

Minutes of the Meeting of the
NYS Medicine Board
June 6, 2025
1411 Broadway NY, NY

Board Members Present: Dr. Roseanne Berger, Dr. Roosevelt Boursiquot, public member Dr. Alice Fornari EdD, Dr. Martha Grayson, Dr. Elisabeth Guthrie, John Hallowell PA-C, Dr. Gregory Harvey, Brenton LaRicca PA-C, Dr. Louis Papa, Dr. Maria Plummer, Dr. James Romanelli, Dr. Ramanathan Raju, Dr. Sumir Sahgal, Dr. Nancy Sapio, Dr. Neeta Shah, Dr. Rahul Sharma, Dr. Amit Shelat, Dr. Steven Sherman, Dr. Robert Walther, and Dr. David Wlody.

Board Members Absent: Dr. Krishan Kumar, Dr. Sumathi Kasinathan (Observed Remotely), Dr. Najeeb Rehman, and Dr. Arash Salemi.

Guests Present: Dennis Spillane of OPD, Cassandra Pineda of GNYHA, and Al Watermaker.

Staff Members Present: Stephen Boese, Executive Secretary to the Board; Michelle Pawlowski, Education Credential Specialist 2; Carla Gibbons, Education Program Assistant 2; and Lee Fitzgerald, Education Program Assistant 2.

Meeting is called to order by Dr. Shelat at 9:30 am.

Motion to Accept Minutes:

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes from the March 2025 meeting.

Chair's Report:

Dr. Shelat presents a Certificate of Appreciation for Dr. David Harris, former chair and long-term board member who is now retiring but was unable to attend the meeting.

Report from the Advisory Committee on Clinical Clerkships:

The committee reviewed and approved the site visit report for a virtual review of the Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara. They also reviewed an application for initial approval from a Caribbean school and determined the school was not yet ready for approval and they made some suggestions for the school to improve upon before further review.

International Medical Graduate Workgroup Report:

The workgroup has reviewed 40 applications since the last meeting. There has been a high volume of IMG applications, so applicants are encouraged to allow ample review time before their intended work start date and workgroup members are encouraged to respond to application review requests in a timely manner.

Executive Secretary's Report:

A medicine board liaison to the Committee for Medical Physics is needed. Dr. Rehman has expressed interest.

Current Legislation Update:

- Transfer oversight and licensing of physicians, physician assistants and specialist assistants to DOH (no action)
- Allow PAs to practice without supervision (no action)
- Nurse Licensure Compact (no action)
- Chiropractor Scope of Practice will be updated
- Authorize medical assistants to administer immunizations (currently moving in the Legislature)

Update from the FSMB Annual Meeting:

Dr. Raju has been elected to the FSMB board. Several amendments to the by-laws were proposed at the meeting, including changing fellowship requirements to past or current, eliminating the limit of 8 members to the ethics committee, and opening the president position to non-physician professionals (failed). The board will be drafting policies for physician re-entry and Dr. Raju invites members of the board to contribute their comments.

Update to the Utilization of Medical Assistants Guidance:

Ms. Gibbons presents several questions to the board that have been received by email and the board discusses the issues presented, as well as some other updates to the document based on previous discussion. The updated document will be posted to the website after legal review.

Professional Committee Reports:

Athletic Training – no recent meeting. The proposed draft regulations for the new AT licensure bill were presented for public comment. The majority of the feedback received was not relevant to what the Committee can respond to.

Pathologists Assistants – Dr. Plummer reports the two major issues discussed, which were acceptance of AAPA certification which predated the ASCP exam without the numeric score included and the recommendation to re-instate the grandfathering clause. Dr. Raju and Dr. Campanella made a presentation on the uses of AI in pathology.

Medical Physics – No recent meeting as the board is currently rebuilding and there aren't enough members to form a quorum at this time.

Perfusion Committee – James Beck did a presentation on automation in perfusion. There was not a quorum, so there were no votes taken on any issues.

Next Meeting Dates:

The next meetings are set for 9/5/25, 12/5/25, 3/6/26, and 6/5/26 at 9:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Draft respectfully submitted,

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