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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: 9:02 a.m.

BOARD ROOM C
One Penn Center
2601 North Third Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

1 State Board of Medicine
2 December 19, 2017
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5 BOARD MEMBERS:
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7 Marilyn J. Heine, M.D., Chairperson
8 Kathryn L. Waters, Deputy Commissioner of Professional
9 and Occupational Affairs
10 Bruce A. Brod, M.D., Vice Chairman
11 Charles A. Castle, M.D.
12 Cary Cummings III, M.D. - Absent
13 Rachel Levine, M.D., Physician General
14 Keith E. Loiselle, Public Member
15 John M. Mitchell, L.P., C.C.P.
16 Anna M. Moran, M.D.
17 Sukh Dev Sharma, M.D.
18 Evon Sutton, Public Member
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21 BUREAU PERSONNEL:
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23 Peter Kovach, Esquire, Board Counsel
24 Wesley Rish, Esquire, Board Counsel
25 Anita P. Shekletski, Esquire, Board Prosecution
26 Liaison
27 Keith Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
28 Bridget Guilfoyle, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
29 Ashley Goshert, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
30 Andrea Costello, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
31 Mark R. Zogby, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
32 Jason Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
33 Suzanne Zerbe, Board Administrator
34 Katelin Lambert, Director of Operations, Bureau of
35 Professional and Occupational Affairs
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38 ALSO PRESENT:
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40 William W. Pinsky, M.D., President & CEO, Educational
41 Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates
42 Eugene R. Viscusi, M.D., Professor of Anesthesiology,
43 Chief of Pain Medicine, Thomas Jefferson University
44 Arlene G. Seid, M.D., M.P.H., Department of Health
45 Angie Armbrust, The Winter Group
46 Liz Kukura, Pennsylvania Association of Certified
47 Professional Midwives
48 Ray Rachlin, Pennsylvania Association of Certified
49 Professional Midwives
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ALSO PRESENT: (Continued)

- Susan DeSantis, PA-C, State Board of Osteopathic
Medicine, Pennsylvania Society of Physician
Assistants
- Randy Stevens, Pennsylvania Orthotic & Prosthetic
Society
- Andrew Harvan, Pennsylvania Medical Society
- Tricia Lontz, Eckert Seamans
- Ted Mowatt, Wanner Associates
- Mary Marshall, Director, Workforce & Professional
Services, The Hospital and Healthsystem Association
of Pennsylvania
- Michael DiPalma, ND, Pennsylvania Association of
Naturopaths
- Michael Reece, ND, Pennsylvania Association of
Naturopaths
- Marie Winters, ND, Pennsylvania Association of
Naturopaths
- Julie Lachman, ND, Pennsylvania Association of
Naturopaths
- Heidi Weinhold, ND, Pennsylvania Association of
Naturopaths
- Jennifer Sporay, RDN-AP, CSO, LDN,
CNSC, PA Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
- Doug Richards, Long, Nyquist, & Associates
- Alex Bonner, Pennsylvania State Nurses Association
- Carrie Hillman, Milliron & Goodman

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2 State Board of Medicine

3 December 19, 2017

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5 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
6 Board of Medicine was held on Tuesday, December 19,
7 2017. Marilyn J. Heine, M.D., Chairperson, called the
8 meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Kathryn Waters, Deputy
9 Commissioner; Evon Sutton, Public Member; and Rachel
10 Levine, M.D., Physician General, were not present at
11 the commencement of the meeting.

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13 Acknowledge Public - Turn Off Electronic Devices
14 [Chairperson Heine requested that all electronic
15 devices be turned off. The introduction of audience
16 members in attendance was requested.]

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18 Approval of Minutes of the October 31, 2017 meeting

19 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

20 If everybody has looked over the
21 Minutes, I'd like to have an approval of
22 Minutes.

23 DR. BROD:

24 Motion to approve.

25 DR. SHARMA:

1 Second.

2 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

3 Dr. Brod moves. Dr. Sharma seconds.

4 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
5 same sign.

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 [Bruce Brod, M.D., Vice Chairman; Charles Castle,
9 M.D.; and Keith Loiselle, Public Member, exited the
10 meeting at 9:05 a.m. for recusal purposes.]

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12 Report of Prosecutorial Division

13 [Anita Shekletski, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,
14 presented a Consent Agreement for File No. 17-49-
15 09169.]

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17 [Bruce Brod, M.D., Vice Chairman; Charles Castle,
18 M.D.; and Keith Loiselle, Public Member, reentered the
19 meeting at 9:08 a.m.]

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21 [Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
22 presented the following Consent Agreements: File No.
23 15-49-14177, File No. 16-49-09010, File No. 17-49-
24 07914, and File No. 16-49-13127, File No. 17-49-
25 07059.]

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2 [Marilyn J. Heine, M.D., Chairman; Bruce Brod, M.D.,
3 Vice Chairman; and Keith Loiselle, Public Member,
4 exited the meeting at 9:19 a.m. for recusal purposes.]

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6 [Keith E. Bashore, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
7 presented a Consent Agreements for File No. 17-49-
8 10720.]

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10 [Bridget Guilfoyle, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
11 presented a Consent Agreement for File No. 15-49-
12 14546.]

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14 [Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
15 presented Consent Agreements for File No. 15-49-13750
16 and File No. 14-49-04513.]

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18 [Marilyn J. Heine, M.D., Chairman; Bruce Brod, M.D.,
19 Vice Chairman; and Keith Loiselle, Public Member, re-
20 entered the meeting at 9:23 a.m.]

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22 [Andrea L. Costello, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
23 presented the following VRP Consent Agreements: File
24 No. 17-49-03543, File No. 17-49-07203, File No. 17-49-
25 09920, File No. 17-49-10491, File No. 17-49-11897,

1 File No. 17-49-10769, File No. 17-49-12970.]

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3 [Marilyn J. Heine, M.D., Chairman, exited the meeting
4 at 9:19 a.m. and re-entered the meeting at 9:23 a.m.]

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6 [Evon Sutton, Public Member, entered the meeting at
7 9:25 a.m.]

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9 [Bruce Brod, M.D., Vice Chairman; Charles Castle,
10 M.D.; and Keith Loiselle, Public Member, exited the
11 meeting at 9:29 a.m. for recusal purposes.]

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13 [Mark R. Zogby, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented a
14 Consent Agreement for File No. 17-49-11062.]

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16 [Bruce Brod, M.D., Vice Chairman; Charles Castle,
17 M.D.; and Keith Loiselle, Public Member, re-entered
18 the meeting at 9:30 a.m.]

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20 [Jason Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented
21 the following Consent Agreements: File No. 17-49-
22 08134, File No. 17-49-06640, and File No. 16-49-
23 08759.]

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25 [Kathryn L. Waters, Deputy Commissioner, entered the

1 meeting at 9:35 a.m.]

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3 Appointment - Educational Commission for Foreign
4 Medical Graduates

5 [William W. Pinsky, M.D., President & CEO of ECFMG,
6 discussed ECFMG's process of certifying international
7 medical graduates for residency positions in the
8 United States.

9 Dr. Pinsky outlined the organization's programs,
10 services, and certification, and the volume of
11 international medical graduates in the country. Dr.
12 Pinsky spoke about the quality of care, particularly
13 pertaining to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.]

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15 [Rachel Levine, M.D., Physician General, entered the
16 meeting at 9:43 a.m.]

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18 [Dr. Pinsky stated the ECFMG is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit
19 and nongovernmental organization around for over 60
20 years. ECFMG was founded to be the sole agency to
21 evaluate and screen international medical graduates
22 for entry into the United States.

23 ECFMG is located in Philadelphia. Dr. Pinsky
24 invited members of the Board and staff to visit the
25 organization. Dr. Pinsky stated the organization has

1 350 full-time employees, mostly based in Philadelphia.
2 He noted administrative people in clinical skills
3 centers in Philadelphia as well as in Atlanta,
4 Chicago, Houston, and Los Angeles. Dr. Pinsky
5 discussed the administration of the Step 2 Clinical
6 Skills Exam in partnership with the (National Board of
7 Medical Examiners (NBME) as well as the Federation of
8 State Medical Boards as part of the United States
9 Medical Licensing Exam and process.]

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11 [Kathryn L. Waters, Deputy Commissioner, exited the
12 meeting at 9:58 a.m.]

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14 [Dr. Pinsky noted ECFMG's Mission Statement as heavily
15 focused on the quality of healthcare as well as
16 serving the public by certifying international medical
17 graduates entering this country. He stated the
18 Foundation for Advancement of International Medical
19 Education and Research (FAIMER) works closely with
20 ECFMG in conducting research and education to promote
21 quality medical education around the world as well as
22 to assess the outcomes of quality medical education,
23 particularly as it relates to the quality of
24 healthcare.

25 Dr. Pinsky explained programs in the United

1 States and that the bulk of their connection with
2 ECFMG certification. Dr. Pinsky stated ECFMG
3 certifies approximately 10,000 international medical
4 graduates per year. He defined international medical
5 graduates as anyone who has graduated from a medical
6 school outside of the United States or Canada,
7 regardless of their citizenship.

8 Dr. Pinsky stated ECFMG also works with the
9 Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) that
10 the Association of American Medical Colleges supports
11 to facilitate international medical graduates applying
12 for residency programs. He noted approximately 21,000
13 international graduates in the ERAS program on an
14 annual basis.

15 Dr. Pinsky added ECFMG is the sole sponsor for J-
16 1 visas for international graduates that are coming to
17 the United States for residency training. These would
18 be the individuals successful in becoming certified by
19 ECFMG and successful in obtaining a residency program.

20 Dr. Pinsky explained the J-1 visa program as a
21 State Department program for cultural exchange.
22 Individuals who have a J-1 visa are required to obtain
23 a sponsoring letter by their home country and then to
24 return to their home country when their education is
25 finished in this country. There are ways for them to

1 obtain waivers to stay in the United States. He noted
2 their J-1 visa sponsor enables the organization to
3 watch out for their welfare while they are in the
4 United States.

5 Additionally, ECFMG is also involved in a
6 certification verification service for individuals
7 that require certification of their credentials.
8 These would be individuals who have already been
9 certified and gone through a training program.

10 Dr. Pinsky stated ECFMG collaborates with NBME
11 and the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) in
12 administering the Step 2 Clinical Skills Exam. He
13 noted that credential verification services are the
14 key to expertise in intellectual property in a system,
15 which is now totally electronic. He stated ECFMG also
16 works closely with FSMB's credentialing service, as
17 well, to streamline the process and eliminate
18 duplication and improve accuracy and quality.

19 Dr. Pinsky explained the screening of ECFMG
20 individuals in the Commonwealth for training. Dr.
21 Pinsky pointed out that only a little more than half
22 of the international medical graduates who apply for
23 ECFMG certification actually get through the process,
24 which is from a combination of credential verification
25 as well as passing Step 1 and Step 2 of the United

1 States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE). It
2 could take individuals approximately three years to
3 get through the process.]

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5 [Kathryn L. Waters, Deputy Commissioner, entered the
6 meeting at 10:07 a.m.]

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8 [Dr. Pinsky discussed the digital library of medical
9 school diplomas and requirements on medical schools
10 for ECFMG to evaluate their graduates. ECFMG makes
11 certain diplomas are not counterfeit and the
12 signatures are real. ECFMG also requires verification
13 from their medical schools. ECFMG works with our
14 federal government to compare applicants and the
15 graduating schools, primarily the list in the Treasury
16 Department of individuals and organizations that might
17 be suspicious.

18 Dr. Pinsky stated the information is compared and
19 shared between the federal government and ECFMG. He
20 is very confident of the vetting process. If they are
21 match into a residency program, the next step is to
22 apply for a J-1 visa. The visa process is handled by
23 the State Department through the consulate officials
24 in their respective home countries.

25 Dr. Pinsky noted 20,000 new applicants per year

1 and about half of those are certified. In 2016, there
2 were a little over 10,000 individuals from over 1,100
3 medical schools and 134 countries and territories.

4 Dr. Pinsky noted a graph that depicted
5 participants from 1992 through 2016 and current 2018
6 numbers falling 4 to 10 percent because of the
7 reluctance for families outside the United States to
8 currently send their kids to the United States right
9 now.

10 Dr. Pinsky stated the large majority of
11 individuals being certified were from India with a
12 recent decrease due to the number of training programs
13 in India as well as some other training sites around
14 the world. The redline is the steepest ascending
15 curve and are the US-citizen international medical
16 graduates that probably relates to the proliferation
17 of medical schools in the Caribbean and getting access
18 for students there.

19 Dr. Pinsky stated approximately 20,000
20 individuals a year contact ECFMG. ECFMG checks
21 eligibility in terms of medical school status and
22 their own documents. Then the individual may register
23 to take the USMLE. After having their credentials
24 verified and passing the USMLE, there are about 10,000
25 left. ECFMG has roughly 12,500 that participate in

1 the match, which is a large number, because these are
2 carryovers from prior year certificates. About half
3 of those are successful in matching somewhere into a
4 US Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical
5 Education (ACGME) residency program.

6 Dr. Pinsky discussed the international medical
7 graduates in the US physician workforce and stated
8 that 25 percent of the workforce is made up of
9 individuals who went to medical school outside of the
10 US and Canada. The most recent AMA Physician
11 Masterfile data is around 900,000 physicians and comes
12 out to be closer to 24 percent of physicians.

13 Dr. Pinsky noted, in the Commonwealth of
14 Pennsylvania, there are 41,000 physicians according to
15 the AMA Physician Masterfile who are in active
16 practice in Pennsylvania and are international medical
17 graduates. Dr. Pinsky stated the sites of practice
18 for international graduates in Pennsylvania is
19 disproportionately in underserved areas, both rural
20 and urban compared to the sites of graduates of US
21 medical schools. That demonstrates a significant
22 dependence in the ability to import physicians to this
23 country.

24 Dr. Pinsky discussed the quality of care provided
25 by international graduates. Dr. Pinsky stated Dr.

1 John Norcini, with the FAIMER Institute, published a
2 paper evaluating the outcome data collected in
3 Pennsylvania for physicians.

4 The article compares the outcomes of patients
5 from US international medical graduates as well as
6 graduates of US medical schools. Dr. Pinsky noted the
7 diagnosis-related groups (DRGs) that were chosen for
8 this study include heart failure and/or myocardial
9 infarction, which comes from the Pennsylvania Health
10 Care Cost Containment Council Resources. There was no
11 difference in PA mortality for patients of US
12 international medical graduates and all international
13 medical graduates, so the vetting process and further
14 training of international graduates provides
15 confidence that the patients are receiving quality
16 care.

17 Dr. Pinsky noted the current data was just
18 Pennsylvania data. In 2018, ECFMG budgeted for the
19 purchase of data from the Centers for Medicare &
20 Medicaid Services (CMS) to analyze across the country.

21 Dr. Pinsky reviewed statistics showing that the
22 foreign-born international graduates' patients
23 actually had a statistically lower mortality rate than
24 United States international graduates and graduates of
25 our own medical schools. Dr. Pinsky noted no

1 difference among all three groups regarding
2 disciplinary actions, behavioral, or professionalism
3 issues.

4 Dr. Sharma complimented Dr. Pinsky for fair,
5 effective, and efficient services.

6 Dr. Pinsky noted geographic areas of difficulty
7 in terms of proper documentation as well as the
8 ability of graduate applicants to pass the exams. Dr.
9 Pinsky stated the quality of schools in the Caribbean
10 are mixed regarding preclinical training as well as
11 clinical training and that most of the inability to
12 become certified relates to not passing the USMLE.

13 Dr. Pinsky stated ECFMG is working with the World
14 Federation for Medical Education (WFME). He stated
15 their Board passed a resolution stating that after
16 2023, applicants will only be evaluated for
17 certification after graduating from an accredited
18 medical school and that the accrediting agency must be
19 recognized by WFME as a proper accrediting agency.

20 WFME is using similar criteria to the Liaison
21 Committee on Medical Education (LCME) in this country.
22 Schools and countries are lining up for accreditation
23 and recognition to be prepared for 2023. There will
24 be a public announcement in the next several months on
25 applying this policy in 2023.

1 Dr. Castle questioned what proportion of the
2 world's medical graduates go through the ECFMG program
3 and the impact of US citizens going to medical school
4 overseas.

5 Dr. Pinsky noted that ECFMG cosponsors the World
6 Directory of Medical Schools with 3,400 schools, and
7 the problem is finding the graduates for statistics.
8 He stated the United States is viewed as the gold
9 standard for graduate medical education.

10 Dr. Pinsky addressed individuals going to medical
11 school overseas, stating that it is difficult to know
12 who completes the schooling and passes the exam.

13 Dr. Pinsky discussed the importance of
14 international graduates and raising the accreditation
15 standards in other countries as a mechanism to raise
16 the quality of care in those countries. He also
17 discussed visa barriers for individuals entering the
18 United States and deleting the pool of practicing
19 physicians.

20 Dr. Sharma commented that the two-year residency
21 requirement should be one year and stated Pennsylvania
22 should follow other states who have corrected this
23 issue.

24 Dr. Pinsky stated that ECFMG works with the State
25 Department and noted an advocacy office to share

1 information.

2 Dr. Pinsky stated ECFMG is not involved in
3 funding, but Dr. Pinsky is involved at the national
4 level with organizations that are involved with
5 funding.

6 Dr. Pinsky addressed domestic medical schools
7 that do not pay for teaching and noted that a lot of
8 the schools are contracting with hospitals and doctors
9 and paying them a per student per month to teach and
10 dropping their gratis work for the local schools.]

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12 [Kathryn L. Waters, Deputy Commissioner, exited the
13 meeting at 10:20 a.m.]

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15 [The Board recessed from 10:20 a.m. until 10:27 a.m.]

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17 Appointment - Guidelines for Ketamine Use

18 [Rachel Levine, M.D., Physician General, discussed the
19 use of ketamine for acute and chronic pain and
20 psychiatric use as an alternative to opioids. Dr.
21 Levine stated a Committee will be formed to develop
22 ketamine guidelines.

23 Dr. Levine introduced Eugene R. Viscusi, M.D.,
24 Professor of Anesthesiology & Chief of Pain Medicine
25 at Thomas Jefferson University, who will be leading

1 the group, and Arlene Seid, M.D., M.P.H., Department
2 of Health, who is the Medical Director of the Quality
3 Assurance Program.

4 Dr. Viscusi described ketamine as an anesthetic
5 agent created in the 1960s to be administered by
6 individuals trained to manage anesthetics. Dr.
7 Viscusi noted psychomimetic effects; nightmares,
8 dissociative effects, hypertension, and tachycardia.

9 Dr. Viscusi discussed subanesthetic doses for
10 complex regional pain syndrome with better than 50
11 percent remission of CRPS and 70 percent remission of
12 migraines. Dr. Viscusi stated ketamine has been used
13 for rapid opioid tapers and psychiatric use for
14 intractable depression.

15 Dr. Viscusi discussed inpatient continuous
16 infusions over the course of five days for the best
17 balance. He noted the importance of anesthetic-type
18 monitoring and nurses who are specifically trained to
19 monitor these patients. Dr. Viscusi noted regulatory
20 concerns with ketamine clinics, where there is
21 questionable staffing and support.

22 Dr. Viscusi explained that subanesthetic doses of
23 ketamine are incredibly promising for chronic pain,
24 psychiatric illnesses, and in the context of the
25 opioid crisis with tapers and preventing withdrawal.

1 Dr. Viscusi emphasized the importance of guidelines
2 for the safety of the citizens of Pennsylvania.

3 He noted published guidelines midway through 2018
4 regarding the evidence for depression and dose range.

5 Dr. Viscusi discussed adverse-event profile in
6 subanesthetic doses including vivid dreams,
7 hallucinations, and schizophrenic-looking states. He
8 also noted hypertension and tachycardic events with
9 higher doses. Dr. Viscusi discussed the importance of
10 knowledgeable people and monitoring for the drug to be
11 used safely.

12 Dr. Seid addressed concerns for non-strict
13 regulations that directly involve ketamine clinics and
14 compared ketamine clinics to a physician's office in
15 terms of a regulatory process.

16 Dr. Viscusi discussed the opioid crisis, noting
17 the success of tapering individuals with the
18 equivalence of 500 to 1000 mg of morphine a day down
19 to practically nothing.

20 Dr. Viscusi described ketamine as an anesthetic
21 agent and a Schedule III drug. Ketamine is in the
22 class of drugs known as an N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA)
23 receptor antagonist. Dr. Viscusi explained the NMDA
24 receptor modulates the mu opioid receptor. Patients
25 who generate more metabolites seem to get better

1 efficacy of the drug for depression and posttraumatic
2 stress disorder (PTSD). Dr. Viscusi stated this is an
3 intravenous drug and not available in any other form.
4 He also stated it would be strictly a treatment-
5 controlled drug.

6 Dr. Viscusi noted concerns with infection and the
7 quality of drugs. He stated Pennsylvania and the
8 Joint Commission embrace USP 797 and noted the most
9 recent version that states even a single drug transfer
10 from a vial to a syringe should be done under a hood.

11 Dr. Viscusi noted the American Society of
12 Regional Anesthesia and Pain Management (ASRA)
13 receiving calls as a positive thing, as clinicians
14 want administer ketamine correctly, but noted the need
15 for more studies and a database to track all of this.

16 Dr. Viscusi discussed pain clinics and ambulatory
17 centers that cannot admit patients, where they may do
18 bolus administration at 100 or 200 mg for 3 to 4 hours
19 to be increased over a period of days.

20 Dr. Viscusi discussed insurance companies needing
21 to give prior authorization before paying for
22 intractable pain or psychiatric patients. He also
23 discussed the need for aggressive IV therapy instead
24 of ketamine for payment.

25 Dr. Viscusi discussed his experience with

1 CRPS/RSD patients who received treatment for 14 days
2 and as little as one treatment and never returned. He
3 explained that patients start with their pain baseline
4 and sequentially get to the lower levels of pain.

5 Dr. Viscusi discussed Level 1 evidence, gaps in
6 literature, and ASRA Guidelines. He answered
7 questions regarding reports on rapid detox and
8 ketamine that have not been favorable. Dr. Viscusi
9 explained ketamine is not available outside a hospital
10 setting except for veterinary use. He has used this
11 for a decade and a half in acute pain and chronic pain
12 syndromes, and patients have never used the drug or
13 tried to get the drug outside of a hospital.]

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15 [Kathryn L. Waters, Deputy Commissioner, entered the
16 meeting at 10:42 a.m.]

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18 [Dr. Viscusi discussed operative patients on high
19 doses of opioids that cannot swallow pills and are put
20 on ketamine with a patient-controlled device.

21 Dr. Viscusi stated chronic pain patients, who
22 have opioid side effects and are not doing well, could
23 undergo a course of ketamine and the opportunity to
24 titrate, reduce withdrawal, and at the end be
25 discharged on a very small dose of opioid or a

1 nonopioid.

2 Dr. Viscusi discussed opioid-induced hyperalgesia
3 and tolerance. He explained that opioids make
4 individuals more sensitive to pain. More than half of
5 the patients on chronic opioids have central sleep
6 apnea, which disrupts (rapid eye movement) REM sleep
7 and makes patients more sensitive to respiratory
8 depression.]

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10 Report of Deputy Commissioner

11 [Kathryn L. Waters, Deputy Commissioner of
12 Professional and Occupational Affairs, updated the
13 Board on Executive Order 2017-03 to review the
14 processes for licensing and to ensure the process was
15 not burdensome. Ms. Waters stated that 92 percent of
16 all 29 Boards and Commissions completed the surveys.

17 Ms. Waters stated the Executive Order Advisory
18 Committee will gather statistical information and
19 prepare a report, which will be due in July.]

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21 Report of the Department of Health - No Report

22

23 Report of the Committee on Health-Related

24 Professionals - No Report

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1 Report of the Committee on Legislation/Professional
2 Liability

3 [Keith Loisel, Public Member, noted the scheduled
4 Committee meeting immediately following the regular
5 Board meeting.]

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7 Report of the Committee on Continuous Professional
8 Development

9 [Bruce A. Brod, M.D., Vice Chairman, noted the
10 scheduled Committee meeting immediately following the
11 regular Board meeting.]

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13 Report of the Committee on Finance and Personnel - No
14 Report - No Report

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16 Report of the Committee on Policy Development and
17 Review

18 [Chairperson Heine noted cases for the Board's review
19 during Executive Session.]

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21 Report of Board Vice Chairman - No Report

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23 Report of Board Chairperson - No Report

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25 Report of Board Counsel

1 [Wesley Rish, Esquire, noted matters for discussion in
2 Executive Session.]

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4 Report of Regulatory Counsel

5 [Peter Kovach, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
6 regulation of naturopathic medicine.

7 Mr. Kovach noted the development of a tentative
8 schedule of regulations to be discussed at the Board
9 meetings.]

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11 For the Board's Information - Board Committee List

12 [Chairperson Heine discussed the Board Committee List
13 restructuring after the election of officers.]

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15 Board Meeting Dates

16 [Chairperson Heine noted 2018 Medical Board meeting
17 dates for the Board's reference.]

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19 Old Business/New Business

20 [Chairperson Heine noted 2019 proposed meeting dates
21 for review and consideration.]

22 ***

23 2018 Annual Federation of State Medical Boards Meeting

24 [Chairperson Heine noted the travel ban. The only
25 person able to attend the (FSMB) meeting in Charlotte,

1 NC, would be the person receiving the scholarship to
2 be the delegate.]

3 DR. BROD:

4 I nominate Dr. Heine to be our delegate.

5 DR. LOISELLE:

6 I second that.

7 MR. RISH:

8 Those in favor. Opposed, same sign.

9 The motion passes.

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 DR. BROD:

13 I nominate Dr. Castle to be the
14 alternate delegate.

15 DR. MITCHELL:

16 Second.

17 MR. RISH:

18 Those in favor. Opposed, same sign.

19 The motion passes.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 Federation of State Medical Boards Bylaws Proposal

23 [Charles Castle, M.D., discussed the proposed

24 Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) bylaws.

25 Dr. Castle stated the current Board Chair of the FSMB

1 is Dr. Snyder, and one of his interests was to
2 increase the participation of the Executive Directors
3 of the various State Boards in the governance of the
4 federation.

5 Dr. Castle discussed the role identified as an
6 associate member, which are nonphysician members of
7 the federation. His idea was to elevate the status of
8 the Executive Director of any Board to higher status
9 that would have a more equivalent level of authority
10 and ability to serve on the Board as a physician
11 member. This was proposed for the first time at the
12 Bylaws Committee meeting in October, and the attorney
13 for the federation suggested writing proposed
14 amendments and bylaws.

15 Dr. Castle stated the Bylaws Committee was
16 scheduled to meet again in January and is in the
17 process of getting input from the various State Boards
18 about this proposal. Dr. Castle noted that the
19 various Boards across the country have different roles
20 for their Executive Directors. Dr. Castle stated the
21 Board of Medicine has Board Counsel and the Regulatory
22 Counsel to help with difficult questions that arise
23 and to create policies for the Board. He noted that
24 Boards across the country do not have that legal
25 background and legal support, and it has become clear

1 that for those Boards, the Executive Director role
2 probably has more authority and much more significance
3 in Board adjudications.

4 Dr. Castle noted the proposal was an effort to
5 enhance the authority of the Executive Director for
6 those Boards for whom that is appropriate.

7 Dr. Castle discussed fellows and staff fellows
8 and raising the prestige of that executive to make it
9 equivalent to the physician members of the Board. The
10 idea is to have the Executive Director become a staff
11 member.

12 Dr. Castle stated a member of Medical Board may
13 designate one or more employees or staff members other
14 than the individual designated to staff fellow to be
15 an associate member of FSMB. The individual who is
16 the Executive Director would be elevated to the staff
17 fellow.

18 Dr. Castle stated the definition of a staff
19 fellow is an individual hired or appointed and
20 responsible for the day-to-day supervision and
21 performance of the administrative duties and functions
22 for which a Board is responsible. Dr. Castle
23 suggested the first step be to elevate these
24 individuals to a higher level of authority within the
25 federation.

1 Dr. Castle stated each Board should have the
2 flexibility and opportunity to nominate the individual
3 to appropriately fulfill this role.

4 The Board discussed wording modifications to be
5 conveyed to the federation.

6 Mr. Rish and Mr. Kovach will draft a letter to
7 express the consensus of the Board.]

8

9 Letter from the International Academy of Compounding
10 Pharmacists

11 [Bruce A. Brod, M.D., addressed issues raised in the
12 letter from the International Academy of Compounding
13 Pharmacists. Dr. Brod discussed office-use
14 compounding. He explained that an office-use drug is
15 compounded by a pharmacist and not commercially
16 available. The drug is then distributed to an office
17 for physician use.

18 Dr. Brod discussed new guidelines from the FDA
19 regarding office-use compounded drugs.

20 Dr. Brod discussed FD&C Section 503A requiring
21 patient prescriptions rather than supplying office-use
22 compounded drugs. Dr. Brod also suggested obtaining
23 the PA State Board of Pharmacy's perspective on this
24 issue.]

25

1 Election of Officers

2 [Keith Loiselles, Public Member, thanked and
3 congratulated Dr. Heine on her years of service.]

4 MR. LOISELLE:

5 I would like to nominate our current
6 Vice Chair, Dr. Brod, for the position
7 of Chair.

8 DR. SHARMA:

9 Second.

10 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

11 It's been nominated and seconded for Dr.
12 Brod to be the Chair. Are there any
13 other nominations? Seeing none.

14 Dr. Brod has been selected by
15 acclamation. Congratulations.

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

17 ***

18 DR. SHARMA:

19 I would like to nominate Keith for Vice
20 Chair.

21 DR. CASTLE:

22 Second.

23 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

24 It's been nominated and seconded.

25 Mr. Loiselles has been elected as

1 Vice Chair of our Board by acclamation.
2 Congratulations.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

4 ***

5 [Kathryn L. Water, Deputy Commissioner, exited the
6 meeting at 12:09 p.m.]

7 ***

8 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
9 12:10 p.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
10 with Peter Kovach, Esquire, Board Counsel, and Wesley
11 Rich, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the purpose of
12 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations and to receive
13 legal advice from Board Counsel. The Board returned
14 to open session at 3:49 p.m.]

15 ***

16 [Rachel Levine, M.D. Physician General, exited the
17 meeting at 3:09 p.m. during the Executive Session.]

18 ***

19 [Sukh Dev Sharma, M.D.; and Evon Sutton, Public
20 Member, exited the meeting at 3:30 p.m. during the
21 Executive Session.]

22 ***

23 MOTIONS

24 MR. RISH:

25 The first matter is Item No. 2 on the

1 Board's agenda. File No. 17-49-09169,
2 which is the probable cause matter. Dr.
3 Brod, Dr. Castle, and Mr. Loiselle did
4 not participate in Executive Session
5 discussions.

6 Based upon Executive Session
7 discussions, I would recommend a motion
8 approving the Consent Agreement and
9 Order.

10 MR. MITCHELL:

11 So moved.

12 DR. MORAN:

13 Second.

14 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

15 Mr. Mitchell moves. Dr. Moran seconds.
16 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
17 same sign.

18 [The motion carried. Dr. Brod, Dr. Castle, and Mr.
19 Loiselle recused from deliberations and voting on the
20 motion. The Respondent's name is Eric H. Davis, M.D.]

21 ***

22 MR. RISH:

23 The next matters are items 3 through 5
24 inclusive.

25 Based upon discussions in Executive

1 Session, I would recommend a motion
2 approving the following Consent
3 Agreements: File No. 15-49-14177, File
4 No. 16-49-09010, and File No. 17-49-
5 07914.

6 DR. BROD:

7 So moved.

8 MR. LOISELLE:

9 Second.

10 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

11 Dr. Brod moves. Mr. Loiselles seconds.
12 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
13 same sign.

14 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
15 name for File No. 15-49-14177 is Mohamed Gaafar
16 Elmallah, M.D. The Respondent's name File No. 16-49-
17 09010 is Jessica L. Carroll, PA-C. The Respondent's
18 name File No. 17-49-07914 is Christopher A. Cogle,
19 M.D.]

20 ***

21 MR. RISH:

22 The next matter is Item No. 6 on the
23 Board's agenda, File No. 17-49-10720.
24 This is a probable cause matter. Dr.
25 Brod and Mr. Loiselles recused themselves

1 in Executive Session discussions.

2 Based upon Executive Session
3 discussions, I would recommend a motion
4 approving the Consent Agreement and
5 Order.

6 DR. CASTLE:

7 So moved.

8 MR. MITCHELL:

9 Second.

10 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

11 Dr. Castle moves. Mr. Mitchell seconds.
12 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
13 same sign.

14 [The motion carried. Dr. Brod and Mr. Loiselle
15 recused from deliberations and voting on the motion.
16 The Respondent's name is Aladdin Z. Syed, M.D.]

17 ***

18 MR. RISH:

19 The next matters are items 7 through 10
20 inclusive.

21 Based upon discussions in Executive
22 Session, I would recommend a motion
23 approving the following Consent
24 Agreements: File No. 16-49-13127, File
25 No. 17-49-07059, File No. 15-49-14546,

1 and File No. 15-49-13750.

2 DR. CASTLE:

3 So moved.

4 MR. MITCHELL:

5 Second.

6 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

7 Dr. Castle moves. Mr. Mitchell seconds.

8 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,

9 same sign.

10 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
11 name File No. 16-49-13127 is Ira S. Wolke, M.D. The
12 Respondent's name File No. 17-49-07059 is Daniel J.
13 Bochicchio, M.D. The Respondent's name File No. 15-
14 49-14546 is Ayesha M. Ferguson. The Respondent's name
15 File No. 15-49-13750 is Dallas Aaron Smith, M.D.]

16 ***

17 MR. RISH:

18 The next matter is Item No. 11 on the
19 Board's agenda. It's File No. 14-49-
20 04513. This was a Probable Cause
21 Screening Committee, and Dr. Brod, Dr.
22 Heine, Mr. Loisel, and co-counsel
23 Peter Kovach did not participate in
24 Executive Session deliberations.

25 Based upon Executive Session

1 11897, File No. 17-49-10769, File No.
2 17-49-12970.

3 MR. LOISELLE:

4 So moved.

5 DR. CASTLE:

6 Second.

7 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

8 Mr. Loiselles moves. Dr. Castle seconds.
9 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
10 same sign.

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

12 ***

13 MR. RISH:

14 The next matter is Item No. 19, File No.
15 17-49-11062. This was a probable cause
16 matter. Dr. Castle, Dr. Brod, and Mr.
17 Loiselles recused themselves in Executive
18 Session deliberations.

19 Based upon discussions in Executive
20 Session, I would recommend a motion
21 approving the Consent Agreement and
22 Order.

23 DR. MORAN:

24 So moved.

25 MR. MITCHELL:

1 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
2 name for File No. 17-49-08134 is Deborah Kay Redmond,
3 LRT. The Respondent's name for File No. 17-49-06640
4 is Luis L. Gomez, M.D.]

5 ***

6 MR. RISH:

7 The next matter is Item No. 22 on the
8 Board's agenda. It's File No. 16-49-
9 08759.

10 Based upon discussions in Executive
11 Session, I would recommend a motion
12 rejecting the Consent Agreement as too
13 lenient.

14 DR. BROD:

15 So moved.

16 DR. CASTLE:

17 Second.

18 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

19 Dr. Brod moves. Dr. Castle seconds.
20 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
21 same sign.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

23 ***

24 MR. RISH:

25 The next matter is Item No. 31 on the

1 Board's agenda, File No. 16-49-01334,
2 the Commonwealth vs. Shaun Brown. This
3 was a Probable Cause Screening Committee
4 matter. Dr. Brod, Dr. Castle, and Mr.
5 Loiselles recused themselves and did not
6 participate in Executive Session
7 discussions.

8 Based upon Executive Session
9 discussions, I would recommend a motion
10 directing Board Counsel to draft a
11 Memorandum Order adopting the Hearing
12 Examiner's Adjudication and Order with
13 amendments.

14 MR. MITCHELL:

15 So moved.

16 DR. MORAN:

17 Second.

18 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

19 Mr. Mitchell moves. Dr. Moran seconds.
20 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
21 same sign.

22 [The motion carried. Dr. Brod, Dr. Castle, and Mr.
23 Loiselles recused from deliberations and voting on the
24 matter.]

25

1 MR. RISH:

2 The next matter is Item No. 32, File No.
3 17-49-05132, in the matter of the
4 Request for Reinstatement of Richard
5 Arthur Hellander, M.D. This was a
6 probable cause matter. Dr. Brod, Dr.
7 Castle, and Mr. Loiselle recused
8 themselves and did not participate in
9 Executive Session discussion.

10 Based upon Executive Session
11 discussion, I would recommend a motion
12 to open the record to take additional
13 evidence and to direct Counsel to issue
14 a Memorandum Order granting
15 reinstatement.

16 MR. MORAN:

17 So moved.

18 MR. MITCHELL:

19 Second.

20 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

21 Dr. Moran moves. Mr. Mitchell seconds.
22 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
23 same sign.

24 [The motion carried. Dr. Brod, Dr. Castle, and Mr.
25 Loiselle recused from deliberations and voting on the

1 matter.]

2

3 MR. RISH:

4

The next matter is Item No. 33, File No.
5 17-49-00068, in the matter of the
6 Application of Kevin M. Clarke, M.D.

7

Based upon discussions in Executive
8 Session, I would recommend a motion
9 adopting the Hearing Examiner's proposed
10 Adjudication and Order as a final order
11 of the Board.

12 MR. LOISELLE:

13

So moved.

14 DR. MORAN:

15

Second.

16 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

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Mr. Loiselles moves. Dr. Moran seconds.

18

All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,

19

same sign.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

21

22 MR. RISH:

23

The next matter is File No. 16-49-10923,
24 in the matter of the Application of
25 Matthew D. Hall, M.D.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

2 ***

3 MR. RISH:

4 The next matter is Item 37, File No. 15-
5 49-02978, in the matter of the
6 Application of Christopher Elder, M.D.

7 Based upon discussions in Executive
8 Session, I would recommend a motion
9 approving the final Adjudication and
10 Order.

11 DR. CASTLE:

12 So moved.

13 MR. LOISELLE:

14 Second.

15 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

16 Dr. Castle moves. Mr. Loiselles seconds.
17 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
18 same sign.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

20 ***

21 MR. RISH:

22 The next matter was Item 38. It's the
23 initial Athletic Trainer Application of
24 James Walejewski, ATS.

25 Based upon discussions in Executive

1 Session, I would recommend a motion to
2 approve the application.

3 DR. CASTLE:

4 So moved.

5 DR. BROD:

6 Second.

7 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

8 Dr. Castle moves. Dr. Brod seconds. All
9 those in favor, say aye. Opposed, same
10 sign.

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

12 ***

13 MR. RISH:

14 The next matters are Item 39, 41 through
15 44 inclusive, 47 through 48 inclusive,
16 and 50 through 53 inclusive.

17 Based upon discussions in Executive
18 Session, I would recommend a motion
19 approving the following applications for
20 an Unrestricted License to Practice
21 Medicine and Surgery of Lars Boman,
22 M.D.; Keith Donald Wilkey, M.D.;
23 Khashayar Salartash, M.D.; Maria
24 Margarita Rodriguez, M.D.; Victoria
25 Siddens Draper, M.D.; Rodney Martin

1 Durham, M.D.; Puja Naik, M.D.; Andrea
2 Ardite, M.D.; Philip Michael Harmon,
3 M.D.; Pedro O. Cabrera-Bonet, M.D.; and
4 Daniel Faramarz Roshan, M.D.

5 DR. MORAN:

6 So moved.

7 DR. CASTLE:

8 Second.

9 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

10 Dr. Moran Moves. Dr. Castle seconds.
11 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
12 same sign.

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

14 ***

15 MR. RISH:

16 The next matter was Item No. 40. It's
17 the initial application for an
18 Unrestricted License to Practice
19 Medicine and Surgery of Tiffany Michelle
20 Pierson, M.D.

21 Based upon discussions in Executive
22 Session, I would recommend a motion
23 approving the application.

24 DR. CASTLE:

25 So moved.

1 MR. LOISELLE:

2 Second.

3 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

4 Dr. Castle moves. Mr. Loiselles seconds.
5 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
6 same sign. Dr. Heine, no. Dr. Brod,
7 no.

8 [The motion carried. Dr. Heine and Dr. Brod voted
9 no.]

10 ***

11 MR. RISH:

12 The next matter is Item 45. It's the
13 initial Unrestricted License Application
14 of Olga Alexandra Kravchuk, M.D.

15 Based upon discussions in Executive
16 Session, I would recommend a motion
17 tabling the application directing the
18 Board Administrator to issue a Letter of
19 Discrepancy requesting a Letter of Good
20 Standing from Allegheny General
21 Hospital.

22 DR. CASTLE:

23 So moved.

24 MR. LOISELLE:

25 Second.

1 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

2 Dr. Castle moves. Mr. Loiselles seconds.
3 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
4 same sign.

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

6 ***

7 MR. RISH:

8 The next matter is Item 46, the initial
9 Unrestricted License Application of
10 Sylvanus Osomoba Oyogoa, M.D.

11 Based upon discussions in Executive
12 Session, I would recommend a motion
13 provisionally denying the application.

14 DR. BROD:

15 So moved.

16 MR. MITCHELL:

17 Second.

18 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

19 Dr. Brod moves. Mr. Mitchell seconds.
20 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
21 same sign.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

23 ***

24 MR. RISH:

25 The next matter is Item 49, the initial

1 Unrestricted License Application of
2 Qaisar Hasan Usmani, M.D.

3 Based upon discussions in Executive
4 Session, I would recommend a motion
5 provisionally denying the application.

6 DR. CASTLE:

7 So moved.

8 DR. BROD:

9 Second.

10 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

11 Dr. Castle moves. Dr. Brod seconds. All
12 those in favor, say aye. Opposed, same
13 sign.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

15 ***

16 MR. RISH:

17 The next matter is item 54 and Item 55,
18 the initial Unrestricted License
19 Applications of Dan Joshua Castro, M.D.
20 and Mazen Hussein Shaheen, M.D.

21 Based upon discussions in Executive
22 Session, I would recommend a motion
23 tabling the applications and directing
24 our Board Administrator to issue
25 discrepancy letters to both applicants.

1 DR. CASTLE:

2 So moved.

3 MR. MITCHELL:

4 Second.

5 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

6 Dr. Castle moves. Mr. Mitchell seconds.

7 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,

8 same sign.

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

10 ***

11 MR. KOVACH:

12 The next matter on the agenda is No. 56,

13 the initial Unrestricted License by

14 Endorsement of Rame Awd, M.D.

15 Based on the discussions in

16 Executive Session, I recommend a motion

17 approving that application.

18 DR. CASTLE:

19 So moved.

20 MR. LOISELLE:

21 Second.

22 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

23 Dr. Castle moves. Mr. Loiselles seconds.

24 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,

25 same sign.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

2 ***

3 MR. KOVACH:

4 The next one is No. 57 on the agenda,
5 the initial Unrestricted License by
6 Endorsement Application by Prashant
7 Yadav, M.D.

8 Based on the Board's discussions in
9 Executive Session, I recommend a motion
10 tabling the application and directing
11 the Board Administrator to offer the
12 applicant an opportunity to apply for an
13 institutional license.

14 DR. CASTLE:

15 So moved.

16 DR. MORAN:

17 Second.

18 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

19 Dr. Castle moves. Dr. Moran seconds.
20 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
21 same sign.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

23 ***

24 MR. KOVACH:

25 I can take several of these in a group.

1 It's No. 58, the initial Unrestricted
2 License Application by Endorsement of
3 Vishal Jhanji, M.D.; No. 60, the initial
4 Unrestricted License by Endorsement
5 Application of Osama Shaheen, M.D.; and
6 No. 61, the initial Unrestricted License
7 by Endorsement Application of Rita
8 Alaggio, M.D.

9 Based on the Board's discussions in
10 Executive Session, I would recommend the
11 motion of approving those applications.

12 MR. LOISELLE:

13 So moved.

14 MR. MITCHELL:

15 Second.

16 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

17 Mr. Loiselles moves. Mr. Mitchell
18 seconds. All those in favor, say aye.
19 Opposed, same sign.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

21 ***

22 MR. KOVACH:

23 No. 59 on the agenda, the initial
24 Unrestricted License Application by
25 Endorsement of Savvas Andronikou, M.D.

1 Based on the Board's discussions in
2 Executive Session, I would recommend the
3 motion tabling the application and
4 directing the Board Administrator to off
5 the applicant an institutional license.

6 DR. CASTLE:

7 So moved.

8 DR. MORAN:

9 Second.

10 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

11 Dr. Castle moves. Dr. Moran seconds.
12 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
13 same sign. Dr. Heine, no. Dr. Brod,
14 no.

15 [The motion carried. Dr. Heine and Dr. Brod voted
16 no.]

17 ***

18 MR. KOVACH:

19 The next matter as a group, No. 62
20 through 67 on the agenda, the initial
21 Behavior Specialist Application of
22 Judith Wisniewski, the initial Behavior
23 Specialist Application of Francis
24 Ngegba, the initial Behavior Specialist
25 Application of Ronald Barrett, the

1 initial Behavior Specialist Application
2 of Chad Toia, and the initial Behavior
3 Specialist Application of Jennifer
4 Passaniti, and the initial Behavior
5 Specialist Application of Craig Egger.

6 Based on the Board's discussions in
7 Executive Session, I would recommend the
8 motion approving all of those
9 applications.

10 DR. BROD:

11 So moved.

12 DR. CASTLE:

13 Second.

14 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

15 Dr. Brod moves. Dr. Castle seconds.

16 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
17 same sign.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

19 ***

20 MR. KOVACH:

21 Number 68 on the agenda is the initial
22 Orthotist Application by Brad S. Merrell

23 Based on the Board's discussions in
24 Executive Session, I would recommend the
25 motion approving that application.

1 DR. CASTLE:

2 So moved.

3 MR. MITCHELL:

4 Second.

5 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

6 Dr. Castle moves. Mr. Mitchell seconds.

7 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,

8 same sign.

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

10 ***

11 MR. KOVACH:

12 The next matter is No. 69 on the agenda,

13 the reconsideration of the application

14 for a Supervising Physician Written

15 Agreement Change of James Allen Newcomb,

16 M.D., and Carin M. Minchew, PA-C.

17 Based on the Board's discussions in

18 Executive Session, I would recommend the

19 motion approving that.

20 DR. CASTLE:

21 So moved.

22 DR. BROD:

23 Second.

24 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

25 Dr. Castle moves. Dr. Brod seconds.

1 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
2 same sign.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

4 ***

5 MR. KOVACH:

6 Number 70 and 71 is the Written
7 Agreement Change for Andrew Ku, M.D. and
8 Patrick Offi, PA-C and the Written
9 Agreement Change of Kamyra Ilkhanipour,
10 M.D. and Courtney Burgess, PA-C.

11 Based on the Board's discussions in
12 Executive Session, I would recommend the
13 motion tabling the applications and
14 directing the Board Administrator to
15 issue a discrepancy letter to gain
16 additional information regarding
17 radiation education.

18 MR. MITCHELL:

19 So moved.

20 DR. CASTLE:

21 Second.

22 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

23 Mr. Mitchell moves. Dr. Castle seconds.
24 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
25 same sign.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

2 ***

3 MR. KOVACH:

4 Number 72 through 74, Reactivation
5 Application of Michael Ira Plotnick,
6 M.D.; Reactivation Application of
7 Timothy Malone Whitaker, M.D.; and the
8 Reactivation Application of James Victor
9 Snyder, M.D.

10 Based on the Board's discussions in
11 Executive Session, I would recommend a
12 motion tabling the applications and
13 directing the Board Administrator to
14 issue a standard reentry letter.

15 DR. CASTLE:

16 So moved.

17 DR. BROD:

18 Second.

19 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

20 Dr. Castle moves. Dr. Brod seconds.

21 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
22 same sign.

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

24 ***

25 MR. KOVACH:

1 Item 75, 76, and 77 on the agenda, the
2 Reactivation Application for respiratory
3 therapist as filed by Susan Hebda, RCP;
4 by Michele L. Burnstein, RCP; and by
5 Tamara Lynn Waples, RCP.

6 Based on the Board's discussions in
7 Executive Session, I recommend a motion
8 tabling those applications and directing
9 the Board Administrator to issue letters
10 advising those applicants to take the
11 examination.

12 DR. CASTLE:

13 So moved.

14 DR. BROD:

15 Second.

16 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

17 Dr. Castle moves. Dr. Brod seconds.

18 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
19 same sign.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

21 ***

22 MR. KOVACH:

23 Number 78 on the agenda is the
24 Reactivation Application of Amy Reddy,
25 RCP.

1 Based on the Board's discussions in
2 Executive Session, I recommend a motion
3 approving that application.

4 DR. CASTLE:

5 So moved.

6 MR. MITCHELL:

7 Second.

8 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

9 Dr. Castle moves. Mr. Mitchell seconds.
10 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
11 same sign.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

13 ***

14 MR. RISH:

15 The next matter is No. 79 on the agenda,
16 the Reactivation Application filed by
17 Randy Lee McCracken, RCP.

18 Based on the Board's discussions in
19 Executive Session, I recommend a motion
20 tabling the application and directing
21 the Board Administrator to issue a
22 letter advising the applicant to take
23 the test.

24 DR. CASTLE:

25 So moved.

1 DR. BROD:

2 Second.

3 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

4 Dr. Castle moves. Dr. Brod seconds.

5 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
6 same sign.

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

8 ***

9 MR. RISH:

10 The next matter is Item No. 80 on the
11 Board's agenda, File No. 14-49-14398,
12 Commonwealth vs. Timothy S. Kearney,
13 PA-C.

14 Based upon discussions in Executive
15 Session, I would recommend a motion
16 directing Counsel to prepare a
17 Memorandum Order in accordance with the
18 Board's instructions.

19 DR. CASTLE:

20 So moved.

21 DR. MORAN:

22 Second.

23 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

24 Dr. Castle moves. Dr. Moran seconds.

25 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,

1 same sign.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

3 ***

4 MR. KOVACH:

5 The next matter is No. 82 on the agenda,
6 File No. 17-49-10764, the Petition to
7 Modify the Order of Reinstatement of the
8 Medical License filed by Daljit Singh,
9 M.D.

10 Based on the Board's discussions in
11 Executive Session, I recommend a motion
12 directing Board Counsel to issue an
13 appropriate order in that matter in
14 compliance with the Board's directions.

15 DR. CASTLE:

16 So moved.

17 MR. MITCHELL:

18 Second.

19 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

20 Dr. Castle moves. Mr. Mitchell seconds.
21 All those in favor, say aye. Opposed,
22 same sign.

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

24 ***

25 Adjournment

1 CHAIRPERSON HEINE:

2 Any other business for the good of the
3 order prior to adjournment? Seeing
4 none. Thank you.

5 ***

6 [There being no further business, the State Board of
7 Medicine meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.]

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9

10 CERTIFICATE

11

12 I hereby certify that the foregoing summary
13 minutes of the State Board of Medicine meeting, was
14 reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and
15 that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of
16 the State Board of Medicine meeting.

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Amy L. Warehime

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7	9:02	Official Call to Order
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9	9:03	Roll Call
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11	9:05	Approval of Minutes
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13	9:05	Report of Prosecutorial Division
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15	9:37	Appointment - William W. Pinsky, M.D.
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17	10:20	Recess
18	10:27	Return to Open Session
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20	10:28	Appointment - Ketamine Use Guidelines
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22	11:17	Report of Board Counsel
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24	11:17	Report of Regulatory Counsel
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26	11:17	Report of Commissioner
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28	11:18	For the Board's Information
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30	12:10	Executive Session
31	3:49	Return to Open Session
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33	3:50	Motions
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35	4:18	Adjournment
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