

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE**  
**Executive/Management Committee and Legislative Committee Joint Meeting Minutes**  
**December 14, 2023**

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The West Virginia Board of Medicine's Executive/Management Committee and Legislative Committee met jointly via Zoom at 5:00 pm on December 14, 2023.

The following committee members attended the meeting:

Ashish P. Sheth, MD, Executive/Management Committee Chair  
Kishore K. Challa, MD, FACC  
Matthew Q. Christiansen, MD, MPH  
Jonathan P. Lilly, MD  
Angela A. Mayfield  
Mustafa Rahim, MD, Legislative Committee Chair  
Victoria L. Takubo, PA-C

The following committee member did not attend the meeting:

Douglas S. Dockery, DPM

The following staff members attended the meeting:

Mark A. Spangler, MA  
Jamie S. Alley, Esq.  
Jamie C. Frame

With a quorum of members present, Dr. Sheth called the meeting to order, and attendance was documented by Ms. Frame. **CALL TO ORDER**

Prior to today's meeting, a proposed bill which would consolidate the West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine with the West Virginia Board of Medicine, effective January 1, 2025, was made available for members to review. Mr. Spangler provided an overview of the bill, which would effectuate the consolidation of the boards by:

- a. Terminating the Board of Osteopathic Medicine, effective January 1, 2025;
- b. Transferring the functions, duties, obligations and authority of the Board of Osteopathic Medicine to the West Virginia Board of Medicine, effective January 1, 2025;

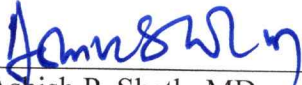
- c. Continuing all rules, orders, licenses and other practice credentials of the Board of Osteopathic Medicine until or unless subsequently modified or terminated by the Board of Medicine;
- d. Consolidating the existing eligible membership of both boards into the West Virginia Board of Medicine;
- e. Establishing membership requirements for the combined boards, and increasing the membership to 21;
- f. Reorganizing the licensure provisions of the Medical Practice Act;
- g. Modifying licensure requirements for allopathic physicians with respect to graduate medical education requirements;
- h. Revising the Medical Practice Act in various places to clarify the applicability of the provisions of the act to the various practice credentials issued by the Board;
- i. Aligning continuing education requirements for osteopathic physicians and allopathic physicians;
- j. Modifying the medical corporation provisions to permit physician assistant ownership of foreign medical corporations; and
- k. Repealing provisions related to:
  - i. The regulation of radiologist assistants
  - ii. Limited license for practice at state nursing homes


Additionally, the bill would authorize the Board of Medicine to license and regulate genetic counselors.

Committee members were in favor of the bill; however, concerns were raised regarding membership eligibility and expiration of existing membership terms.

Mr. Spangler reported that the Ad Hoc Committee on Joint Regulatory Concerns/Opportunities will meet at 5:00 pm on Monday, January 8, 2024 at the Board of Medicine Office, at which time designated members of the Board of Medicine will meet with designated members of the Board of Osteopathic Medicine to discuss the combining of the boards.

There being no further business to consider, Dr. Rahim moved that the meeting adjourn.  
Dr. Challa seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

  
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Ashish P. Sheth, MD  
Executive/Management Committee Chair

  
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Mustafa Rahim, MD  
Legislative Committee Chair