

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Information	
Committee	Legislative
Meeting Date	February 25, 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 been bundled into **House Bill 4265**, Relating to authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to registration forms and tags for registration, taxation, and control of dogs. House Bill 4265 is on third reading in the House tomorrow, February 26, 2026.

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 provided an update with regard to **Senate Bill 677** and **House Bill 5458**, Relating to Professionals Licensed by the WV Board of Medicine. These bills would update the West Virginia Medical Practice Act and authorize the Board to licensure and regulate genetic counselors. **Senate Bill 677** is on Senate Health and Human Resources Committee agenda tomorrow February 26, 2026. **House Bill 5458** was on House Government Organization Committee agenda; however, the bill was not considered as technical issues were identified in advance of consideration. Board staff will work with legislative staff to resolve the technical issues via a Committee Substitute.

Mr. Spangler provided an update with regard to **Senate Bill 583** and **House Bill 5325**, Creating an Emeritus Physician License. **Senate Bill 583** has passed Senate Government Organization Committee and continues to await consideration by Senate Finance Committee. **House Bill 5325**, has not yet been placed on House Government Organization Committee agenda.

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 letter addressed to the Speaker of the House, Roger Hanshaw, which relates to Senate Bill 570, and which was drafted by staff at the Department of Health 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 570	Supplemental Appropriation to	Mr. Spangler asked Dr. McDaniel to speak to Senate Bill 570. Dr. McDaniel reported that Senate Bill 570 was introduced on January 21, 2026. This bill

	Department of Health, fund 8802	appropriates federal funds associated with the Rural Health Transformation Program. The bill passed Senate Finance Committee, passed the Senate and was ordered to the House, where it is awaiting consideration by the House Finance Committee. The West Virginia Department of Health has drafted a letter to be sent to the Speaker of the House, Roger Hanshaw, addressing “urgent concern over the future of the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) and its unprecedented impact for health care services and economic support it can deliver to our communities.” Additionally, the letter urges Speaker Hanshaw “to schedule and advance the legislation necessary to authorize and fund the Rural Health Transformation Program.” The Department of Health is seeking the Board of Medicine’s endorsement of the letter. While the Board is supportive of the RHTP, Committee members prefer to communicate support to Speaker Hanshaw directly. As such, during today’s meeting, Committee members provided guidance and approved draft correspondence to be sent in support of this matter. Dr. Lilly moved that the Committee authorize staff to submit the letter of support to Speaker Hanshaw. Dr. Dockery seconded the motion, and the motion carried without opposition.
Senate Bill 173	Prohibiting abortifacients	The Committee reviewed this bill. No action was taken.
Senate Bill 398	Removing full time requirement for health officers	The Committee reviewed this bill. No action was taken.
Senate Bill 580 ¹	Updating practice act for WV Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Technology Board	The Committee reviewed this bill. No action was taken.
Senate Bill 956	Authorizing physician assistants to own business	Mr. Spangler reported that Senate Bill 956 has been introduced. This bill adds a new section to the West Virginia Physician Assistants Practice Act which would remove collaborative / supervisory requirements and allow for independent practice. The bill does not address Practice Notifications. Additionally, the bill would permit physician assistants to own foreign and domestic medical corporations and medical professional limited liability companies. Ms. Takubo moved that the Committee authorize Board staff to oppose the bill as drafted,

¹ Dr. Lilly left the meeting after consideration of Senate Bill 580 and was absent from the remainder of the meeting. With a quorum remaining, the Committee continued its review of bills.

		engage in conversation with legislative staff to discuss the language discord with regard to practice notifications and seek amendment of the bill to conform with the Board's prior position. Dr. Dockery seconded the motion, and the motion carried without opposition.
Senate Bill 961	Relating to rule-making policies	The Committee reviewed this bill. No action was taken.
Senate Bill 993	Providing requirements for midwife licensure	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 5546	Requiring medical professionals to report injuries and side effects from vaccines to Bureau for Public Health	The Committee reviewed this bill. No action was taken.
House Bill 5615	Relating to Telehealth	Mr. Spangler reported that House Bill 5615 would eliminate the requirement that a patient have an in person visit with a health care practitioner within 12 months of an initial telemedicine service encounter. Additionally, the bill would require that patient healthcare records satisfy the legal requirements for the jurisdiction where the treating physician's primary practice is physically located and where the physician is primarily licensed. Currently, healthcare records for patients located in West Virginia are subject to West Virginia requirements. Dr. Dockery moved that the Committee oppose House Bill 5615. Ms. Takubo seconded the motion, and the motion carried without opposition.
House Bill 5650	To allow for the practice of naturopathic medicine in this state.	Mr. Spangler reported that House Bill 5650 would add a new section to the West Virginia Medical Practice Act, which would permit the practice of naturopathic medicine in West Virginia. Naturopathic physicians would be under the purview of the Board of Medicine. Ms. Takubo moved that the Committee oppose House Bill 5650. Dr. Dockery seconded the motion, and the motion carried without opposition.

House Bill 5681	Relating to empowering qualified certified nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives to prescribe, administer, and dispense prescriptions drugs without a collaborating physician.	Mr. Spangler asked Ms. Alley to speak to House Bill 5681. Ms. Alley reported that this bill would eliminate collaborative practice requirements for certified nurse practitioners and certified midwives, including the need for collaboration in order to prescribe, administer and dispense prescription medications. Dr. Dockery moved that the Committee oppose House Bill 5681. Ms. Takubo seconded the motion, and the motion carried without opposition.
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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. Dockery moved that the meeting adjourn. Ms. Takubo seconded the motion, and the motion carried without opposition.



Kishore K. Challa, MD, FACC
Legislative Committee Chair