

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Information	
Committee	Legislative
Meeting Date	February 11, 2026
Meeting Time	5:00 pm
Location	Virtual Meeting Conducted via Zoom

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
No guests / public members were present.

Call to Order

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

Board of Medicine Rules

Mr. Spangler provided an update with regard to **Senate Bill 343** and **House Bill 4292**, Authorizing the Board of Medicine to promulgate a legislative rule relating to licensure, practice requirements, disciplinary and complaint procedures, and continuing education for physician assistants, and **Senate Bill 344**, **Senate Bill 798**, and **House Bill 4293**, Authorizing the Board of Medicine to promulgate a legislative rule relating to continuing education for physicians and podiatric physicians. The Senate bills have not yet been placed on an agenda. The House bills have passed House Government Organization Committee and are awaiting consideration by the House Judiciary Committee.

Proposed Board of Medicine Bills

Prior to today's meeting the Board of Medicine bills identified below were made available for members to review.

Mr. Spangler reported that **Senate Bill 677**, Relating to Professionals Licensed by the WV Board of Medicine, has been introduced. This bill would update the West Virginia Medical Practice Act and authorize the Board to licensure and regulate genetic counselors. The bill is single referenced to Senate Health and Human Resources Committee. Senate Bill 677 has not yet been placed on an agenda. The House version of Senate Bill 677 is scheduled to be introduced tomorrow, February 12, 2026.

Mr. Spangler reported on **Senate Bill 583**, Creating an Emeritus Physician License, has passed Senate Government Organization Committee with amendments and is awaiting consideration by Senate Finance Committee. A companion bill, **House Bill 5325**, has been introduced and is awaiting consideration by House Government Organization Committee.

Mr. Spangler reported that Board staff continue to seek a sponsor for the Board's proposed bill which would create an educational permit for podiatric physicians.

Consideration of Bills Introduced that Relate to the Regulation of Medicine and/or are of Potential Interest to the Board

Prior to today's meeting, the bills identified in table below were made available for members to review. Additionally, a draft Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 647 was made available for members to review.

Mr. Spangler provided a brief description of each of the following bills and gave a status update when appropriate.

Bill Number	Title	Notes / Motion
Senate Bill 173	Prohibiting abortifacients	The Committee reviewed this bill. No action was taken.
Senate Bill 580	Updating practice act for WV Medical	The Committee reviewed this bill. No action was taken.

	Imaging and Radiation Therapy Technology Board	
Senate Bill 620	Exempting certain physicians from specified traffic laws when responding to emergencies	The Committee reviewed this bill. No action was taken.
Senate Bill 647	Allowing physician assistants to own practice	Mr. Spangler reported that a proposed amendment to Senate Bill 647 was drafted last week, but was not introduced. The amendment would permit physician assistants to practice independently. Board staff assisting in drafting a Committee Substitute which would eliminate practice notifications, but would not eliminate collaboration; collaboration would be determined at the practice level. Additionally, the bill continues to allow physician assistants to own foreign and domestic medical corporations and medical professional limited liability companies. Dr. Lilly moved that the Committee support the proposed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 647. Dr. McDaniel seconded the motion, and the motion carried without opposition.
House Bill 4610	Safeguard the Right-To-Try Cutting-Edge Medicine Act	The Committee reviewed this bill. No action was taken.
House Bill 4629	Relating to medical cessation treatment and research	The Committee reviewed this bill. No action was taken.
House Bill 4715	To remove restrictions for supervising physicians for Nurse practitioners or physician assistants in West Virginia	The Committee reviewed this bill. No action was taken.
House Bill 4770	Establishing limitations on the use of artificial intelligence and artificial intelligence technology to deliver mental health care, with exceptions for administrative support functions	The Committee reviewed this bill. No action was taken.

House Bill 4951	Requiring MDs and DOs to complete continuing education	The Committee reviewed this bill. No action was taken.
House Bill 5021	Relating to the limited circumstances in which a registered nurse may administer anesthetics.	The Committee reviewed this bill. No action was taken.
House Bill 5333	To allow patients to refuse residents and medical students from observing or performing medical care on patients	The Committee reviewed this bill. No action was taken.
House Bill 5378	Modifying the requirements for compulsory childhood immunizations to provide for exemptions based on religious and philosophical objections	The Committee reviewed this bill. No action was taken.
House Bill 5440	Allowing healthcare workers to refuse to perform procedures related to sex reassignment or gender identity transitioning for religious or conscientious objection	The Committee reviewed this bill. No action was taken.
House Bill 5442	Relating to training on the uses and indications of certain drugs for pregnant women.	The Committee reviewed this bill. No action was taken.
House Bill 5447	Changes to the requirements for do not resuscitate orders.	The Committee reviewed this bill. No action was taken.

Board staff will continue to monitor bills which relate to the regulation of medicine and/or are of potential interest to the Board, and will keep the Committee apprised.

Consideration of Other Bills

Mr. Spangler asked members to identify any additional bills for which they have questions or would like to discuss. No additional bills were identified.

Other Legislative Matters of Interest to the Committee

Mr. Spangler asked members to identify any additional legislative matters that they would like to discuss. No additional matters of interest were expressed.

Adjournment

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



Kishore K. Challa, MD, FACC
Legislative Committee Chair