

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Information	
Committee	Legislative
Meeting Date	September 24, 2025
Meeting Time	5:00 pm
Location	Teleconference via Zoom

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
None

Call to Order

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

Modifications to the West Virginia Medical Practice Act

Prior to today's meeting a proposed bill which would modify the West Virginia Medical Practice Act was made available for members to review. As Ms. Alley drafted the proposed modifications, Mr. Spangler asked her to provide an overview of the bill. Ms. Alley reported the proposed bill before the Committee for consideration today includes the modifications that were included in Senate Bill 557, relating to licensing by the West Virginia Board of Medicine, during the 2025 session of the West Virginia Legislature, with the exception of W. Va. Code § 30-3-10 *et seq.* which includes newly modified language relating to international medical graduates. Specifically, the proposed modifications would permit the Board to grant a license to practice allopathic medicine and surgery to an applicant who has received the degree of doctor of medicine or its equivalent from an approved school of medicine located outside the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and Canada and who has not completed approved graduate medical education in the United States or Canada if the applicant:

- (1) Satisfies all the requirements of W. Va. Code § 30-3-10(b) except for the completion of approved graduate medical education;
- (2) Has successfully completed all requirements of an international graduate medical education residency training program;
- (3) Has successfully completed a minimum of two complete years of non-accredited fellowship training in the United States in a clinical field related to the applicant's international residency training. Provided, that the training was completed at an institution that sponsors or operates an ACGME-accredited residency program in the same clinical field or a related clinical field. One complete year of approved graduate medical education may be substituted for one year of non-accredited training;
- (4) The applicant submits evidence that he or she has an offer of employment to practice medicine and surgery in this state; and
- (5) The proposed employer submits a letter of sponsorship identifying the physician's proposed practice plans and endorsing the physician for licensure.

Dr. Lilly moved that the Committee approve the proposed modifications to the West Virginia Medical Practice Act as presented, authorize Board staff to make technical non-substantive modifications to numbering, and pursue introduction of the proposed bill during the 2026 legislative session. Ms. Takubo seconded the motion, and the motion carried without opposition.

Adjournment

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kishore K. Challa", written over a horizontal line.

Kishore K. Challa, MD, FACC
Legislative Committee Chair