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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: 10:40 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, September 12, 2023

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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
- Michael Ripchinski, M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP
- Walter A. Eisenhauer, MMSC, M.Ed., PA-C
- Sirisha Reddy, Special 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
- Catherine N. Udekwu, M.D.

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

- Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Esquire, Executive Deputy Chief Counsel, Department of State
- Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel
- Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel
- Mark R. Zogby, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Kelsey B. Ashworth, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Lindsay Szymanski, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Jonelle Harter Eshbach, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
- Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel
- Saiyad Ali, Board Administrator
- Nichole Wray, Division Chief
- Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State
- Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director, Department of State

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ALSO PRESENT:

Mary Marshall, Director, Workforce & Professional
Development, The Hospital and Healthsystem
Association of Pennsylvania
Angie Armbrust, Senior Associate, McNeese-Winter
Group LLC
Nicole Sidle, Republican Executive Director, House
Professional Licensure Committee
Susan DeSantis, PA-C, Pennsylvania Society of
Physician Assistants
Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC
Patrick Greene
Kerry Maloney, Esquire, Associate Counsel, University
of Pittsburgh Medical Center
Christina Borton, Legal Extern, University of
Pittsburgh Medical Center
Ted Mowatt, CAE, Vice President/Lobbyist, Wanner
Associates, on behalf of the Association for
Professional Acupuncture
Lauren Doliner, M.D.
Linda Moore
Misha Patel, M.D., Curriculum Education Assistant,
Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine
Lisa Claypool Stevenson, Senior Associate Counsel,
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
Eric Raymond Buckley, DOM, Soneva
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 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, September 12,
15 2023. Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair,
16 called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

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18 Acknowledge Public - Turn Off Electronic Devices
19 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair,
20 acknowledged that everyone present agreed to be
21 recorded and welcomed everyone. He also requested
22 all electronic devices be muted.]

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24 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

25 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, provided

1 an introduction of Board members and attendees.]

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3 Remembrance of 911

4 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair,
5 recognized September 11, 2023, as a special day for
6 the nation as a remembrance of 911.]

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8 Approval of minutes of the July 18, 2023 meeting

9 CHAIR WOODLAND:

10 Next on the agenda is approval of the
11 minutes. The July 18, 2023 minutes
12 were circulated. Can I have a motion
13 to approve the minutes?

14 DR. YEALY:

15 I move to approve.

16 MR. DILLON:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR WOODLAND:

19 Any further discussion on the minutes?

20 Hearing none. Could we have a roll
21 call, please, Saiyad?

22

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

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

25 Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye;

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

4 [The motion carried. John Six, John Kutz, Benjamin
5 Abella, and Catherine Udekwu abstained from voting on
6 the motion.]

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8 Report of Prosecuting Attorneys

9 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, on
10 behalf of Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board
11 Prosecutor and Board Prosecution Liaison, presented
12 the VRP Consent Agreements for Case No. 23-49-010496,
13 Case No. 23-49-009149, and Case No. 23-49-008895.]

14 MS. WALTER:

15 Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the
16 Sunshine Act, the Board entered into
17 quasi-judicial deliberations during
18 Executive Session at 8:45 a.m. to
19 discuss items 3 through 11, 14 through
20 37, and 39 through 41.

21 I believe the Board would entertain
22 a motion to approve the VRP Agreements
23 at numbers 3 through 5 on the agenda.
24 Number 3, Case No. 23-49-010496; number
25 4, Case No. 23-49-009149; number 5,

1 Case No. 23-49-008895.

2 DR. YEALY:

3 So moved.

4 MR. DILLON:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR WOODLAND:

7 Any further discussion on these three
8 items? Hearing none. Could we have a
9 roll call, please, Saiyad?

10

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

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
19 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 22-49-
20 006399.]

21 MS. WALTER:

22 I believe the Board would entertain a
23 motion to approve the Consent Agreement
24 at number 6 on the agenda at Case No.
25 22-49-006399.

1 DR. YEALY:

2 So moved.

3 MR. DILLON:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR WOODLAND:

6 Any further discussion on this item?

7 Hearing none. Could we have a roll
8 call, please, Saiyad?

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10 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
11 Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
12 Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye;
13 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
14 aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
16 name is Beatrice Jarbeck-Burk.]

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18 [Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
19 presented the Consent Agreements for Case No. 23-49-
20 009520 and Case No. 23-49-001914.]

21 MS. WALTER:

22 I believe the Board would entertain a
23 motion to approve the Consent
24 Agreements at numbers 7 and 8 on the
25 agenda. Number 7 is Case No. 23-49-

1 009520. Number 8 is Case No. 23-49-
2 001914.

3 DR. YEALY:

4 So moved.

5 MR. DILLON:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR WOODLAND:

8 Any further discussion on these two
9 items? Hearing none. Could we have a
10 roll call, please, Saiyad?

11

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

17 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
18 name at number 7 is Laura Ellen Purdy, M.D., and
19 number 8 is Syed Moizuddin Ahmad, M.D.]

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21 [Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
22 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 22-49-
23 011578.]

24 MS. WALTER:

25 I believe the Board would entertain a

1 motion to accept the Consent Agreement
2 at number 9 on the agenda at Case No.
3 22-49-011578.

4 DR. YEALY:

5 So moved.

6 MR. DILLON:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR WOODLAND:

9 Any further discussion on this item?
10 Hearing none. Saiyad, could we have a
11 vote, please?

12
13 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
14 Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
15 Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye;
16 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
17 aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
19 name is Jose Francisco Bernardo, M.D.]

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21 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Reports from
22 Hearing Examiner

23 MS. WUCINSKI:

24 Moving on to agenda item 10, I believe
25 the Board would entertain a motion to

1 direct Board Counsel to draft an
2 Adjudication and Order consistent with
3 discussions in Executive Session for
4 Prabhakara R. Tumpati, M.D., Case No.
5 17-49-11519.

6 DR. YEALY:

7 So moved.

8 MR. DILLON:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR WOODLAND:

11 Any further discussion on this item?
12 Hearing none. Saiyad, could we have a
13 vote on this one, please?

14
15 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
16 Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
17 Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye;
18 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
19 aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 MS. WUCINSKI:

23 I believe the Board would entertain a
24 motion to adopt as Final the Proposed
25 Adjudication and Order for Kunle Ade,

1 Case No. 22-49-014361.

2 DR. YEALY:

3 So moved.

4 MR. DILLON:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR WOODLAND:

7 Any further discussion on this item?

8 Hearing none. Saiyad, could we have a
9 vote on this one, please?

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

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Status Report

19 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed
20 Board members that the counsel division now has a
21 regulatory team, noting Jacqueline Wolfgang was
22 assigned to assist with State Board of Medicine
23 regulations.

24 Chair Woodland welcomed Ms. Wolfgang.

25 Ms. Wucinski addressed regulation 16A-4954

1 regarding the general update to licenses and permits.
2 She noted the annex was ready for distribution as an
3 exposure draft. She explained that the regulation
4 updates the Board's regulations to current practice
5 by defining four possible license statuses.

6 Ms. Wucinski stated their regulations had no
7 mention of the active retired license even though it
8 is mentioned in the Medical Care Availability and
9 Reduction of Error (MCARE) Act. She noted it would
10 incorporate that license status into their
11 regulations.

12 Ms. Wucinski explained that it also changes the
13 term of biennial registration to biennial renewal and
14 the term was removed in chapters 16, 17, and 18. She
15 noted the term was outdated. The change was to avoid
16 any confusion with the registration of physician
17 assistant primary supervisors and the new
18 naturopathic doctors (NDs).

19 Ms. Wucinski noted the proposed rulemaking would
20 also update the regulatory language in § 16.15(j), by
21 accurately reflecting the current procedure utilized
22 by the Board when an applicant for initial licensure
23 or reactivation has been out of clinical practice for
24 four more years.

25 Ms. Wucinski stated the current language

1 authorizes the Board to require a personal interview
2 to be conducted by designated Board members or a
3 representative to ascertain physical and mental
4 fitness of the applicant to practice.

5 Ms. Wucinski mentioned that the Board currently
6 requires reentry evaluation through Board-approved
7 providers, so the regulation specifies more clearly
8 what the Board does for some of the allied health
9 professions that do not have reentry programs. She
10 noted it includes that the Board may require
11 recertification and reexamination.

12 Ms. Wucinski explained that the regulation
13 updates the current practice language in § 18.811 and
14 § 18.821 as it relates to proof of education required
15 for graduate permits of orthotics and prosthetics.
16 She noted there are new accredited educational
17 institutions that are combining the educational and
18 clinical portions required for licensure. The
19 amended language would allow the university to submit
20 a certificate of completion upon completion of the
21 didactic portion of the degree program, so a
22 temporary permit may be granted to begin the clinical
23 portion.

24 Ms. Wucinski stated it also incorporates Act 16
25 of 2022 into the regulations, which was the act that

1 removed the limit on institutional licenses from two
2 institutions. She noted it removes that language and
3 also changes some of the language under the temporary
4 license.

5 Chair Woodland encouraged Board members to read
6 through the changes and provide Ms. Wucinski with any
7 feedback. He mentioned that the concept of the
8 volunteer license does not exist here concerning
9 status.

10 Ms. Wucinski explained that the status is only
11 the status that an applicant can have and is not
12 proof of their current license. She noted several
13 licenses under the State Board of Medicine, and the
14 status of the license that a physician can have is
15 either an active license, an expired license, an
16 inactive license or an active retired license. She
17 mentioned the other license types only have three,
18 because active retired only applies to physicians.

19 Dr. Yealy complimented Ms. Wucinski for the
20 clarity and the filling in of the gaps that both the
21 Board and the public they serve may have had
22 questions about.]

23 MS. WUCINSKI:

24 I believe the Board would entertain a
25 motion to direct Board Counsel to send

1 this Draft Annex out as an exposure
2 draft.

3 DR. YEALY:

4 So moved.

5 MR. DILLON:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR WOODLAND:

8 Any further discussion? Saiyad, could
9 we have a roll call vote?

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

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Status Report
19 [Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Board Counsel, addressed
20 Regulation 16A-4953 regarding naturopathic doctor
21 registration regulations. She provided the final
22 annex and preamble prepared pursuant to discussions
23 at the July meeting.

24 Chair Woodland thanked Ms. Walter for finishing
25 the regulation and putting all of their comments in

1 place.]

2 MS. WALTER:

3 I believe the Board would entertain a
4 motion to proceed with final rulemaking
5 for Regulation 16A-4953.

6 DR. YEALY:

7 So moved.

8 MR. DILLON:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR WOODLAND:

11 Any further discussion other than what
12 we have heard? Hearing none. Saiyad,
13 please entertain a vote for this.

14

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

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 Applications for Licensure

23 MS. WUCINSKI:

24 I believe the Board would entertain a
25 motion to provisionally deny the

1 Application for a Temporary License to
2 Practice as a Physician and Surgeon of
3 Daniel Eric Charnoff, M.D.

4 DR. YEALY:

5 So moved.

6 MR. DILLON:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR WOODLAND:

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

11

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

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 Applications for Licensure - Allied Health

20 Professionals

21 MS. WUCINSKI:

22 I believe the Board would entertain a
23 motion to provisionally deny the
24 Application to Practice as a Behavior
25 Specialist of Samantha Banks.

1 DR. YEALY:

2 So moved.

3 MR. DILLON:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR WOODLAND:

6 Any further discussion on this?

7 Hearing none. Saiyad, could we have a
8 vote, please?

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10 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
11 Dr. Yealy, nay; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
12 Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye;
13 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
14 aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

15 [The motion carried. Donald Yealy opposed the
16 motion.]

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18 MS. WUCINSKI:

19 Agenda item 16. I believe the Board
20 would entertain a motion to grant the
21 Application to Practice as a Behavior
22 Specialist of Jesse Fernandez.

23 DR. YEALY:

24 So moved.

25 MR. DILLON:

1 Second.

2 CHAIR WOODLAND:

3 Any further discussion on this one?

4 Hearing none. Could we have a roll
5 call, please, Saiyad?

6

7 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
8 Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, nay; Dr.
9 Ripchinski, nay; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye;
10 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
11 nay; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

12 [The motion carried. Gerard Dillon, Michael
13 Ripchinski, and John Kutz opposed the motion.]

14

15 Applications for Licensure - Unrestricted Physician
16 and Surgeon

17 MS. WUCINSKI:

18 Agenda item 17. I believe the Board
19 would entertain a motion to
20 provisionally deny the initial
21 Application by Endorsement to Practice
22 as a Physician and Surgeon of Kayode
23 Balogun, M.D.

24 DR. YEALY:

25 So moved.

1 MR. DILLON:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR WOODLAND:

4 Any further discussion? Hearing none.

5 Could we have a vote, Saiyad, please?

6

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

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

9 Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye;

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

11 aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

13

14 MS. WUCINSKI:

15 Agenda items 20 and 21. I believe the

16 Board would entertain a motion to table

17 the following Applications and direct

18 that the Applicants obtain a Reentry

19 Evaluation. Agenda item 20 is Anita

20 Dandamundi, M.D. Agenda item 21 is

21 Karla Dunston, M.D.

22 DR. YEALY:

23 So moved.

24 MR. DILLON:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR WOODLAND:

2 Any further discussion on those two
3 items? Hearing none. Saiyad, could we
4 have a vote, please?

5

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

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

12

13 MS. WUCINSKI:

14 Agenda items 22. I believe the Board
15 would entertain a motion to grant Marc
16 Anthony Hester, M.D., an Unrestricted
17 License that is limited to practice
18 under the auspices of the Board-
19 approved preceptorship as outlined in
20 his application, and that would be
21 until successful completion of that
22 preceptorship.

23 DR. YEALY:

24 So moved.

25 MR. DILLON:

1 Second.

2 CHAIR WOODLAND:

3 Any further discussion on this item?

4 Hearing none. Saiyad, could we have a
5 vote, please?

6

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

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

13

14 MS. WUCINSKI:

15 I believe the Board would entertain a
16 motion to provisionally deny the
17 initial Application for an Unrestricted
18 License to Practice as a Physician and
19 Surgeon for Courtney Jones, M.D.

20 DR. YEALY:

21 So moved.

22 MR. DILLON:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR WOODLAND:

25 Any further discussion? Hearing none.

1 Saiyad, could we have a vote, please?

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

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 MS. WUCINSKI:

11 I would note that agenda item 24 is
12 tabled to allow the Applicant to
13 provide the Board with additional
14 information, but I will note that Dr.
15 Ripchinski is and will be recused from
16 this matter going forward.

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 MS. WUCINSKI:

20 Agenda item 25, just noting that the
21 Applicant has recently withdrawn his
22 Application, so we don't need a vote
23 for that today.

24

25 MS. WUCINSKI:

1 I believe the Board would entertain a
2 motion to table the following
3 Applications to allow the Applicants to
4 Apply for and Practice on an
5 Institutional License for a sufficient
6 period of time determined by the Board.

7 Agenda item 18 is Caroline Conlon,
8 M.D.; item 19, Yuval Barak Corren,
9 M.D.; item 26, Zakari Aliyu Suleiman,
10 M.D.; and item 27, Seyfi Alper Toker,
11 M.D.

12 DR. YEALY:

13 So moved.

14 MR. DILLON:

15 Second.

16 CHAIR WOODLAND:

17 Any further discussion on any one of
18 these? Hearing none. Could we have a
19 vote, please, Saiyad?

20
21 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
22 Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
23 Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye;
24 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
25 aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 Applications for Licensure - Reactivations

4 MS. WUCINSKI:

5 Agenda items 28 and 29. I believe the
6 Board would entertain a motion to table
7 these agenda items and to send standard
8 reentry letters to the following:

9 James Douglas Hayashi, M.D.; Kimberly
10 Ann Thompson, M.D.

11 DR. YEALY:

12 So moved.

13 MR. DILLON:

14 Second.

15 CHAIR WOODLAND:

16 Any further discussion on these two
17 items? Hearing none. Saiyad, could we
18 have a vote, please?

19

20 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
21 Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
22 Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye;
23 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
24 aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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Ratifications

MS. WUCINSKI:

I believe the Board would entertain a motion to ratify the granting of the following applications: Agenda item 30, Orthotist/Prosthetist, Veerendra Kishan Shandilya; agenda item 31, Nurse Midwife, Adrienne Renninger-Chimahusky; agenda item 36, Physician and Surgeon, Adnan Ayman Al-Maaitah, M.D.; agenda item 37, Physician and Surgeon, Shubha Srinivasareddy, M.D.

DR. YEALY:

So moved.

MR. DILLON:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Any further discussion on anyone of those four items? Hearing none.

Saiyad, could we have a vote, please?

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

1 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, aye; Dr. Kutz,
2 aye for all but 36; Dr. Abella, aye;
3 Dr. Udekwu, aye.

4 [The motion carried. John Kutz recused himself from
5 deliberations and voting on the motion regarding item
6 36.]

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8 MS. WUCINSKI:

9 I believe the Board would entertain a
10 motion to ratify the granting of the
11 following, but I would first note that
12 Dr. Yealy is recused for items 32 and
13 34.

14 These are initial Applications to
15 Practice as a Physician and Surgeon of
16 Samer Al-Masri, M.D.; Maria Antonieta
17 Cabrera Hernandez, M.D.; Ricardo Arturo
18 Liorente, M.D.; and Iara De Albuquerque
19 Lacerda, M.D.

20 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

21 So moved.

22 MR. DILLON:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR WOODLAND:

25 Any further discussion on anyone of

1 these four? Hearing none. Saiyad,
2 could we have a vote on these, please?

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4 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
5 Dr. Yealy, aye except 32 and 34; Mr.
6 Dillon, aye; Dr. Ripchinski, aye; Mr.
7 Eisenhauer, aye; Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr.
8 Six, aye; Dr. Kutz, aye; Dr. Abella,
9 aye; Dr. Udekwu, aye.

10 [The motion carried. Donald Yealy recused himself
11 from deliberations and voting on the motion regarding
12 items 32 and 34.]

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14 Miscellaneous

15 MS. WUCINSKI:

16 Item 39. I believe the Board would
17 entertain a motion to deny the Request
18 for Reconsideration to grant
19 Prescriptive Authority for Pamela
20 Craddock.

21 DR. YEALY:

22 So moved.

23 MR. DILLON:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR WOODLAND:

1 Any further discussion on this item?
2 Hearing none. Could we have a vote on
3 these, Saiyad?

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5 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Woodland, aye;
6 Dr. Yealy, aye; Mr. Dillon, aye; Dr.
7 Ripchinski, aye; Mr. Eisenhauer, aye;
8 Ms. Reddy, aye; Dr. Six, abstain; Dr.
9 Kutz, aye; Dr. Abella, aye; Dr. Udekwu,
10 aye.

11 [The motion carried. John Kutz abstained from voting
12 on the motion.]

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14 MS. WUCINSKI:

15 Item 40. I believe the Board would
16 entertain a motion to grant Board
17 Counsel authority to settle the matter
18 as discussed in Executive Session
19 related to Jarad Bonda, Case No. 22-49-
20 007733.

21 DR. YEALY:

22 So moved.

23 MR. DILLON:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR WOODLAND:

1 Any further discussion on this one
2 item? Hearing none. Saiyad, could we
3 have a vote, please?

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

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 Miscellaneous - Federation of State Medical Boards
13 Attorney Workshop

14 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, noted
15 the need for a vote to send someone to the Federation
16 of State Medical Boards Attorney Workshop.

17 Ms. Wucinski showed interest in attending the
18 workshop.

19 Chair Woodland also mentioned that the FSMB has a
20 workshop for Board administrators and is something to
21 consider in the future.]

22 CHAIR WOODLAND:

23 I would make a motion that we vote to
24 send.

25 MR. DILLON:

1 Second.

2 CHAIR WOODLAND:

3 Saiyad, could we have a vote, please?

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

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 Report of Vice Chair

13 [Donald M. Yealy, M.D., Vice Chair, informed everyone
14 of professional changes concerning Dr. Woodland. He
15 stated Dr. Woodland has been a clinical professor and
16 the chair of the Department of Obstetrics and
17 Gynecology at Drexel University College of Medicine.
18 Dr. Woodland has transitioned from that role into
19 becoming the Associate Dean for Advocacy and Policy
20 at Drexel University.

21 Dr. Yealy mentioned that Chair Woodland has been
22 a strong voice in a variety of positions about
23 healthcare and how that intersects not only with
24 frontline patient care but through governmental and
25 other societal interactions. He congratulated Dr.

1 Woodland on his new position.

2 Chair Woodland clarified that he was still Chair
3 of OB/GYN for Reading Hospital but took on another
4 job. The Chair position for OBGYN at Drexel
5 University College of Medicine has been transitioned
6 to Dr. Margaret Larkins-Pettigrew, who is the chief
7 DEI officer at Allegheny Health Network in
8 Pittsburgh.]

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10 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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12 Report of Department of Health

13 [Sirisha Reddy, Special Assistant, Department of
14 Health, on behalf of Debra L. Bogen, M.D., FAAP,
15 FABM, Acting Secretary of Health, noted COVID-19
16 emergency department visits and hospitalizations
17 increased over the last month but were low compared
18 to last winter.

19 Ms. Reddy stated the Food and Drug Administration
20 (FDA) signed off on updated COVID-19 vaccines and
21 booster shots for individuals as young as 6 months
22 old. She noted a panel from the Centers for Disease
23 Control and Prevention (CDC) would be weighing in on
24 recommendations, and vaccine shipments would begin
25 immediately if approved.

1 Ms. Reddy announced influenza vaccines are now
2 available and is the single best way to prevent
3 influenza and reduce the chances of severe illness
4 requiring hospitalization.

5 Ms. Reddy addressed respiratory syncytial virus
6 (RSV), which is a common cause of childhood illness
7 and the leading reason for infant hospitalizations
8 for respiratory illness, especially in the winter
9 months. She noted RSV can also cause serious illness
10 in older people. She stated CDC's Advisory Committee
11 on Immunization Practices recommended long-lasting
12 monoclonal antibodies for infants less than 8 months
13 entering their first RSV season and for those 8 to 19
14 months entering their second flu season who are at
15 increased risk for severe RSV infection.

16 Ms. Reddy informed everyone that two new RSV
17 vaccines were approved by the FDA and recommended by
18 the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunizations
19 Practices for adults aged 60 years and older. She
20 reported that the Department of Health distributed a
21 health advisory on August 30 to notify hospitals and
22 healthcare providers of this information.

23 Chair Woodland thanked Ms. Reddy for her
24 presentation. He noted that the American College of
25 Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommends the COVID

1 and flu vaccines for pregnancy or people who consider
2 getting pregnant to help lessen the disease burden on
3 pregnant individuals as well.]

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5 Report of Committee on Health-Related Professionals -
6 No Report

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8 Report of Committee on Legislation/Policy Development
9 and Review

10 [Michael Ripchinski, M.D., MBA, CPE, FAAFP, referred
11 to June's edition of the Journal of Medical
12 Regulation, where the chair of the FSMB, Dr. Carter,
13 commented on the establishment of two new FSMB
14 workgroups. He stated one workgroup would be
15 considering the regulation of physicians in training
16 and the other one pointed at physicians reentering
17 practice.

18 Dr. Ripchinski commented that it would be
19 interesting to track the workgroup's progress because
20 some physicians who left the practice during COVID
21 want to return and adds complexity for state boards
22 to consider. He noted that Dr. Carter pointed out
23 that the definition of medical practice is evolving,
24 and many physicians and physician assistants are
25 taking nontraditional positions.

1 September 18, along with the National Gay Men's
2 HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on September 27.

3 Chair Woodland noted September also includes
4 Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month to find better
5 ways to prevent and treat gynecologic cancers. He
6 reported breast cancer affects 1 in 10 women, uterine
7 is 1 in 30 women, and ovarian is 1 in 80 women. He
8 mentioned that cervical cancer has been greatly
9 reduced because of the human papillomavirus (HPV)
10 vaccine and Pap smear screen but is still an issue.
11 He also reported the prostate cancer rate is still
12 very high at 1 in 4.

13 Chair Woodland stated September is also Suicide
14 Prevention Month and is dedicated to raising
15 awareness about suicide, which is a major public
16 health concern and a leading cause of death in the
17 United States. He provided websites and factsheets
18 for all of the information. He reported almost
19 50,000 suicides in the United States in 2021 and is
20 one of the top 10 leading causes of death. He
21 mentioned that 12.5 million adults annually seriously
22 think about suicide, 3.5 million made a plan, and 1.7
23 million actually attempted suicide.

24 Chair Woodland stated suicide is 2.5 percent
25 higher than previous years and is the highest in non-

1 Hispanic American Indian/Alaskan Native people,
2 followed by non-Hispanic white people. He mentioned
3 other Americans with higher than average rates
4 include veterans, people who live in rural areas, and
5 workers within certain industries and occupations.
6 He noted physicians actually represented about 1
7 percent of those 48,000 suicides for that year.

8 Chair Woodland stated young people who identify
9 as lesbian, gay, or bisexual have a higher prevalence
10 of suicide thoughts and attempts compared to their
11 peers. He noted 300-400 physicians die each year by
12 suicide.

13 Chair Woodland again noted the FSMB Attorney
14 Workshop is April 18-20, 2024, in Nashville, TN,
15 along with the FSMB International Conference on
16 Medical Regulation November 6-9 in Bali, Indonesia.
17 He mentioned the importance of pushing out the FSMB
18 learning modules for students and residents about
19 medical regulation, noting the modules are available
20 on FSMB's website.

21 Chair Woodland provided highlights of FSMB's
22 physician census published in August 2023. He
23 mentioned that sections included the aging population
24 and the increased demand for medical care and
25 utilization of physicians, physician burnout and

1 early retirement, and the physician pipeline and the
2 supply and demand. He noted the information is
3 available at [fsmb.org/physician-census](https://www.fsmb.org/physician-census) and provided
4 stats for Pennsylvania.

5 Chair Woodland commented that the physician
6 workforce is aging, and the Board has consider how
7 that impacts the future for the state of
8 Pennsylvania.

9 Chair Woodland addressed the importance of
10 physician well-being and suggested having someone
11 present at the next meeting.]

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13 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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15 For the Board's Information/Discussion - Board
16 Meeting Dates

17 [Mark B. Woodland, M.S., M.D., FACOG, Chair, noted
18 the next scheduled Board meeting date is October 24.

19 He also noted 2024 Board meeting dates for the
20 Board's review.]

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22 Report of Committee on Licensure Qualifications

23 [Gerard F. Dillon, Ph.D., Public Member, stated the
24 committee has been spending time trying to analyze
25 what factors they consider important in the decisions

1 they make, noting they agree almost 100 percent of
2 the time whether to grant the request or refer it
3 back. He noted the importance of allowing people to
4 bring multiple perspectives and see how things turn
5 out.

6 Dr. Yealy mentioned that the committee is trying
7 to provide consistency with flexibility by
8 recognizing some of the nuances individuals bring
9 when requesting to serve healthcare needs in the
10 commonwealth. He believed they have a good approach
11 that serves the needs within the regulations and the
12 legislative guidance.

13 Mr. Dillon offered to provide new Board members
14 with assistance on any issues or questions.

15 Chair Woodland asked new Board members to decide
16 whether they would like to be a member of the
17 Committee on Health-Related Professionals, Committee
18 on Legislation/Policy Development and Review, or the
19 Committee on Licensure Qualifications. He noted Mr.
20 Ripchinski would welcome the company on his committee
21 to be able to do a more in depth review of issues.
22 He mentioned possibly entertaining some conversations
23 maybe a little bit offline about orientation so that
24 they have a better understanding before the next
25 meeting.]

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Adjournment

CHAIR WOODLAND:

I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

DR. YEALY:

So moved.

MR. DILLON:

Second.

CHAIR WOODLAND:

Thank you.

[There being no other business, the State Board of
Medicine Meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.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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