

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Information	
Committee	Legislative
Meeting Date	September 7, 2025
Meeting Time	10:00 am
Location	West Virginia Board of Medicine 101 Dee Drive, Suite 103 Charleston, West Virginia 25311

Committee Members		
Name	Present	Absent
Kishore K. Challa, MD, FACC, Chair	X	
Douglas S. Dockery, DPM	X	
Jonathan P. Lilly, MD		X
Victoria L. Takubo, PA-C	X	

Staff Members		
Name	Present	Absent
Mark A. Spangler, Executive Director	X	
Jamie S. Alley, Esq.	X	
Greg S. Foster, Esq.	X	
Jamie C. Frame	X	

Guests / Public Members	
Mark E. McDaniel, DO, FAAFP Angela A. Mayfield	

Call to Order

With a quorum of members present, Dr. Challa called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Prior to today's meeting, a copy of the draft May 4, 2025, June 23, 2025 and July 24, 2025 meeting minutes were made available for members to review. Ms. Takubo moved that the three sets of meeting minutes be approved as presented. Dr. Dockery seconded the motion, and the motion carried without opposition.

Board of Medicine Rules

Mr. Spangler reported that the Agency Approved version of W. Va. Code § 11-1B-1 *et seq.*, *Licensure, Practice Requirements, Disciplinary and Complaint Procedures, Continuing Education, Physician Assistants*, and W. Va. Code § 11-6-1 *et seq.*, *Continuing Education Requirements for Physicians and Podiatric Physicians*, have been filed with the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office and will be considered by the West Virginia Legislature during the 2026 legislative session. The amendments to these rules update the continuing education requirements for medical doctors, podiatric physicians and physician assistants to require that a 3-hour board approved course on risk assessment and responsible prescribing of controlled substances training be completed within one year of being granted an initial license. The course will no longer be required as a prerequisite for license renewal.

Additional proposed amendments to W. Va. Code § 11-1B-1 *et seq.* reflect the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants two different recertification processes, and clarifies that either process, if completed during the relevant reporting period, may be used to satisfy a physician assistants continuing education requirements.

Also, additional proposed amendments to W. Va. Code § 11-6-1 *et seq.* updates nomenclature as it relates to continuing certification processes for physicians who are board certified by an American Board of Medical Specialties member board.

Consideration Regarding the Creation of an Emeritus or Retirement Licensure Designation

Mr. Spangler reported that in June 2025 Board staff filed *Notice of a Public Comment Period* with the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office with regard to the proposed amendments to W. Va. Code § 11-6-1 *et seq.*, *Continuing Education for Physicians and Podiatric Physicians*. One of the comments that was received stated "I get my 50+ CME hours as required without complaint. However I've been fully retired since 2016 and I object to having to pay full price for an active license I worked hard to achieve and don't want to give up." As a result of this comment, the Committee directed Board staff to explore development of an emeritus / retirement license and to present concepts and make a recommendation to the Committee at a future meeting.

Advisory Commission on Additional Licensing Models Guidance Document

Prior to today's meeting, the *Advisory Commission on Additional Licensing Models Guidance Document*, which was published in August 2025, was made available for members to review. In February 2025, the Commission release its first set of recommendations, which focused on eligibility requirements and related entry consideration for internationally trained physicians seeking medical licensure under a new additional licensure pathway. Mr. Spangler reported that the second set of recommendations relates to the assessment and supervision of internationally trained physicians during their provisional licensure period before they become eligible for a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine. Board staff will continue to explore alternate licensing models for international medical graduates and will present concepts and make recommendations to the Committee at a future meeting.

Ms. Mayfield joined the meeting as a guest at this time.

Potential 2026 Legislative Topics

Mr. Spangler reminded members that during the 2025 session of the West Virginia Legislature, Senate Bill 557, relating to licensing by the West Virginia Board of Medicine, was introduced; however, the bill was not placed on an agenda for consideration. As introduced, Senate Bill 557 sought to:

- Update the definition section
- Modify board membership eligibility criteria for both providers and lay members.
- Permit:
 - The acceptance of Canadian training.
 - The Board to establish circumstances in which the approval of applications and the issuance of licenses and other practice credentials may be delegated to board staff.
 - The use of electronic signatures on licenses and other practice credentials.
- Reorganize licensure types into two categories; (1) licenses that require an examination; and (2) special license types.
- Eliminate the licensure pathway for international medical graduate that permits the substitution of unaccredited fellowships for accredited training.
- Clarify the accepted jurisdictions where medical school faculty applicants must hold unrestricted licensure as a prerequisite for eligibility for this license type.
- Repeal:
 - Regulation of radiologist assistants.
 - Licensure to practice at certain state veterans nursing home facilities.
 - Licensure by endorsement.
 - Temporary licenses.
- Authorize the Board to license and regulate genetic counselors.

Mr. Spangler reiterated that Board staff will continue to explore alternate licensing models for international medical graduates and will present concepts and make recommendations to the Committee at a future meeting. It is anticipated that proposed modifications to the West Virginia Medical Practice Act will be introduced during the 2026 session of the West Virginia Legislature.

Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, Ms. Takubo moved that the meeting adjourn. Dr. Dockery seconded the motion, and the motion carried without opposition.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kishore K. Challa', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kishore K. Challa, MD, FACC
Legislative Committee Chair