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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: 10:36 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, December 13, 2022

State Board of Medicine
December 13, 2022

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BOARD MEMBERS:

Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair
Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
Professional and Occupational Affairs
Donald M. Yealy, M.D., Vice Chair
Gerard F. Dillon, Ph.D., Public Member
Walter A. Eisenhauer, MMS, M.Ed., PA-C
Carolyn Byrnes, M.P.H., C.P.H., Department of Health
Michael Ripchinski, M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Dean F. Picarella, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel
Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel
Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Mark R. Zogby, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Kelsey Ashworth, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Jonelle Harter Eshbach, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Jasmira L. Hunter, Board Administrator
Marc Farrell, Acting Policy Director, Department of
State
Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Executive Policy Specialist,
Department of State
Danie Bendesky, Director of Intergovernmental
Affairs, Department of State
Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State

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ALSO PRESENT:

Susan DeSantis, PA-C, Pennsylvania Society of
Physician Assistants
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
Andrea Wandling, Human Resources Manager,
Pennsylvania
Association of Community Health Centers
Katie Noss, Manager, Clinical and Quality
Improvement,
Pennsylvania Association of Community Health
Centers
Emily Hackman
Michele Ann McGinnis

1 State Board of Medicine

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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 Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, and
7 Shana M. Walter, 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, December 13,
15 2022. Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair,
16 called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

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18 Acknowledge Public - Turn Off Electronic Devices
19 [Chair Woodland welcomed everyone to the State Board
20 of Medicine Meeting. He reminded everyone that the
21 meeting was being recorded, and voluntary
22 participation constituted consent to be recorded.]

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24 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

25 [Chair Woodland and Jasmira Hunter provided an

1 introduction of Board members and attendees.]

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3 Approval of minutes

4 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, noted
5 the Board would be tabling approval of the minutes of
6 the October 25, 2022 meeting, and November 15 Special
7 Meeting until February.]

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9 Report of Prosecuting Attorneys

10 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecution
11 Liaison, presented the VRP Consent Agreements for
12 Case No. 22-49-015726, Case No. 22-49-016295, Case
13 No. 22-49-016721, and Case No. 22-49-016742.]

14 MS. WALTER:

15 Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the
16 Sunshine Act, the Board entered into
17 Executive Session at 8:45 a.m. for the
18 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
19 deliberations and receive advice of
20 counsel. The Board discussed VRP
21 Consent Agreements 3 through 6.

22 I believe the Board would entertain
23 a motion to accept the VRP Consent
24 Agreements. Item 3 is Case No. 22-49-
25 015726; item 4, Case No. 22-49-016295;

1 item 5, Case No. 22-49-016721, and item
2 6, Case No. 22-49-016742.

3 CHAIR WOODLAND:

4 Do I have a motion to move these
5 forward?

6 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

7 So moved.

8 MR. EISENHAUER:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR WOODLAND:

11 Jasmira, could you do a roll call?

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13 Mark Woodland, yea; Arion Claggett,
14 aye; Donald Yealy, aye; Gerard Dillon,
15 aye; Walter Eisenhower, aye; Carolyn
16 Byrnes, aye; Michael Ripchinski, aye.

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 [Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
20 presented the Consent Agreements for Case No. 21-49-
21 016401, Case No. 21-49-020221, Case No. 22-49-001487,
22 Case No. 22-49-009772, and Case No. 22-49-013343.]

23 MS. WALTER:

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

1 at item 7, Case No. 21-49-016401; item
2 8, Case No. 21-49-020221; item 9, Case
3 No. 22-49-001487; item 10, Case No. 22-
4 49-009772; and item 11, Case No. 22-49-
5 013343.

6 CHAIR WOODLAND:

7 Do I have a motion to move approve?

8 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

9 So moved.

10 MR. EISENHAUER:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR WOODLAND:

13 Jasmira, could you do a roll call?

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15 Mark Woodland, aye; Arion Claggett,
16 aye; Donald Yealy, aye; Gerard Dillon,
17 aye; Walter Eisenhower, aye; Carolyn
18 Byrnes, aye; Michael Ripchinski, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
20 name at item 7 is Anthony W. Villare, M.D.; item 8,
21 Megan Rose, LAT; item 9, Maria B. Mainolfi-Palarata,
22 M.D.; item 10, Brandon G. Chew, M.D.; and item 11,
23 Daniel Carroll Geary, M.D.]

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25 [Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,

1 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 21-49-
2 000717.]

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4 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
5 at 10:57 a.m. the Board entered into Executive
6 Session with Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board
7 Counsel, and Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel,
8 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
9 deliberations on and to receive the advice of
10 counsel. The Board returned to open session at 11:07
11 a.m.]

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13 MS. WALTER:

14 I believe the Board would entertain a
15 motion to reject the Consent Agreement
16 as too harsh at item 12, Case No. 21-
17 49-000717.

18 CHAIR WOODLAND:

19 Do I have a motion?

20 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

21 So moved.

22 MR. EISENHAUER:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR WOODLAND:

25 Jasmira, could you do a roll call,

1 please?

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3 Mark Woodland, aye; Arion Claggett,
4 aye; Donald Yealy, aye; Gerard Dillon,
5 aye; Walter Eisenhower, aye; Carolyn
6 Byrnes, aye; Michael Ripchinski, aye.

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 [Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
10 presented the Consent Agreements for Case No. 21-49-
11 005403, Case No. 21-49-005772, Case No. 21-49-005835,
12 and Case No. 21-49-014424.]

13 MS. WALTER:

14 I believe the Board would entertain a
15 motion to accept the Consent Agreements
16 at items 13 through 16. Item 13 is
17 Case No. 21-49-005403; item 14, Case
18 No. 21-49-005772; item 15, Case No. 21-
19 49-005835; and item 16, Case No. 21-49-
20 014424.

21 CHAIR WOODLAND:

22 Do I have a motion to approve?

23 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

24 So moved.

25 MR. EISENHAUER:

1 Second.

2 CHAIR WOODLAND:

3 Jasmira, could you do a roll call,
4 please?

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6 Mark Woodland, aye; Arion Claggett,
7 aye; Donald Yealy, aye; Gerard Dillon,
8 aye; Walter Eisenhower, aye; Carolyn
9 Byrnes, aye; Michael Ripchinski, aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
11 name at item 13 is Joel Aronowitz, M.D.; item 14,
12 Shawn Xuan Wu, M.D.; item 15, Hai T. Duong, M.D.; and
13 item 16, Waheed Jalalzai, M.D.]

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15 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Reports from
16 Hearing Examiner

17 MS. WUCINSKI:

18 I believe the Board would entertain a
19 motion to direct Board Counsel to draft
20 an Adjudication and Order consistent
21 with discussions in Executive Session
22 for Mark Foster, M.D., at Case No. 17-
23 49-07733.

24 CHAIR WOODLAND:

25 Do I have a motion to approve?

1 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

2 So moved.

3 MR. EISENHAUER:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR WOODLAND:

6 Jasmira, could you do a roll call,
7 please?

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9 Mark Woodland, aye; Arion Claggett,
10 aye; Donald Yealy, aye; Gerard Dillon,
11 aye; Walter Eisenhower, aye; Carolyn
12 Byrnes, aye; Michael Ripchinski, aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 Report of Board Counsel - Hearing Examiner Reports
16 for

17 Adjudication

18 MS. WUCINSKI:

19 At agenda item 19, I believe the Board
20 would entertain a motion to direct
21 Board Counsel to draft an Adjudication
22 and Order consistent with discussions
23 in Executive Session for Jarad Bonda,
24 ATC, Case No. 22-49-007733.

25 CHAIR WOODLAND:

1 Do I have a motion to approve?

2 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

3 So moved.

4 MR. EISENHAUER:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR WOODLAND:

7 Any further discussion? Jasmira, could
8 you do a roll call?

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10 Mark Woodland, aye; Arion Claggett,
11 aye; Donald Yealy, aye; Gerard Dillon,
12 aye; Walter Eisenhower, aye; Carolyn
13 Byrnes, aye; Michael Ripchinski, aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 Applications for Licensure

17 MS. WUCINSKI:

18 At agenda item 24 through 26, I believe
19 the Board would entertain a motion to
20 provisionally deny the following
21 Applications: Initial Athletic Trainer
22 Application for Victor Silva, Initial
23 License to Practice as a Behavioral
24 Specialist of Justin Howard, and the
25 Initial License to Practice as a

1 Physician and Surgeon of Tarun Mullick,
2 M.D.

3 CHAIR WOODLAND:

4 Do I have a motion to approve?

5 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

6 So moved.

7 MR. EISENHAUER:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR WOODLAND:

10 Any further discussion? Jasmira.

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12 Mark Woodland, aye; Arion Claggett,
13 aye; Donald Yealy, aye; Gerard Dillon,
14 aye; Walter Eisenhower, aye; Carolyn
15 Byrnes, aye; Michael Ripchinski, aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 MS. WUCINSKI:

19 At agenda item 27, I believe the Board
20 would entertain a motion to grant the
21 Initial License to Practice as a
22 Physician and Surgeon by Endorsement of
23 Tuan Nguyen. M.D.

24 CHAIR WOODLAND:

25 Do I have a motion to approve?

1 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

2 So moved.

3 MR. EISENHAUER:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR WOODLAND:

6 Any further discussion? Jasmira, roll
7 call.

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9 Mark Woodland, aye; Arion Claggett,
10 aye; Donald Yealy, aye; Gerard Dillon,
11 aye; Walter Eisenhower, aye; Carolyn
12 Byrnes, aye; Michael Ripchinski, aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 MS. WUCINSKI:

16 I believe the Board would entertain a
17 motion to offer the following
18 Applicants to apply for an
19 Institutional License at agenda item
20 28, Weiwei Song, M.D. and agenda item
21 29, Ilker Ince, M.D.

22 CHAIR WOODLAND:

23 Do I have a motion to approve?

24 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

25 So moved.

1 MR. EISENHAUER:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR WOODLAND:

4 Any further discussion? Jasmira, roll
5 call.

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7 Mark Woodland, aye; Arion Claggett,
8 aye; Donald Yealy, aye; Gerard Dillon,
9 aye; Walter Eisenhower, aye; Carolyn
10 Byrnes, aye; Michael Ripchinski, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 MS. WUCINSKI:

14 I believe the Board would entertain a
15 motion to grant the Reactivation
16 Application of Louisa Shin, PA-C,
17 noting Dr. Yealy has recused.

18 CHAIR WOODLAND:

19 Do I have a motion to approve?

20 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

21 So moved.

22 MR. EISENHAUER:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR WOODLAND:

25 Any further discussion? Hearing none.

1 Jasmira, roll call.

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3 Mark Woodland, aye; Arion Claggett,
4 aye; Gerard Dillon, aye; Walter
5 Eisenhauer, aye; Carolyn Byrnes, aye;
6 Michael Ripchinski, aye.

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

9

10 Miscellaneous

11 MS. WUCINSKI:

12 Item 31 was tabled to allow the
13 applicant to provide additional
14 information to the Board.

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16 MS. WUCINSKI:

17 At item 32, I believe the Board would
18 entertain a motion to approve the six-
19 month Reentry Program submitted by Mark
20 Kohn, M.D. at Temple University
21 Hospital as outlined in the contract
22 reviewed by the Board.

23 CHAIR WOODLAND:

24 Do I have a motion to approve?

25 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

1 So moved.

2 MR. EISENHAUER:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR WOODLAND:

5 Any further discussion? Hearing none.

6 Jasmira, could you do a roll call?

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8 Mark Woodland, aye; Arion Claggett,

9 aye; Donald Yealy, aye; Gerard Dillon,

10 aye; Walter Eisenhower, aye; Carolyn

11 Byrnes, aye; Michael Ripchinski, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 MS. WUCINSKI:

15 At agenda item 33, I believe the Board

16 would entertain a motion to deny the

17 extension request for Marlene Edmonds.

18 CHAIR WOODLAND:

19 Is there a motion?

20 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

21 So moved.

22 MR. EISENHAUER:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR WOODLAND:

25 Any further discussion? Hearing none.

1 Jasmira, could we have a roll call?

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3 Mark Woodland, aye; Arion Claggett,
4 aye; Donald Yealy, aye; Gerard Dillon,
5 aye; Walter Eisenhower, aye; Carolyn
6 Byrnes, aye; Michael Ripchinski, aye.

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 MS. WUCINSKI:

10 At agenda item 34, I believe the Board
11 would entertain a motion to deny the
12 Petition to Seal Record at Case No. 87-
13 49-0683 as it relates to sealing the
14 entire record and the Board will
15 instead redact all sensitive
16 information to that case currently.

17 CHAIR WOODLAND:

18 Do I have a motion to approve?

19 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

20 So moved.

21 MR. EISENHAUER:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR WOODLAND:

24 Any further discussion on this one?

25 Jasmira.

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Mark Woodland, aye; Arion Claggett,
aye; Donald Yealy, aye; Gerard Dillon,
aye; Walter Eisenhower, aye; Carolyn
Byrnes, aye; Michael Ripchinski, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

MS. WUCINSKI:

At agenda item 35, I believe the Board
would entertain a motion to amend the
Final Order to allow Julie Asuzu, M.D.
to complete her preceptorship in
Florida.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Do I have a motion to approve?

DR. RIPCHINSKI:

So moved.

MR. EISENHAUER:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Any further discussion? Hearing none.
Jasmira.

Mark Woodland, aye; Arion Claggett,
aye; Donald Yealy, aye; Gerard Dillon,

1 So moved.

2 MR. EISENHAUER:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR WOODLAND:

5 Any further discussion? Hearing none.

6 Jasmira, roll call.

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8 Mark Woodland, aye; Arion Claggett,
9 aye; Donald Yealy, aye; Gerard Dillon,
10 aye; Walter Eisenhower, aye; Carolyn
11 Byrnes, aye; Michael Ripchinski, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 MS. WUCINSKI:

15 I believe the Board would entertain a
16 motion to Ratify the granting of the
17 following applications: Initial
18 Application to Practice as a Physician
19 and Surgeon by Endorsement of Anilawan
20 S. Fleury, M.D.; Initial Orthotic
21 Fitter Application of Abigail Anne
22 Brightbill, Shawn Collins, Karen Kelly,
23 Matthew Laing, Melanie Elizabeth
24 Reinhard, Derrick Winters, Maksym
25 Zhytnytskyy; Initial Orthotists of

1 in San Diego, where she spoke with attorneys from
2 medical and osteopathic boards from other states and
3 shared information on best practices and current
4 issues pertinent to board attorneys.

5 Ms. Wucinski addressed a session, Does Free
6 Speech Protect COVID-19-related Misinformation and
7 Disinformation, where Carl Coleman, JD, Professor of
8 Law and Academic Director, Division of Online
9 Learning Seton Hall Law School, discussed
10 constitutional limits on disciplinary actions and
11 pointed out that courts would have to use a strict
12 scrutiny standard for content-based restrictions.

13 Ms. Wucinski mentioned discussion regarding the
14 difference between misinformation made by a physician
15 to the public versus in a client-patient relationship
16 and whether misinformation is spread with the
17 knowledge that it is false with reckless disregard.

18 Ms. Wucinski also discussed another session,
19 Dobbs Decision: Post-Roe Considerations for
20 Licensing Boards, pertaining to regulatory efforts,
21 bills, and executive orders and how the Interstate
22 Medical Licensure Compact is impacted by Dobb's
23 decision.

24 Ms. Wucinski noted there were various other
25 sessions, including State of the States, where they

1 compared how their state handles other pertinent
2 issues.

3 Chair Woodland requested more information
4 concerning the discussion of the validity of
5 executive orders versus the legislative process
6 related to the interstate Dobbs decision. He noted
7 there are groups having discussions that the
8 legislative process trumps state executive orders.

9 Ms. Walter explained that the imposition of
10 discipline in most circumstances under the Medical
11 Practice Act is discretionary, so the Board does have
12 discretion.

13 Chair Woodland commented that we are moving into
14 a different administration and asked could the new
15 administration rescind those executive orders or
16 reissue those executive orders.

17 Mr. Anderson stated almost every jurisdiction
18 allows for reciprocal actions and have the ability to
19 discipline under the Board's act, but there are also
20 factors to look at and provided an example.

21 Mr. Anderson explained that they have the
22 executive order, which is a review of everything, and
23 have the ability for the reciprocal for violations
24 specifically in other states. He stated even a
25 technical violation is on a case-by-case basis and

1 often case information in that state and everything
2 can be evaluated.

3 Chair Woodland commented that many state boards
4 are having this discussion and the Federation of
5 State Medical Boards is looking at this as well when
6 looking at using the compact and how that is going to
7 be modified. He mentioned that there could be other
8 decisions that are thrown back at the states that
9 might cause conflict.

10 Mr. Anderson noted that the reciprocal actions
11 are always looked at with clarity to what is going on
12 in their state, and the exact same discipline is not
13 given in this state as other states.]

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15 Report of Regulatory Counsel

16 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed
17 Board members that House Bill 2800 passed and is now
18 Act 143 of 2022.

19 Ms. Wucinski referred to House Bill 2915
20 regarding reproductive health services for the
21 Board's review. She stated the bill was introduced
22 to ensure that licensed professionals cannot be
23 penalized for performing reproductive health services
24 on an individual who resides outside of Pennsylvania
25 where such services may be illegal.

1 Ms. Wucinski noted the legislation would also
2 allow people to bring civil action against any entity
3 that entered judgment against them in another
4 jurisdiction. She mentioned that it would also
5 prohibit the issuance of subpoenas, summons, or
6 extradition of a person to another state for
7 reproductive health services they legally performed
8 in Pennsylvania. She noted the bill was introduced
9 on November 2.

10 Chair Woodland believed more of this would be
11 seen to protect providers in the state of
12 Pennsylvania and many other states.

13 Ms. Wucinski informed Board members that 16A-66
14 regarding Act 53 was published as proposed on
15 November 18 and would have a 30-day public comment
16 period.

17 Ms. Walter referred to 16A-4953 regarding the
18 registration of naturopathic doctors and provided
19 comments from the Independent Regulatory Review
20 Commission (IRRC).

21 Dr. Yealy thought the comments were insightful
22 and would be helpful in crafting a consolidated
23 response but did not see anything out of the ordinary
24 or not aligned with his views as a State Board of
25 Medicine member.

1 Ms. Walter informed Board members that the final
2 preamble would be on the agenda in February.]

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4 For the Board's Information/Discussion - Old
5 Business/New Business - Vote to Approve 2024
6 Medical

7 Board Meeting Dates

8 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, reminded
9 everyone that the 2023 meeting dates are February 7,
10 March 7, April 18, May 23, June 20, July 18,
11 September 12, October 24, and December 12.

12 Chair Woodland also noted the proposed 2024 Board
13 meeting dates are January 30, March 5, April 16, May
14 21, June 25, August 6, September 17, November 5, and
15 December 17.]

16 CHAIR WOODLAND:

17 Do I have a motion to move these
18 forward?

19 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

20 So moved.

21 CHAIR WOODLAND:

22 Second?

23 MR. EISENHAUER:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR WOODLAND:

1 Any further discussion on these?
2 Hearing none. Jasmira, could I have a
3 roll call, please?

4
5 Mark Woodland, aye; Arion Claggett,
6 aye; Donald Yealy, aye; Gerard Dillon,
7 aye; Walter Eisenhower, aye; Carolyn
8 Byrnes, aye; Michael Ripchinski, aye.

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 For the Board's Information/Discussion - Election of
12 Officers for 2023

13 MR. DILLON:

14 I'd like to respectfully nominate Mark
15 Woodland as the Chair for the 2023
16 term.

17 Are there any additional
18 nominations at this time? Hearing
19 none.

20 I think we would entertain a motion
21 to consider the election of Mark
22 Woodland as the Chair for 2023.

23 Could I have a motion?

24 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

25 So moved.

1 MR. EISENHAUER:

2 Second.

3 MR. DILLON:

4 Jasmira, could we do a roll call,
5 please?

6

7 Arion Claggett, aye; Donald Yealy, aye;
8 Gerard Dillon, aye; Walter Eisenhower,
9 aye; Carolyn Byrnes, aye; Michael
10 Ripchinski, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 MR. DILLON:

14 The second piece of business. I'd like
15 to call for any nominations for the
16 position of the Vice Chair of the Board
17 of Medicine?

18 CHAIR WOODLAND:

19 I would nominate Don Yealy for Vice
20 Chair.

21 MR. DILLON:

22 Nomination for Donald Yealy. Any other
23 nominations for Vice Chair? Hearing
24 none.

25

We could entertain a motion to

1 reelect Don Yealy as Vice Chair.

2 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

3 So moved.

4 MR. EISENHAUER:

5 Second.

6 MR. DILLON:

7 Any comments or discussion? Hearing
8 none.

9 Jasmira, could we do the roll call
10 again, please?

11

12 Mark Woodland, aye; Arion Claggett,
13 aye; Gerard Dillon, aye; Walter
14 Eisenhauer, aye; Carolyn Byrnes, aye;
15 Michael Ripchinski, aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 Report of Department of Health

19 [Carolyn Byrnes, M.P.H., C.P.H., Department of
20 Health, addressed COVID-19, influenza, and
21 respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), stating that
22 hospital beds and pediatric beds have been
23 constrained, along with having shortages of pediatric
24 amoxicillin and Tamiflu. She noted hospital and
25 Intensive Care Unit (ICU) bed availability is posted

1 on their COVID-19 Dashboard and is updated on
2 Wednesdays. She reported 18 percent of ICU beds are
3 available, 17 percent of medical-surgical beds, 5
4 percent of ICU pediatric beds, and 24 percent of
5 pediatric beds.

6 Ms. Byrnes provided influenza data influenza for
7 the week ending December 3, where seasonal influenza
8 activity in Pennsylvania and the United States is
9 high. She noted influenza A and B have been
10 identified by lab testing, but influenza A is
11 dominant. She stated 74,832 laboratory-confirmed
12 influenza cases have been reported this season to
13 date. She noted flu-like illness is higher than
14 usual for this time of year and reported eight
15 confirmed influenza-associated deaths. She provided
16 the Influenza Season Data page and informed everyone
17 to go to [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find a flu vaccine.

18 Ms. Byrnes stated the Department of Health issued
19 a health alert on RSV on October 28. She mentioned
20 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
21 is collecting RSV surveillance data from states and
22 could be viewed on their website.

23 Ms. Byrnes reported over 3.3 million COVID-19
24 cases. She addressed the week ending December 6
25 showing 1,191 cases per day and 1,264

1 hospitalizations and 48,527 reported deaths. She
2 discussed COVID community levels, noting 41 counties
3 in Pennsylvania are green, 20 are yellow, and 6 are
4 orange.

5 Ms. Byrnes reported over 26.6 million COVID
6 vaccinations have been administered with 67.4 percent
7 of those 5 and over completing their primary series,
8 which is 72.9 percent of the United States
9 population.

10 Ms. Byrnes reminded everyone that bivalent
11 boosters are now available and could be received at
12 least two months after the last COVID dose. She
13 noted a low uptick on boosters for all ages. She
14 informed everyone that the CDC has added COVID
15 vaccines to the list of vaccines for children.

16 Ms. Byrnes addressed monkeypox, noting over
17 82,000 cases globally with 29,711 confirmed in the
18 United States. She reported 858 confirmed cases in
19 Pennsylvania and reminded everyone the JYNNEOS
20 vaccine is available.

21 Ms. Byrnes reported a rise in syphilis cases over
22 the past five years with 39 confirmed cases of
23 congenital syphilis excluding Philadelphia. She
24 encouraged people to practice safe sex and use
25 condoms to prevent syphilis and noted the importance

1 of testing, especially during the first prenatal
2 visit, third trimester, and delivery. She noted
3 syphilis can be treated and cured with antibiotics.

4 Ms. Byrnes stated Dr. Johnson issued an opposite
5 editorial addressing domestic violence and offered to
6 share the link. She provided the National Domestic
7 Violence Hotline number at 1-800-799-7233.

8 Dr. Yealy commented that the antibiotic shortages
9 are a footprint of missed deployment of a therapeutic
10 oftentimes in a viral syndrome. He noted the
11 importance of reminding prescribers about when
12 antibiotics make sense and when they do not.

13 Chair Woodland thanked Ms. Byrnes for her
14 contributions to the Board and Department of Health.]

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16 Report of Committee on Health-Related Professionals -
17 No Report

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19 Report of Committee on Legislation/Policy Development
20 and Review - No Report

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22 Report of Committee on Licensure Qualifications - No
23 Report

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25 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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Report of Vice Chair - No Report

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Report of Board Chair

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[Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, informed

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Board members of his attendance at the Association

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of American Medical Colleges Learn Serve Lead Annual

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Meeting. He addressed discussion between two

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prominent spiritual leaders throughout the country,

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Cornel West, and Robert George, where a comment was

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that we all interpret facts as our own personal

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experience but what allows discussion are mutually

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shared values.

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Chair Woodland addressed the workforce and

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transition into residency, noting the number of

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applications for residency continues to rise at the

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present time and 30 percent apply to more than one

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specialty. He commented that diversity is still a

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problem and provided statistics. He addressed the

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short-term and long-term impact of the pandemic. He

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noted the importance of looking at recruitment,

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retention, resignation, and retirement as far as the

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workforce.

1 Chair Woodland noted the Accreditation Council
2 for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) released their
3 Clinical Learning Environment Review (CLER). He
4 explained that every institution in the United States
5 goes through a clinical learning environment review
6 and compares them to clinical learning environments
7 of different institutions. He noted the importance
8 of looking at what institutions would need to support
9 the next wave of professionals in the workforce and
10 provided the recommendations in his report for the
11 Board's review.

12 Chair Woodland also addressed telemedicine and
13 where the law may get in the way of finding access to
14 care, along with the need for some necessary changes
15 to the system. He also discussed eliminating health
16 care disparities and inequities. He noted medical
17 schools are prioritizing prevention of gun violence
18 and addressing whether people can be immunized
19 against disinformation.

20 Chair Woodland provided FSMB updates, noting Dr.
21 Humayun Chaudhry, President and CEO of FSMB, has been
22 recognized by Modern Healthcare as one of the 100
23 Most Influential People in Healthcare in 2022.

24 Chair Woodland informed everyone of a webinar for
25 Physician Discipline and the Role of Continuing

1 Medical Education (CME) on Recidivism. He mentioned
2 that current nominations for FSMB awards are open
3 until the end of December.

4 Chair Woodland noted the FSMB 111th Annual
5 Meeting in May 2023 and the International Conference
6 on Medical Regulations in November.

7 Chair Woodland provided a survey on professionals
8 and bad behavior, noting physicians behaving
9 inappropriately in 2022 compared to 2021 has
10 increased. He mentioned an area of focus in the
11 study was social media, where just as things can be
12 done with social media, things can also go awry in
13 social media.]

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15 Adjournment

16 CHAIR WOODLAND:

17 I entertain a motion to end our
18 meeting.

19 DR. RIPCHINSKI:

20 So moved.

21 CHAIR WOODLAND:

22 Do we have a second?

23 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

24 Second.

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1 [There being no other business, the State Board of
2 Medicine Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.]

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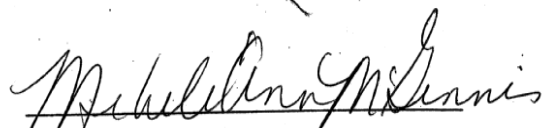
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7 I hereby certify that the foregoing summary
8 minutes of the State Board of Medicine meeting, was
9 reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and
10 that the minutes accurately summarize the substance
11 of the State Board of Medicine meeting.

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Michele Ann McGinnis,

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Minute Clerk

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10	10:30	Return to Open Session
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12	10:36	Official Call to Order
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14	10:37	Introduction of Board Members/Attendees
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16	10:39	Report of Prosecuting Attorneys
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18	10:57	Executive Session
19	11:07	Return to Open Session
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21	11:13	Report of Board Counsel
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23	11:15	Applications for Licensure
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25	11:18	Miscellaneous
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27	11:23	Ratifications
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29	11:25	Report of Board Counsel (cont.)
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31	11:36	Report of Regulatory Counsel
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33	11:40	For the Board's Information/Discussion
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35	11:45	Report of Department of Health
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37	11:57	Report of Board Chair
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39	12:10	Adjournment
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