

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Information

Committee	Legislative
Meeting Date	January 11, 2026
Meeting Time	10:00 am
Location	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	
Mark E. McDaniel, DO, FAAFP	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

Board member, Abdul R. Zanabli, MD, attended the meeting as a guest.

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 November 9, 2025 meeting minutes were made available for members to review. Dr. Lilly moved that the November 9, 2025 meeting minutes be approved as presented. Ms. Takubo seconded the motion, and the motion carried without opposition.

Proposed Bills for Consideration During the 2026 Legislative Session

Mr. Spangler reported that 2026 session of the West Virginia Legislature will commence on Wednesday, January 14, 2026. The Legislative Rule Making Review Committee has approved the proposed amendments to 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*, without modification. The rules will be considered by the West Virginia Legislature during the 2026 session. Additionally, Board staff have drafted proposed bills to:

- update the West Virginia Medical Practice Act;
- authorize the regulation of genetic counselors;
- establish an emeritus license for qualified providers; and
- create an educational permit for podiatric physicians.

Board staff are seeking sponsors for the proposed bills.

Establishment of 2026 Interim Meeting Dates

Ms. Takubo recommended that the Committee establish the following meeting dates and times:

- January 28, 2025 at 5:00 pm
- February 11, 2025 at 5:00 pm
- February 25, 2026 at 5:00 pm
- March 11, 2026 at 5:00 pm

Dr. Lilly seconded the motion, and the motion carried without opposition.

Committee Authorization to Act on Legislative Matters During the 2026 Regular Session of the West Virginia Legislature

Mr. Spangler reported that it is customary for the Board to delegate authority to the Legislative Committee to act on behalf of the Board as necessary to respond to legislative matters when the legislature is in session. As such, Dr. Lilly moved that the Committee recommend that the Board delegate authority to the Legislative Committee to act on behalf of the Board as necessary with regard to legislative matters between this meeting and the March 8, 2026 meeting. Ms. Takubo seconded the motion, and the motion carried without opposition.

Other Legislative Matters of Interest to the Committee

Prior to today's meeting, the following two documents were made available for members to review: (1) Stateline: *As AI Enters Exam Rooms, States Step up Oversight*; and (2) Federation of State Medical Board's (FSMB): *Navigating the Responsible and Ethical Incorporation of Artificial Intelligence into Clinical Practice*.

Mr. Spangler reported that the use of artificial intelligence (AI) is becoming more prominently used in healthcare. It is important to note that AI in healthcare should be used as a tool and should not eliminate responsibility and best practice for providers. The Committee discussed the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of members of the Board of Medicine, the West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine, the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, and the West Virginia RN Board, to develop policies and educational materials for licensees concerning the use of AI in healthcare. In the meantime, Board staff will continue to monitor regulation of the use of AI in healthcare and will keep the Committee apprised.

Adjournment

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



Kishore K. Challa, MD, FACEP
Legislative Committee Chair