
17 Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants
18 (NCCPA) release of the 2021 Statistical Profile of
19 Board-Certified Physician Assistants (PAs) by State
20 and reported Pennsylvania is one of the top employers
21 of PAs in the country.

22 Chair Woodland addressed FSMB's Annual Meeting,
23 noting the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine would
24 be presenting a poster abstract on remote and hybrid
25 access and how that has impacted Board member

1 attendance, efficiency in the Board meetings,
2 productivity, and access for all in different ways.

3 Chair Woodland noted the National Board of
4 Medical Examiners (NBME) is announcing new officers
5 and members elected to its boards. He mentioned the
6 election to be a historic moment for the NBME Meeting
7 with the election of Dr. Reena Karani as the first
8 woman of color to serve as the chair in the
9 organization's 108-year history.

10 Mr. Dillon commented that she is a wonderful
11 choice and noted being excited about the historic
12 event.]

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14 Appointment - Physician Assistant Program Update
15 [Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed
16 Chair Woodland of miscommunication between her, the
17 former Board administrator, and Ms. Lammando
18 regarding today's presentation. She offered to
19 communicate with Ms. Lammando and Ms. Wray for a
20 presentation to occur at the April Board meeting.

21 Chair Woodland welcomed Nichole Wray as an
22 interim administrator for the Board.]

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24 Report of Board Administrator

25 [Nichole Wray, Board Administrator, informed Board

1 members that they would be receiving correspondence
2 electronically and through the mail for the annual
3 Financial Disclosure Statement. She informed the
4 Board members to file with the State Ethics
5 Commission under the State Ethics Act as well as
6 through the Office of Administration under the
7 governor's Code of Conduct. She mentioned that the
8 deadline is May 1 and recommended Board members file
9 those forms online, noting the information would be
10 saved for the following year and offered to provide
11 those links.

12 Chair Woodland informed Ms. Wray that many of the
13 Board members already filed and asked her to check on
14 anyone who had not completed the forms.]

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16 Board Meeting Dates

17 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, noted
18 the Board approved and voted on the 2023 Board
19 meeting dates, and the 2024 Board meeting dates are
20 also listed for next year.]

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22 Miscellaneous - Budget - Fee Waiver

23 [Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel, addressed
24 the budget fee waiver, noting prior Board discussion
25 regarding the Board of Medicine's surplus. She

1 stated any discussion concerning the fee waiver would
2 be tabled until the next renewal period on December
3 31, 2024, but the Board could reassess the surplus at
4 the end of the year to see if any further action
5 would need to be taken regarding the fee waiver.]

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7 Miscellaneous - FSMB Requests Comments on Draft
8 Reports

9 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, asked
10 Dr. Ripchinski to summarize any highlights he might
11 have from the FSMB Report.

12 Dr. Ripchinski had nothing new to report but
13 offered to look for the comments, noting the target
14 was the May FSMB Meeting.

15 Chair Woodland commented that he would have some
16 updates at the April meeting.]

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18 New Business

19 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair,
20 addressed vacancies for MDs, nurse midwife, and
21 public member. He mentioned the Board is still
22 collecting curricula vitae (CVs) and encouraged
23 anyone who knows someone who may be interested to
24 forward those to the Board. He stated Acting
25 Commissioner Claggett reported progress but a slow

1 application process with the change in the
2 administration.]

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4 Adjournment

5 CHAIR WOODLAND:

6 I need a motion to adjourn.

7 DR. YEALY:

8 I move to adjourn.

9 MR. DILLON:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR WOODLAND:

12 Thank you very much everybody.

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14 [There being no other business, the State Board of
15 Medicine Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.]

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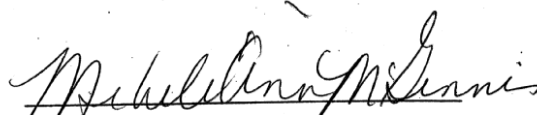
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CERTIFICATE

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.



Michele Ann McGinnis,

Minute Clerk

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TIME	AGENDA
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10:30	Return to Open Session
10:32	Official Call to Order
10:33	Introduction of Board Members/Attendees
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10:56	Ratifications
10:57	Report of Acting Commissioner
10:58	Report of Board Chair
11:05	Report of Board Administrator
11:08	Miscellaneous
11:09	New Business
11:11	Adjournment