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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  
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

TIME: 10:34 A.M.

Tuesday, March 9, 2021



State Board of Medicine  
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ALSO PRESENT: (Continued)

Jen Smeltz, Republican Executive Director, Senate  
Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure  
Committee  
Tyler Burke, Associate, Milliron Goodman Government  
Relations  
Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC  
Susan DeSantis, PA-C, Pennsylvania Society of  
Physician Assistants

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,  
6 at 9:00 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 9, 2021.  
16 Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., Chair, called the  
17 meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

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19 [Chair Woodland requested all electronic devices be  
20 muted.

21 He also reminded everyone the meeting was being  
22 recorded, and those who continued to participate were  
23 giving their consent to be recorded.]

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25 Introduction of Board Members/Audience

1 [Chair Woodland announced everyone in attendance.]

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3 Approval of minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting

4 CHAIR WOODLAND:

5 I know the minutes were distributed,  
6 and we had time to read them.

7 I'd like to get a motion for  
8 approval of the minutes?

9 DR. YEALY:

10 So moved.

11 MR. DILLON:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR WOODLAND:

14 Motion to approve and a second. Do I  
15 have any dissent to the motion being  
16 approved? Hearing no dissents, I will  
17 accept that motion as approval of the  
18 minutes.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 Report of Commissioner

22 [K. Kalonji Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of  
23 Professional and Occupational Affairs, welcomed  
24 everyone. He announced developments with regard to  
25 the Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS) application

1 with release of the newest instructions for the  
2 written agreements in the PALS application. He noted  
3 the initial application for the written agreement and  
4 the ability to delete the agreement. He stated the  
5 instructions could be found on the Board's website,  
6 along with the notification that no manual paper  
7 applications would be accepted after April 30, 2021,  
8 and directing individuals to use the PALS  
9 application.

10 Commissioner Johnson reported that change forms  
11 for the written agreement still exist with the manual  
12 process. He stated written instructions were being  
13 finalized, and when those become live, licensees will  
14 be notified. He mentioned there will be a 60-day  
15 window for the phase-out of paper applications and  
16 promoting the PALS application.

17 Chair Woodland noted a question received in chat  
18 asking how delegates would complete the written  
19 agreement. Commissioner Johnson noted that to be a  
20 longstanding concern about delegate functionality.  
21 He reminded everybody that delegate functionality had  
22 not been legislatively approved. He stated the  
23 instructions in the system were reviewed by  
24 stakeholders last year and agreed upon by all  
25 parties.

1           Commissioner Johnson mention that the written  
2 agreement process in conjunction with the PALS status  
3 tracker for Medical Board licensees will work hand-  
4 in-hand to enable employers, whether they be  
5 hospitals or associations. He noted that applicants  
6 would now have the ability to review the status of  
7 applications and upload documents required for  
8 applications. He stated the delegate authority is  
9 something the written instructions do not address.

10           Commissioner Johnson addressed another question  
11 received on chat. He noted the department would no  
12 longer be accepting the written agreements sent in  
13 outside of the PALS application after April 30, 2021.  
14 He informed everyone the information was available on  
15 both the website and PALS site.

16           Susan DeSantis, PA-C, Pennsylvania Society of  
17 Physician Assistants, stated that when the  
18 legislation passed in the summer of 2019, it gave  
19 delegate authority to complete and submit the written  
20 agreement.

21           Ms. DeSantis questioned whether there was  
22 something within PALS to permit a delegate to do  
23 that. There are instructions for the physician  
24 assistant (PA) to start and finish the application  
25 and the supervising physician to start and finish the

1 application, but no other option. She noted it is  
2 the medical staff office completing, processing, and  
3 monitoring and this issue is still not clear as April  
4 30, 2021 approaches.

5 Commissioner Johnson explained that the  
6 application did not have the delegate functionality  
7 but, with the status tracker, the delegate has the  
8 ability to review the information in the application  
9 and submit documentation. He stated notifications  
10 would soon begin. He commented that collaborative  
11 agreements were being worked on with the Board of  
12 Nursing to similarly integrate the collaborative  
13 agreement process.]

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15 Report of Prosecution Division

16 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., Chair, noted the Board  
17 did not have any questions for Mr. Williams, Mr.  
18 Bashore, Mr. Guinta, or Mr. Anderson regarding items  
19 under the prosecution division on the agenda.]

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21 MS. WALTER:

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Number 2 on the list is Case No. 19-49-

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007538. Dr. Domen was recused from

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discussions during Executive Session on

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this matter and so was Dr. Valigorsky.



1 I believe the Board would entertain  
2 a motion to accept the Consent  
3 Agreement at agenda item 2.

4 DR. YEALY:

5 So moved.

6 MR. EISENHAUER:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR WOODLAND:

9 We have a motion to move and a second.  
10 Any discussion? All in favor, say  
11 aye. Any nay? Any abstentions?

12 [The motion carried. Dr. Domen recused himself from  
13 deliberations and voting on the motion. Dr.  
14 Valigorsky was also recused. The Respondent's name  
15 in item 2 is Stephanie Elizabeth Sluka.]

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17 MS. WALTER:

18 Number 3 is Case No. 19-49-017368; No.  
19 4, Case No. 20-49-012452; No. 5, Case  
20 No. 21-49-000488; No. 6, Case No. 20-  
21 49-000510; No. 7, Case Nos. 18-49-  
22 010426, 18-49-011289, & 18-49-011969.

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

1 MR. EISENHAUER:

2 So moved.

3 MR. DILLON:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR WOODLAND:

6 All those in favor, say aye. Any nay?

7 Any abstentions?

8 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's  
9 name in item 3 is Andrew Dale, M.D.; item 4, Abhishek  
10 Freyer, M.D.; item 5, Johnathan Kiev, M.D.; item 6,  
11 Gregory Steven Grabon, M.D.; and item 7, Bernard Okem  
12 Ogon, M.D.]

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14 MS. WALTER:

15 Numbers 8 through 10 on the agenda.

16 Number 8 is VRP Case No. 20-49-014286;

17 No. 9, VRP Case No. 21-49-00513; No.

18 10, VRP Case No. 21-49-000515.

19 I believe the Board would entertain  
20 a motion to accept these VRP  
21 Agreements.

22 DR. YEALY:

23 So moved.

24 MR. DILLON:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR WOODLAND:

2 I have a motion to accept and a second.  
3 Any discussion? Hearing none. All in  
4 favor, say yea. Any nay? Any  
5 abstentions?

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
9 Liaison, informed the Board that the prosecution  
10 office had entered into a one-year pilot program for  
11 victim advocates, which would be similar to the  
12 criminal courts' advocacy for victims in a criminal  
13 case to assist individuals through the process.

14 Mr. Anderson noted the program to be a similar  
15 process for patients, complainants, and victims of  
16 licensees' violations at no cost. He mentioned the  
17 program recently started, noting that people were  
18 made aware of the opportunity when there was an  
19 investigation and witnesses are retained for cases.]

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21 Report of Department of Health

22 [Mary Pat Howard, M.S., RN-BC, Executive Assistant of  
23 Quality Assurance, informed the Board that Governor  
24 Wolf announced pre-K through grade 12 public and  
25 nonpublic school teachers will have an opportunity to

1 be vaccinated with single-dose Johnson & Johnson  
2 vaccine.

3 Ms. Howard also announced Dr. Denise Johnson will  
4 start as the new physician general on March 29, 2021.

5 Ms. Howard encouraged everyone to visit the  
6 Department of Health's COVID and vaccine dashboards  
7 for COVID updates. She reported 1,658 additional  
8 positive cases from Saturday through early yesterday  
9 morning with a total of 950,161 in Pennsylvania to  
10 date. She also reported 1,587 hospitalizations with  
11 314 in the intensive care unit. She noted a  
12 positivity rate for last week of 5.7%, which is a  
13 reduction from 6.3% the week before.

14 Ms. Howard announced the Centers for Disease  
15 Control and Prevention (CDC) recently issued new  
16 guidelines for people who are fully vaccinated and  
17 are available on the website.

18 Chair Woodland thanked Ms. Howard and applauded  
19 the Department of Health for their efforts in  
20 providing specific information.

21 Ms. Howard provided information regarding vaccine  
22 administration.]

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24 Report of Committee on Health-Related

25 Professionals - 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., mentioned there would be a  
7 discussion after the meeting regarding revised  
8 language.]

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10 Report of Vice Chair

11 [Ronald E. Domen, M.D., Vice Chair, informed the  
12 Board that the Federation of State Medical Boards  
13 (FSMB) just recently announced the formation of an ad  
14 hoc Health Equity and Medical Regulation Task Force.  
15 He stated the task force would gather information on  
16 literature review as it relates to medical  
17 regulations.

18 Dr. Domen addressed Medical Board implicit bias  
19 initiatives, where the task force will be surveying  
20 all of their member boards. He stated the task force  
21 will direct efforts through the creation of a public  
22 spacing platform to provide educational resources for  
23 addressing implicit bias in medical licensing,  
24 discipline, and regulation.

25 Dr. Domen noted the task force would lead

1 discussions on medical regulation, systemic racism,  
2 implicit bias, and health equity.

3 Dr. Domen referred to prior Board discussion,  
4 where the Board cannot unilaterally call for an  
5 investigation of somebody who may be committing  
6 malpractice or unprofessional behavior, but a public  
7 member can anonymously report something to the  
8 Department's professional compliance office and the  
9 prosecuting attorneys would then investigate the  
10 matter and report back to the Board. He also  
11 mentioned a Board member could file a complaint  
12 online, but the Board cannot discuss the matter  
13 unless and until it comes before the Board.

14 Mr. Anderson further explained that any person in  
15 the Commonwealth has the ability to file a complaint  
16 with the Department of State regarding a licensing  
17 issue. He stated a member of the Board as a private  
18 citizen can file a complaint; however, the Board  
19 itself cannot institute disciplinary or investigatory  
20 action against a licensee. He commented that every  
21 complainant is notified of the results of their  
22 complaint, told if the matter is open or closed, and  
23 whether a formal action took place.

24 Mr. Dillon noted the Board's interest in issues  
25 arising that may be putting citizens of Pennsylvania

1 in danger. He requested input as to whether the  
2 Board could have more impact regarding violations of  
3 directives related to the virus.

4 Ms. Walter explained that the Board's goal is to  
5 issue adjudications and determine discipline. She  
6 stated the Board has standards through regulations  
7 that it implements, and the legislature did the same  
8 through the Medical Practice Act. Board adjudicatory  
9 function and the prosecution investigative function  
10 are two completely separate roles.

11 Ms. Walter noted that complaints could be made  
12 through PALS, but the individual would have to recuse  
13 if the complaint came before the Board.

14 Chair Woodland mentioned there are specific  
15 individual complaints and generalized situations,  
16 where the Board could have a discussion on a general  
17 issue and an individual issue may apply to licensure  
18 qualification.

19 Ms. Wucinski explained that when a proposed  
20 adjudication comes before the Board from a hearing  
21 examiner, the Board may either adopt the hearing  
22 examiner's proposed report or substitute their own  
23 adjudication and order if they do not agree with the  
24 proposed report.

25 Mr. Eisenhauer requested information concerning

1 resources attorneys utilize if something was outside  
2 of their scope of practice to determine.

3 Mr. Anderson stated the Bureau of Enforcement and  
4 Investigation (BEI) does a good job digging into  
5 cases based on instruction from prosecuting attorneys  
6 to determine if there is a potential violation of the  
7 practice act. He noted an unprofessional conduct  
8 charge, which deals with immoral practice or  
9 substandard practice, are reviewed by experts to  
10 determine if a violation has occurred.]

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12 Report of Board Chair

13 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., Board Chair, announced  
14 the past chair and member of the State Board of  
15 Medicine, Mr. Keith Loiselle, was awarded the 2021  
16 Federation of State Medical Boards John H. Clark, MD  
17 Leadership Award. He also noted the award to be an  
18 honor for the State Board of Medicine and  
19 congratulated Mr. Loiselle.

20 Chair Woodland announced the Federation of State  
21 Medical Boards (FSMB) Annual Meeting will be held  
22 April 29 through May 1, 2021. He mentioned Dr. Domen  
23 will be representing the Board and bring back any  
24 information available from the meeting. He  
25 encouraged everyone to participate in the virtual





1 discussed the consent agreements presented, along  
2 with agenda items 22 through 36.

3 Ms. Wucinski informed the Board that 16A-4941  
4 regarding the proposed child abuse reporting  
5 requirements was published as proposed on January 30,  
6 2021, for 30 days of public comment. She stated no  
7 comments were received and awaits comments from the  
8 Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) that  
9 are due before March 31, 2021.

10 Chair Woodland noted amendments were made that  
11 changed the 3-hour mandated educational process to 2  
12 hours, amendments concerning mandates, and sections  
13 were added regarding training and reporting.]

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15 For the Board's Information/Discussion - Old/New  
16 Business

17 [Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel, referred to  
18 House Bill 131 requiring the respondent in a  
19 disciplinary action to appear in person at a hearing  
20 on a disciplinary matter.

21 Ms. Walter referred to House Bill 325 authorizing  
22 the Board to issue advisory opinions.

23 Mr. Dillon requested an example of an advisory  
24 opinion.

25 Ms. Walter explained that if a practitioner

1 contacted Board Counsel and asked if they could  
2 delegate a procedure to a medical assistant that was  
3 within their delegation authority, they would advise  
4 them that they cannot advise whether the particular  
5 action is or is not within the delegation authority  
6 in the Medical Practice Act.

7 Ms. Wucinski noted Board Counsel receives many  
8 emails requesting advisory opinions but can only  
9 offer individuals standard "no advisory" language  
10 because Board Counsel may only provide legal advice  
11 to the Board and not to licensees. She stated this  
12 bill would change that, where not only would Board  
13 Counsel provide legal advice to the Board but they  
14 would also provide non-binding legal advice to  
15 licensees. She expressed a concern with the bill  
16 because of the number of emails received and amount  
17 of time it would take to respond.

18 Chair Woodland noted the possible need to  
19 inventory the advisory opinions so as to not  
20 contradict one already created.

21 Chair Woodland commented that advising people  
22 about the status of their licensure and how to  
23 preserve their license may be a good advisory opinion  
24 item.

25 Ms. Walter addressed House Bill 192 involving the

1 Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Act. She stated  
2 House Bill 192 sets forth the steps to obtain a  
3 criminal history record check and allows the Federal  
4 Bureau of Investigation to release the federal  
5 background check to the Board.

6 Ms. Wucinski referred to House Bill 245. She  
7 explained that graduates of accredited medical  
8 schools currently must complete 2 years of training  
9 through an approved medical residency program in  
10 order to apply for a license in Pennsylvania and  
11 international medical grads 3 years. She stated the  
12 bill would change that to 2 years. She noted that  
13 the rationale for the house bill states that the  
14 third year of postgraduate training was created  
15 because international medical graduates (IMG) faced  
16 less rigorous testing and training in completing  
17 their education, which had changed over years and is  
18 now considered the same as attending schools in the  
19 United States.

20 Mr. Dillon commented that while IMGs now have as  
21 rigorous testing as students in the United States, he  
22 expressed a concern for the claim that IMGs also met  
23 the same educational standards equal to students from  
24 medical schools in the United States.

25 Mr. Dillon stated that there is no organization

1 domestically or internationally that assesses the  
2 quality of curricula, faculty, and campuses of all  
3 international medical schools like it is done for US  
4 medical schools by the Liaison Committee on Medical  
5 Education (LCME). He stated that the broad claim  
6 about comparability of educational standards had no  
7 basis; that it was inaccurate and misleading. Mr.  
8 Dillon asked if that claim could be corrected prior  
9 to final consideration of the bill.

10 Mr. Eisenhauer addressed the military, stating  
11 that all branches allow individuals to complete their  
12 PGY-1 and then go on to serve in active duty roles if  
13 they have licensure in a state. He noted it would be  
14 helpful if Pennsylvania had a mechanism for active  
15 duty physicians who have completed all their United  
16 States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE)  
17 requirements and the PGY-1 to get some type of  
18 licensure to recruit them back into residency  
19 programs in the state or ultimately into practice if  
20 they do the residency in the military.

21 Ms. Wucinski stated many IMGs may not choose to  
22 come to Pennsylvania because of the extra requirement  
23 and may go to another state.

24 Ms. Wucinski referred to Senate Bill 26, which  
25 would prohibit mental health professionals from

1 engaging in sexual orientation change efforts with  
2 individuals under 18. She stated it did not prohibit  
3 counseling for gender transition or otherwise  
4 relating to understanding a person's coping, social  
5 support, or identity exploration and development and  
6 does not prevent parents from teaching their children  
7 whatever they wish regarding sexual orientation.

8 Chair Woodland commented that the bill is not  
9 specific to conversion therapy but expressed a  
10 concern with how children gender dysphoria programs  
11 would be impacted. He noted sexual orientation  
12 conversion has not worked. He was worried about the  
13 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer  
14 (LGBTQ) spectrum and how this might impact some of  
15 those other areas, especially mental health.

16 Dr. Silver also expressed a concern for how it  
17 would impact the LGBTQ community. She noted there  
18 are specific psychiatrists who deal with the LGBTQ  
19 community in Hershey and agreed with Dr. Woodland and  
20 wondered how to help the way it is worded.

21 Ms. Wucinski commented that Board Counsel had not  
22 been asked to conduct a bill analysis yet but would  
23 reach out to Board members and refer to notes to put  
24 forth a proper analysis when that time came.

25 Chair Woodland suggested providing feedback as an

1 individual and not as a Board member to the people  
2 who sponsor these bills. He stated the bill is  
3 robust and sounds good regarding conversion therapy,  
4 but it may have unintended consequences that would  
5 impact all kinds of other therapies, especially for  
6 minors. He mentioned that the LGBTQ minors are  
7 disenfranchised in so many ways and any perceived  
8 block for access to care would be problematic.

9 Ms. Wucinski addressed Act 53 of 2020, noting the  
10 list of several crimes the prosecution division is  
11 suggesting be added. She noted two additions from  
12 Board Counsel and referred to aggravated assault  
13 against a child under § 2702(a)(8).

14 Dr. Yealy referred to § 5112 regarding  
15 interfering with emergency services providers and  
16 expressed concerned with it being prone to wide and  
17 disparate interpretation as written.

18 Ms. Wucinski mentioned that even if the Board  
19 chooses not to add a specific crime to the list, it  
20 would not stop prosecution from doing their job. Ms.  
21 Wucinski stated that the crime could be removed if  
22 the rest of the Board agreed.

23 Chair Woodland noted the Board was in agreement.

24 Ms. Wucinski provided another list for the  
25 Board's opinion, including perjury, false swearing,

1 unsworn falsification, false alarms to agencies of  
2 public safety, false reports to law enforcement  
3 agencies, witness or informant taking bribes, and  
4 tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

5 Chair Woodland noted that it would not be a bad  
6 thing if the list was shorter.

7 Ms. Wucinski opened the meeting to public  
8 comment.]

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10 MOTIONS

11 MS. WUCINSKI:

12 I believe the Board would entertain a  
13 motion to direct Board Counsel to add  
14 the following crimes to the list of  
15 crimes related to the profession under  
16 Act 53: Insurance fraud, Title 18 §  
17 4117(a)(b); false reports of child  
18 abuse, § 4906(a); securing execution of  
19 documents by deception, § 4114; failure  
20 to report injury by firearm or criminal  
21 act, § 5106; abuse of a corpse, § 5510;  
22 aggravated assault against a child, §  
23 2702(a)(8) and (9).

24 DR. YEALY:

25 So moved.



1 MR. DILLON:

2                               Second.

3 CHAIR WOODLAND:

4                               I have a motion that has been moved and  
5                               seconded. Any discussion? All those  
6                               in favor, say yea. All those opposed,  
7                               say nay. Any abstentions?

8 [The motion carried unanimously. ]

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10 Executive Session

11 MS. WUCINSKI:

12                               Agenda item 22. I believe the Board  
13                               would entertain a motion to adopt as  
14                               final the proposed Adjudication and  
15                               Order for Rajaa Nebarri, M.D., Case No.  
16                               19-46-016745.

17 CHAIR WOODLAND:

18                               Is there a motion to approve?

19 DR. YEALY:

20                               So moved.

21 CHAIR WOODLAND:

22                               Second?

23 MR. DILLON:

24                               I second.

25 CHAIR WOODLAND:

1 I have a motion and a second. Any  
2 discussion? All those in favor, say  
3 yea. All those opposed, say nay. Any  
4 abstentions?

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 MS. WUCINSKI:

8 I believe the Board would entertain a  
9 motion to direct Board Counsel to draft  
10 an Adjudication and Order consistent  
11 with discussions in Executive Session  
12 for Lawrence Adams, M.D., Case No. 19-  
13 49-006107.

14 DR. DOMEN:

15 So moved.

16 DR. YEALY:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR WOODLAND:

19 We have a motion that has been moved  
20 and seconded. Any discussion? All  
21 those in favor, say yea. Any opposed,  
22 say nay. Any abstentions?

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 MS. WUCINSKI:

1 I believe the Board would entertain a  
2 motion to adopt as final the proposed  
3 Adjudication and Order for Roger  
4 Hershline, M.D., Case No. 20-49-006161.

5 DR. YEALY:

6 So moved.

7 DR. DOMEN:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR WOODLAND:

10 I have a motion by Dr. Yealy and a  
11 second by Dr. Domen. Any discussion?  
12 All those in favor, say yea. Any  
13 opposed, say nay. Any abstentions?

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 MS. WUCINSKI:

17 Moving on to 25. I believe the Board  
18 would entertain a motion to adopt as  
19 final the draft Adjudication and Order  
20 for Ruth Liang-Tyung Sun, M.D., Case  
21 No. 19-49-001250.

22 CHAIR WOODLAND:

23 Do I have a motion?

24 MR. DILLON:

25 So moved.

1 DR. YEALY:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR WOODLAND:

4 I have a motion from Mr. Dillon and a  
5 second from Dr. Yealy. Any further  
6 discussion? All those in favor, say  
7 yea. All those opposed, say nay. Any  
8 abstentions?

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 MS. WUCINSKI:

12 For agenda item 26 and 27, I believe  
13 the Board would entertain a motion to  
14 grant the Application for Initial  
15 License by Endorsement to Practice as a  
16 Physician and Surgeon of Baru Murtuza,  
17 M.D. and Ishwar Bhattarai, M.D.

18 DR. DOMEN:

19 So moved.

20 MR. DILLON:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR WOODLAND:

23 I have a motion by Dr. Domen and  
24 seconded by Mr. Dillon. Any further  
25 discussion? All those in favor, say

1                   yea. Any opposed, say nay. Any  
2                   abstentions?

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 MS. WUCINSKI:

6                   Item 28. I believe the Board would  
7                   entertain a motion to ratify the  
8                   approval of the Initial Supervising  
9                   Physician Agreement between Tamara  
10                  Adams, M.D. and Alexa Lambert, PA-C.

11 DR. YEALY:

12                   So moved.

13 DR. DOMEN:

14                   Second.

15 CHAIR WOODLAND:

16                   I have a motion by Dr. Yealy and  
17                   seconded by Dr. Domen. Any further  
18                   discussion? All those in favor, say  
19                   yea. All those opposed, say nay. Any  
20                   abstentions?

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 MS. WUCINSKI:

24                   Item 29. I believe the Board would  
25                   entertain a motion to approve the

1 request of Vikrant Mittal, M.D. and  
2 Sarah Westin, PA-C to waive the 1:4  
3 ratio and approve the Initial  
4 Supervising Physician Agreement.

5 CHAIR WOODLAND:

6 Do I have a motion?

7 DR. YEALY:

8 So moved.

9 DR. DOMEN:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR WOODLAND:

12 I have a motion by Dr. Yealy and  
13 seconded by Dr. Domen. Any further  
14 discussion? All those in favor, say  
15 yea. All those opposed, say nay. Any  
16 abstentions?

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 MS. WUCINSKI:

20 Moving on to agenda items 30 through  
21 36. I believe the Board would entertain  
22 a motion to direct the Board  
23 administrator to send a standard  
24 reentry letter to the following:  
25 Naureen Jessani, M.D.; Patrick Brannac,

1                   M.D.; Margarita Bello, M.D.; Richard  
2                   Allen Brown, M.D.; Arthur Kennedy,  
3                   M.D.; Ahmed Kutty, M.D.; Joel Goldwein,  
4                   M.D.

5 DR. YEALY:

6                   So moved.

7 CHAIR WOODLAND:

8                   Dr. Yealy.

9 DR. DOMEN:

10                   Second.

11 CHAIR WOODLAND:

12                   Dr. Domen seconds. Any further  
13                   discussion? All those in favor, say  
14                   yea. Any opposed, say nay. Any  
15                   abstentions?

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 Open Session

19 [Susan DeSantis, PA-C, Pennsylvania Society of  
20 Physician Assistants, wanted to present additional  
21 questions received since the beginning of the  
22 meeting.

23                   Chair Woodland suggested Ms. DeSantis send him an  
24                   email with the questions to be forwarded to  
25                   Commissioner Johnson for answers. He also noted they

1 will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

2 Ms. Walter also mentioned the Board will be able  
3 to provide answers in April before the written  
4 agreements are to be processed manually. She also  
5 offered to address any additional questions or  
6 discussions during the next meeting.]

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8 Adjournment

9 CHAIR WOODLAND:

10 I need a motion to adjourn the meeting?

11 MR. EISENHAUER:

12 So moved.

13 CHAIR WOODLAND:

14 Mr. Eisenhauer moves.

15 DR. SILVER:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR WOODLAND:

18 I heard a second by Dr. Silver. Any  
19 discussion? All those in favor, say  
20 yeah. Nay?

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 [There being no other business, the State Board of  
24 Medicine Meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.]

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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.



Evan Bingaman,

Minute Clerk

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TIME	AGENDA
9:00	Executive Session
10:30	Return to Open Session
10:34	Official Call to Order
10:35	Introduction of Board Members/Audience
10:37	Approval of Minutes
10:37	Report of Commissioner
10:46	Report of Prosecution Division
10:52	Report of Department of Health
10:58	Report of Vice Chair
11:10	Report of Board Chair
11:16	Report of Board Counsel
11:17	For the Board's Information/Discussion
11:47	Motions
11:58	Open Session
12:03	Adjournment