

**Georgia Composite Medical Board
Meeting Minutes from January 08, 2026**

The Georgia Composite Medical Board (GCMB or Board) held its regular meeting on January 08, 2026, at the Board Office to consider Board matters.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John S. Antalis, MD
William K. Bostock, DO
Kathryn Cheek, MD, Chair
Debi Dalton, MD
Austin Flint, MD
Sreeni Gangasani, MD
Judy Gardner, Consumer Member
Alexander Gross, MD
Charles Harris, Consumer Member
George Harrison, MD
Kamesha Harbison, MD
J. Jeffrey Marshall, MD
Matthew Norman, MD
David Retterbush, MD
Barby Simmons, DO

EX-OFFICIO PA ADVISOR PRESENT:

Ashley Griffin, PA

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

Latisha Bias, Compliance Manager
Nehu Dave, Executive Admin Assistant
Kimberly Emm, Deputy Executive Director/Legal Counsel
David Harris, Licensure Manager
Jason Jones, Executive Director
Traylor Rogers, Chief of Operations
Tarodrick Harper, Chief Financial Officer
Cailin Van Eizenga, Paralegal

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:

Michelle Sawyer, Assistant Attorney General
Vanessa Alva, Assistant Attorney General

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Cheek called the meeting of the Georgia Composite Medical Board to order at 7:30 AM, and a quorum was established.

AGENDA

Dr. Marshall made a motion, seconded by Dr. Retterbush, to approve the agenda of the January 08, 2026, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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MINUTES

Dr. Retterbush made a motion, seconded by Dr. Marshall, to approve the minutes of the December 04, 2025, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Marshall made a motion, seconded by Dr. Norman, to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2025, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Dr. Cheek reminded Board members about recusal packets and took a headcount for the February 05, 2026, meeting, which will be held in-person at the Board office.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Jones shared updates that were for information purposes only.

APPEARANCES BEFORE THE BOARD

Dr. Curtis Cheeks, MD appeared before the board with his legal counsel, Mr. Clark Edmond, to appeal the Board's decision to deny his petition to lift suspension.

Dr. Retterbush made a motion, seconded by Dr. Marshall, to uphold the Board's original decision and permit the Attorney General's Office or Legal Services to discuss the matter further if requested. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Correspondence from Gary Podhaisky, MD:

- Do Georgia licensure, registration, or other regulatory requirements apply to providing online, non-clinical, education-only parenting and child development services to Georgia residents?
- If such requirements exist, what guidance can be provided on any applicable Georgia statutes, rules, or appropriate contacts to ensure full compliance?
Response: One-on-one contact and offering individual advice to Georgia residents establishes the doctor-patient relationship and requires a Georgia license.

2. Correspondence from Lillian Davis:

- What are the requirements to become a dispensing physician in order to dispense investigational products provided at no cost by trial sponsors?
- Does a physician need to obtain specific authorization to dispense investigational drugs under Georgia law?
- Is there a formal licensing or permitting process for the storage or designated space used for investigational products, and is an inspection required prior to dispensing such products?

Response: Your Institutional Review Board should be able to provide guidance on these matters.

3. Correspondence from Akanksha Arora:

- The Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC) requests consideration for approval as a recognized accrediting organization for Office-Based Surgery (OBS) in Georgia consistent with the Georgia Composite Medical Board's Office-Based Anesthesia and Surgery Guidelines.

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Response: Table – Obtain more information from the organization and reach out to the Anesthesia Society.

4. Correspondence from Mary Tobin:

- Does the Board’s adoption of federal telemedicine flexibilities for prescribing controlled substances through 2025 also apply to prescriptions for “dangerous drugs” as referenced in Georgia Rule 360-3-.02?

Response: Practitioners must comply with Georgia Rule 360-3-.07 when providing services via electronic means.

5. Correspondence from GHA re: DEA Flexibilities for Telehealth Prescribing:

- The DEA has issued a fourth temporary extension of the federal telemedicine flexibilities for prescribing controlled substances, which is expected to be published in the Federal Register imminently.
- GHA has requested that the Board consider whether it intends to continue recognizing the federal approach, as it has done previously, to support continuity of care, patient access, and regulatory clarity while federal rulemaking remains ongoing.

Response: Dr. Norman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Marshall, to extend telemedicine flexibilities until the end of 2026 in alignment with the DEA and HHS.

PHYSICIAN LICENSURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Gross presented the Physician Licensure Committee Report as a motion. Dr. Harrison seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The Board took the following actions:

Rule Petitions Approve:

1. Al Sayed, Hasan – 360-2-.02(5) – USMLE 7-Year Rule Waiver
2. Arslan, Zahid – 360-2-.02(5) – USMLE 7-Year Rule Waiver
3. Iqbal, Hamza – 360-2-.01(f) – Medical Education Official Transcript
4. Khodadadi, Hesam – 360-2-.01(5) – USMLE 7-Year Rule Waiver
5. Welch, Mark – 360-2-.01(g) – Verification of Post-Graduate/Residency Training

Questions/Request/Correspondence:

Farber, Devon – USMLE Step 1 – Additional Attempt Request

Response: Denied

Approve for Licensure:

Danato, Daniel
Lilenbaum, Rogerio
Lonquist, James
Ogunseinde, Babajide
Reddick, Sybil
Schenk, Christian
Watford, Kyle

Application for Licensure - Denied:

RT – Deny/Withdraw

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Application Revisit – Approved/Ratified

Anderson, Amos
Franz, Douglas
Romero, Dino
Slaker, Dirk (Administrative License)

Revisit – Tabled

LB

Revisit - Denied

NM – Deny/Withdraw

Table:

MA
EB
AH
JP

Interview:

CD
YN
CR
PGM
ST

**Administratively Approved Physician Licensure Applications between December 04, 2025
and January 07, 2025:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>License #</u>	<u>License Type</u>
Adam Adras Prevot	110755	Physician
Adedamola Olagoke Oni	46705	Physician
Adham Khaled Alkurashi	110680	Physician
Adriana A Penate	110840	Physician
Ahmad Mirza	110778	Physician
Ahmed Minhas	110705	Physician
Aimee Christina Duffy	110625	Physician
Alema Khandaker	110759	Physician
Alexia Caridad Foy-Crowder	110864	Physician
Allan Christopher Churukian	TM332	Physician
Allison Weiss	110623	Physician
Alyssa Ann Woltemath	110818	Physician
Alyssa Rae Espinera	110782	Physician
Amanda Emsrs	110774	Physician
Amanda Mener	110794	Physician
Amir Rouhani	110666	Physician
Andrew Cameron Benz	110669	Physician
Andrew Mark Lister	110862	Physician

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Anil Natesan Rama	TM336	Physician
Aninchana Sangkharat	110796	Physician
Anish Surapaneni	110811	Physician
Anna-Carson Rimer Uhelski	110781	Physician
Anne Ray	110678	Physician
Anthony Dale Sossong	110645	Physician
Anthony Ekene Chukwurah	110843	Physician
Anthony Mattioli	110719	Physician
Archana Kochar-Mehta	110735	Physician
Arif Riaz Chaudhry	110770	Physician
Arinze Okwudili Ikeme	110635	Physician
Ashish Reddy Chowdary	110718	Physician
Asia Brianna Thomas	110816	Physician
Atif Zafar	88398	Physician
Austin Lee Roach McJunkins	110643	Physician
Balaji Prasad Yerneni	110803	Physician
Bao Minh Nguyen	110841	Physician
Benjamin Brainerd	110802	Physician
Benjamin Reeves	110614	Physician
Bethlehem Gebre	15495	Physician
Bhargavi Donepudi	110850	Physician
Bruce Irwin Rose	110722	Physician
Bryan Christopher Husta	110838	Physician
Carlos Hou Fai Chan	110809	Physician
Carly Jo Pappo	110793	Physician
Chandu Siripuram	110714	Physician
Charity Ruth Bray	14147	Physician
Chelsea Justine Guy-Frank	110649	Physician
Christopher Michael Lewis	110661	Physician
Colt Overton Crymes	110689	Physician
Cora Anna Blodgett	110721	Physician
Corey Leskanic	110730	Physician
Cory Mellon	110764	Physician
Cristian Solano	110736	Physician
Cynthia Lin	110824	Physician
Cyrus Rais	110691	Physician
Damola Bolutife Olawuyi	110659	Physician
Daniel Blumenthal	110655	Physician
Danielle Elizabeth Rider	110706	Physician
David Edward Kline Feldman	110665	Physician
Deema Kamal Abdel Hamid Al-Souri	110717	Physician
Dino Romero	110683	Physician
Diyan Raza	110628	Physician
Donette Louise Bish	110829	Physician
Drew Hayes Smith	110827	Physician

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Eduardo Camacho Oliveira	110627	Physician
Elhadary Mazin	110711	Physician
Elise Roche Venable	110753	Physician
Elise Saddleton	110852	Physician
Elizabeth Tara Ninan	110773	Physician
Elsie Nuermle Kodjoe	110630	Physician
Emily Sue Reiff	110844	Physician
Eric Matthew Glenn	110758	Physician
Eric Ray Hawkins	110833	Physician
Eric Walker	110751	Physician
Erica Warkus	110740	Physician
Erik Won	110653	Physician
Esther Rhee	TM331	Physician
Evelyn Moore MacPherson	110720	Physician
Ever Adonay Hernandez	110731	Physician
Faith Danielle Hagler	110707	Physician
Farhad Koochekzadeh Yazdi	110681	Physician
Federico Ezequiel Parodi	110713	Physician
Felix Ijeoma Nwajei	110677	Physician
Felix Leandro Robles Zoquier	110799	Physician
Francisco Aldo Nizzi, Jr	110595	Physician
Gabriel Samuel Levi	110825	Physician
Gajan Ananda Mahendiran	110638	Physician
Gary Wiley Price	110699	Physician
Gautam Babu	110822	Physician
George Frank Moricz	110797	Physician
George Wennerberg	110671	Physician
Gregory Keith Bruce	110631	Physician
Hania Barbara Bednarski	110593	Physician
Hanife Saglam	110765	Physician
Harneet Pahwa	110828	Physician
Henrietta Maku	110618	Physician
Hernan Mauricio Avella	110697	Physician
Hicks Corey Manson	110769	Physician
Ihtisham Qayum	110792	Physician
Iryna Mahan	110630	Physician
J Bradford H Bertumen	110704	Physician
Jacob Funsho Oyeniya	110682	Physician
Jaims Lim	110615	Physician
Jalees Naseer	110784	Physician
James Dwight Ireland	110658	Physician
James Hickey	110842	Physician
James Lowell Thorndike	110754	Physician
Janice Seulgy Ahn	8356	Physician
Jay Modi	110791	Physician

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Jeanne Beth Wilson	110777	Physician
Jeffrey Bowers	110692	Physician
Jeremy Rainville Greenberg	110728	Physician
Jeremy Stephen Maylath	110601	Physician
Jerry Chang	110633	Physician
Jesse Layden Tucker	110820	Physician
Jesse Lee Costales	TM333	Physician
Jessica Baity	110695	Physician
Johann Paul Braithwaite	110629	Physician
John Lawson Botts	110679	Physician
John Luis Viechweg	110650	Physician
John Waddell	110640	Physician
JonAngelo Perry	110652	Physician
Jonathan Andrew Aun	110738	Physician
Jonathan Steven Racki	110624	Physician
Joseph Charles Pietron	110591	Physician
Joseph Ibrahim	110749	Physician
Joshua Allen Wilson	110832	Physician
Joshua Daniel Naterman	110743	Physician
Juan Luis Perez	110609	Physician
Julia Elizabeth Mattingly	110747	Physician
Justin Cody Armstrong	110834	Physician
Kade Josiah Bradley	110767	Physician
Kamel Hicham Ghandour	110847	Physician
Kanika Thapar	110703	Physician
Kate Stanitski	110726	Physician
Kayla Donn Richardson	110610	Physician
Kelara Samuel	110727	Physician
Kenneth Barshop	110594	Physician
Kenneth Hugh Tomczyk	110674	Physician
Khushboo Nilesh Parikh	110830	Physician
Kirt Ancil Caton	110701	Physician
Kunal Mahendra Patel	110823	Physician
Kwan Chun	110779	Physician
Kyle Sanders	110716	Physician
Lance R Dunlop	110596	Physician
Laura Reniker	110723	Physician
Laureano A. Giraldez	67923	Physician
Lelann Saitia Latu	110642	Physician
Lenay Santana	110694	Physician
Letitia Teray Bridges	110715	Physician
Lily Jane Gillespie	TM338	Physician
Linda Nguyen Robles	14893	Physician
Lonnie Wayne Lassiter, II	110849	Physician
Lovekirat Singh Dhaliwal	110752	Physician

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Madhannagari Naveen Kumar Reddy	110639	Physician
Malaika Amneus	TM337	Physician
Marcus Warner Moses	110599	Physician
Margaret Rose	110812	Physician
Mark Amrinder Singh Aujla	110636	Physician
Mark Davison	110660	Physician
Mark R. Danforth	110787	Physician
Martina Drawdy	110690	Physician
Matthew Jacob Zimmie	110757	Physician
Michael Andrew Butler	110622	Physician
Michael Pinsky	110672	Physician
Michael Shriver	110737	Physician
Michael Troise	110775	Physician
Mitchell Byrd	110795	Physician
Mitchell Theodore Oei	110657	Physician
Mithun Dhinakaran	110776	Physician
Mohammad Asim Amjad	110801	Physician
Molly McNamee	110651	Physician
Monica Bell	110683	Physician
Robert Maddox Monfort	110709	Physician
Benjamin Brainerd	110802	Physician
Peter Dashko	110814	Physician
Serphie Laguerre	110637	Physician
Mtanis Khoury	110710	Physician
Musharaf Khan	110702	Physician
Namita Jayaprakash	110724	Physician
Natalie J Patel	110785	Physician
Neiladri Kumar Khan	110810	Physician
Nicole Micklus	110865	Physician
Nishant Gupta	110605	Physician
Oleg Yerokhin Yerstein	110673	Physician
Oluyinka Olufawo Sofoluwe	110732	Physician
Omar Munir Al-Rusan	110750	Physician
Palgun Nisarga	110845	Physician
Patrice Lanette Reives-Bright	110663	Physician
Patrick Keith Griffith	40086	Physician
Paul Menell	110687	Physician
Paulina Katarzyna Buraczynski	110815	Physician
Pedro Gustavo de Rezende Teixeira	110648	Physician
Peter Saikali	110837	Physician
Porter Young	110676	Physician
Pramesh Dhakal	110598	Physician
Quinn R MacDougald	110729	Physician
Rafael de Meneses Oliveira	110760	Physician
Rafail Anastasios Chionatos	110762	Physician

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Raghava Reddy Induru	110851	Physician
Rajesh Upendra Shenoy	110835	Physician
Ramez S. F. Jabaji	110698	Physician
Rand Ibrahim	110632	Physician
Renee Louise Mohrmann	110746	Physician
Robert Connor Chick	110686	Physician
Robert Maddox Monfort	110709	Physician
Robert W Jones, III	110826	Physician
Robyn Alana Frankel	110656	Physician
Rohan Janwadkar	110771	Physician
Rohit Kalia	110675	Physician
Rui Wang	110786	Physician
Sabrina Naomi Campbell	83928	Physician
Sahar Naief Almansoori	110684	Physician
Saim Mustafa	110806	Physician
Samaneh Motanagh	110626	Physician
Samantha Williams	110597	Physician
Samuel Nelson	110839	Physician
Samuel O Jones	110634	Physician
Sankeerth Challagundla	110846	Physician
Santosh Ravi Rao	110696	Physician
Sarah Carol Fiallo	110763	Physician
Sasikanth Gorantla	110668	Physician
Satasuk Bhosai	110664	Physician
Saurabh Gambhir	TM334	Physician
Sean P Bliven	110768	Physician
Setu Dipak Patel	110617	Physician
Shannon Leigh Freeland Christian	110821	Physician
Shaza Alatassi	110592	Physician
Shivon Nuri Abdullah	110670	Physician
Shruti Dave	110733	Physician
Skyler Greene	110693	Physician
Sohail Amar Nibras	110808	Physician
Sonali Sanjay Ponkshe	110710	Physician
Soumya Pulipati	110789	Physician
Soung Ha Cho	110836	Physician
Sri Rasmita Jalla	110804	Physician
Stacy Blecher	110700	Physician
Stanley Ralph Hamilton	110798	Physician
Stephanie Yaa Agyapomaa Wiafe	110831	Physician
Stephen Chase Vetter	110654	Physician
Steven Sochacki	110744	Physician
Sudha Dirisanala	110708	Physician
Sumaiya Amena Hossain	110644	Physician
Suraj Patel	110780	Physician

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Taha Muhammad Sheikh	110725	Physician
Tarun Mallipeddi	110748	Physician
Ted G Xiao	110646	Physician
Thaer Abdallah Ahmad Musa	110688	Physician
Thomas Francis Rodenhouse	110712	Physician
Tina Lu Ang-Rabanes	110790	Physician
Tolani Adewole	110739	Physician
Tracie Annette Walker	110772	Physician
Travis Aaron Walker	TM335	Physician
Trevor William Sterling	110805	Physician
Tushar Pansuriya	110800	Physician
Van Stephen Monroe	110741	Physician
Vipul Raman Dev	110766	Physician
Waleed Hamed Sayedahmad	110662	Physician
Wayne Darryl Sherman	110807	Physician
Wes Ezra Smoot	110761	Physician
William C Cirocco	110848	Physician
Wilson Baumgartner	110756	Physician
Wooram Florian Jung	110813	Physician
Yazan Hani H Alkhouri	110621	Physician
Yetunde Wuraola Ogunesan	110647	Physician
Yuan Chen	110685	Physician
Yutaka Furuta	110788	Physician
Zachary Forrest Williams	110819	Physician
Zachary Michael Helm	110667	Physician
Ziyan Tahir Salih	110817	Physician

NURSE PROTOCOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Cheek presented the APRN Committee Report as a motion. Dr. Marshall seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The Board took the following actions:

The following Form Cs were approved:

Lioudmila Bourova-Brazier - PDO Threads
Lioudmila Bourova-Brazier - Collagen Stimulation Treatments
Lioudmila Bourova-Brazier - Mesotherapy Kybella
Lioudmila Bourova-Brazier - DeImal Fillers
Lioudmila Bourova-Brazier - Neurotoxins
Lioudmila Bourova-Brazier - Microneedling
Morgan Fox - Nuclear Stress Test
Ana Bonilla - Neurotoxin injection
Ana Bonilla - Dermal filler injection
Elizabeth Mitchell - Arterial line
Mallori Hurd - Neurotoxins
Mallori Hurd - Dermal fillers
Greg Joyner - Knee injection

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Greg Joyner - Shoulder injection
Xiaoyan Li - Colposcopy
Emily Ussery - Urinalysis
Emily Ussery - Fluoride varnish
Emily Ussery - Cerumen removal
Dionne Butler - Urinalysis
Dionne Butler - Fluoride varnish
Dionne Butler - Cerumen removal
Summer Morrow - Microneedling
Summer Morrow - Dermal Filler
Summer Morrow - Toxins

The following Form Cs were denied:

Garrett Surrency - Joint Injections
Katelyn Clifton - Joint Injection
Katelyn Clifton - Trigger Point Injection
Lioudmila Bourova-Brazier - Cosmetic Laser Procedures
Snavly Fenelon - Joint Injections
Snavly Fenelon - Trigger Point Injection
Lioudmila Bourova-Brazier - PRP/ PRF/Vampire Lift
Lioudmila Bourova-Brazier - Weight Management

The Committee reviewed and approved the following protocol agreements under the provision of O.C.G.A. 43-34-25.

APRN

Bennett, Julie
Boyle, Kylie
Chaphe, Tina
Dobbs, Melanie
Fox, Morgan
Gregory, Savannah
Locklier, Erica
Mianulli, Caroline
Morrow, Summer
Povolny, Michelle
Randall, Courtney
Smith, Jessica (Resubmit)
Vaughn, Kristen (resubmit)

Delegating Physician

Jonathan Tronolone, MD
Naveen Raj, DO
Horace Cline, MD
Ward Rogers, MD
William Knopf, MD
Colin Dirck, MD
Sendhil Subramanian, MD
Michael Hilton, MD
Lori Martin, MD
Megan Smith, DO
Bolivia Jenkins, MD
Randy Durbin, DO
Lesley Cown, MD

The Committee determined that the following protocol agreements meet the provisions of O.C.G.A. 43-34-25 with changes.

APRN

Bembry, Earl
Bonilla, Ana
Bourova-Brazier, Lioudmila
Burton, Katie

Delegating Physician

Michael Miller, MD
John Connors, MD
David Whiteman, MD
Jose Sepulveda, MD

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Clifton, Katelyn	Thomas Miller, MD
Colier, Samuel	Virgle Mcever, MD
Dennis, Krystal	Senthil Balasubramanian, MD
Fowler, Hannah	Daniel Schoenborn, DO
Hawkins, Dreama	Marc Goldman, MD
Holmes, Cherie	Antonios Sideris, MD
Huggins, Taylor	Eric Chung, DO
Kennedy, Ronalda	Saba Bejanishvili, MD
Maxey, Alorna	Dennis Foster, MD
Neal, De 'Monica	Vishal Arora, MD
Rodisch, Margaret	Robert Kirtley, MD
Smith, Nicole (Resubmit)	Jose Sepulveda, MD
Snavly Fenelon	Peter Fong, MD
Stamey, Samantha	Jose Sepulveda, MD
Surrency, Garrett	Timothy Beck, MD

The Committee determined that the following protocol agreements do NOT meet the provisions of O.C.G.A. 43-34-25.

APRN

Hurd, Rebecca
Kucinich, Barbara
Peterson, Marissa
Prozillo, Lindsey (resubmit)
Sogbamu, Olugbenga

Delegating Physician

Kelly Scheinberg, MD
Kelly Scheinberg, MD
Shashank Patel, MD
Christopher Curro, MD
Precious Barnes, DO

Protocols Administratively Reviewed: 890

The following protocol agreements meet the provisions of OCGA 43-34-25:
Minutes will be amended when the list can be extracted from the new system.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Griffin presented the Physician Assistant Committee Report as a motion. Dr. Marshall seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The Board took the following actions:

Rule Petitions

Michele Johnson – Variance Approved
Danielle Thomas - Waiver approved in part must provide at least one physician reference.

The Committee recommended approval of the following applications for initial licensure with a supervising physician:

PA

Keith Barnes
Antonio Chang
Caleb Ely
Stephen Fender
Rachel La Costa
Julia Marn

Supervising Physician

Bailey Omavi
Paul Walker
Jonathan Wurl
Jeffrey Lee
Melinda Pauley
Gary Woods

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Assefa Meshesha
Ellie Norris
Mirali Patel
Brittany Wisniewski

Anwar Shagarabi
Henry Morris
Katie Roddy
James Kingley

The Committee recommended pending approval of the following applications for initial licensure with a supervising physician:

PA

Julia Ball
Maria Belaya
Latoya Bolds-Johnson
Loriann Chatfield
Miriam Hernandez
Jason Hirsch
Kelly Lamb
Dorothy Madrang
Ashley Miguel
Yogi Nayyar
Julie Phan
Brian Savage
Briana Stith
Mitchell Tagani
Sarah Williamson

Supervising Physician

Kenneth Rice
Royce Miller
Sinikka Green
Amy Rapaport
Steven Fein
Bradley Kinney
Kinesh Changela
Mena Kerolus
Elizabeth Hughes
Jason Lichtenstein
Alice Chae
Wu Hanping
Felix Rodriguez- Del Rio
Amy Rapaport
Travis Patterson

The Committee recommended approval of the following applications for initial licensure without a supervising physician:

PA

Melissa Beachy
Samantha Brown
Han Bui
Khalima Burns
Taniella Campbell
Audrey Coleman
Kailin Clanton
Amanda Dooly
Si Yan Dou
Joerissa Geraldts
Ashley Hagan
Chasen Halcomb
Brandon Harper
Genna Jones
Lyjiria Lacy
Arleda Lawson
Erin Leonard
Krishna Louis
Dominique Mack

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Sydney McClinton
Betsnat Mengesha
Lia Peralta
James Polites
Richard Simpson
Amber Tinney
Taylor Toney
Mengzhou Yu

The Committee recommended pending approval of the following applications for initial licensure without supervising physicians:

PA

Nawaf Alay
Courtney Bartlone
Shanna Baus
Jolie Blodgett
Bella Chopra
Davya Cummings
Sydney Dallman
Devyn Davis
Rachel Eves
Sydney Glogowski
Jessie Husty
Kelly Kirklava
Drew Malphrus
Randy Martinez
Kirk Matthews
Natasha Okorley Hanson
Jason Powell
Caitlin Rodgers
Sylvia Shin
Samantha Walters

The Committee recommended approval of the following applications for reinstatement licensure without a supervising physician:

PA

Jennifer Card
Padma Chintipalli
Kara Harner

The Committee recommended pending approval of the following applications for reinstatement licensure without a supervising physician:

PA

Patrick Bafuma

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The Committee recommended approval of the following applications for reinstatement licensure with a supervising physician:

PA Jeffrey Walker Salihu Yarima	Supervising Physician Matthew Turek Taj- K Eubanks
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The Committee recommended approval of the following additional duties:

PA	Additional Duty	Supervising Physician
Annette Dickerson	Central Venous Catheter Placement Moderate Sedation Paracentesis Thyroid Biopsy	Meghan Lilly
Norina Hall	Moderate Sedation Bone Marrow Aspiration & Biopsy	Richa Parikh
Jordan King	Arterial Lines Central Lines Moderate Sedation	James Barger
Aijeleth Lee	Central Lines Intubation	Gaurav Budhrani
Kaylee Phillips	Bone Marrow Biopsy and Aspiration	Andres Chang

The Committee recommended TABLING the following additional duties:

PA	Additional Duty	Supervising Physician
Cherylance Farnum	Central Lines Arterial Lines Moderate Sedation	Sharaf Khan
James Heinlein	Lumbar Punctures with Intrathecal Chemotherapy Bone Marrow Biopsy and Aspiration	Colin Vale
Jesse Rogers	Botox Injections Filler Injections	Brandon Boyce

Approved Add/Changes

PA Elizabeth P. Aaron Christina Agyepong Audrey Arthur Amelia Baker Caitlin Barker Katie Bava Joe Baugham Nathan Boykin Magen Brennan Joy Broyles	Supervising Physician Peter Trottier Mark Tanner Bunja Rungruang Giridhar Vedula Kunal Patel Jigar Patel Felix Rio Siddarth Umopathy Bruce Kalmin Lijo Simpson
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Rosemarie Casanova	Luis Perezalonso
Joshua Colliver	Ricky Doshi
Lance M. Craig	Johan Koo
Scott W. Craven	Nathan Cleaver
Amanda Culbertson	Nibedita Patro
Jeffrey Andrew D'Ambrosio	Blake Robert Smith
Robert Edmonds	Mary Wilkie
Cherylance Farnum	Sharaf Khan
Ryan Flanagan	Karin L. Vadelund
Sherrell Forston	Sanjay Mehta
Patrick Francois	Gail Leigh Peters
Daniel Gallo	Samira Asker
Richard Gieck	Douglas Boler
Emily Gleason	Henry Webb
Simone Griffin	Lorenzo Leon
Karen Hammond	Todd Cramer
Madeline J. Hanson	Ishan Mehta
Stephen Hartle	Finbar Woitalla
Elizabeth Heard	Bryson Hauck
Renah Hightower	Bill Moses
Celeste C. Hosfeld	Matthew Broderick
Sherby Holloway	Claire Douglas
Meaghen Jenkins	Daniel Wu
Katherine R. Johansen	Uma Jayaraman
Amy Jones	Mary Beauchamp
Patricia Kirabo	Sundus Lodhi
Nicole Kjosa	James Wheeler
Kayla Klein	Gerald Moody
Jaiel Lockett	Syamala Erramilli
John Lokey	Steven Williams
Ragan Lowe	Anna Chacon
Aaron Malucci	Nagender Mankan
Emma Martin	Olanrewaju O. Ladipo
Jessica Mccaskill	Ki Kim
Kelly Ann McDonald	Francisco J. Jacome
Maya Mehta	Dauri Alvarez
Melissa Mermiges	Efrain Perez
Jerrica Miles	Roger Carr
Brooks Mitchell	Elmore Alexander
Rebecca Mitchell	Charles Grant
Behetrin Mohammed	Tina Sankhla
Nnamdi Ofodile	Jonathan Marti
Adegboyega Orelaja	Kimberly Stillwachs
Morgan Palasti	Charlene Banks
Brian Palm	Amy Hubert
George Pattam	Joshua Lovelock

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Brian Pendleton	Thomas Holcombe
Adam Rhoades	Swathi Singanamala
Katrina Richards	David Brosnahan
Amanda Roncome	Ashwini Tilak
John Rowe	Jeffrey Winge
Yasmilka Sarmiento	Cyrus Irani
Angela Scarboro	Huitt E. Mattox
Deborah A. Scarborough	Mubashar Munir
Melinda Scott	Nalini Ramaiya
Telicia D. Scott	Brittany W. Jacob
Makayla Sims	Nizar Hariri
Sarah Sims	Susan Wheatley
Joshua Slatky	Jeffrey Kovacic
Gary Smith	Dennis Williams
Stephen Smigelsky	Ricky Doshi
Cynthia Stover	Lisan Hagberg
Taylor Streifert	Ashish Bhakta
John W. Strain II	Chad Beck
Eliana Suenkel	Mark Murphy
Shykira Thomas	Crystal Stewart
Tracy Thomas	Anita Deshpande
Tamara I. Thorn	Russell E. Brown
Chandler Ulter	William Nimmons
Lan Vu-Weber	Tyler Sadka
Jenny Walker	Corinne Howington
Freda Wall	Ujwal Patel
Ashlie Walsh	Theresa Jarmuz
Rachel Wells	Michael L. Cordova
Mary Capers Wicker	Andrew D. Jones
Vanessa Winokur	Brenda Morales-Pico
Charlotte Wood	Vincent Daniel DiCarlo
Morgan Woodruff	Paul Chai
Chongmyong Won	Daniel Gianoli
Elizabeth Wonin	Finbar Woitalla

Other Business

It was discussed and recommended that the Board consider publishing an official memorandum advising all hospitals, credentialing entities, and healthcare facilities that the Board will no longer post PA and AA Job Description approval letters on public verifications.

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COSMETIC LASER PRACTITIONER ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Dalton presented the Cosmetic Laser Committee Report as a motion. Dr. Retterbush seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The Board took the following actions:

Questions/Requests/Correspondence:

Correspondence from Caitlin Lentz, Little Health Law – Seeking clarification regarding the use of a Stellar M22 machine in compliance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-34-240 – 43-34-253 and the amended rules in Chapter 360-35 that will be coming into effect.

Stellar M22 provides four different types of treatment

1. Intense Pulse light ("Universal IPL")
2. Skin resurfacing ("ResurFX")
3. Long pulse light ("Multi-Spot Nd:YAG")
4. Removing pigment and tattoos ("Q-Switched Nd: YAG")

Response: Only number 1 is IPL and would not require an examination. Numbers 2 through 4 are not IPL and would require an examination prior to service.

Table Applications

KL

JL

AL

EL

HG

Approve for ALP Licensure:

Acuff, Faith

Alexander, Khandaria

Carson, Elizabeth

Chapman, McKenzie

Choe, Eunjoo

Conner, Suzette

Cosper, Alyvia

Gilber, Caitlin

Gritton, Tamara

Halton, Gabrielle

Han, Young

Jones, Trinity

Lee, Kendra

Moye, Madison

Ramkissoon, Sharee

Randall, Akira

Shareef, Kelly

Stephens, Chante

Thomas, Audrey

Umana-Valle, Alexandria

Vance, Taeya

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Approve for SLP Licensure:

Crumpler, Elizabeth
De Almeida, Geovanna
McDaniel, Marilyn
Swicord, Jasie

Other Business:

Correspondence from Christopher Denison, Esq. re SL

Response: After consideration of the additional information provided, the Committee recommends rescinding the referral.

RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Harrison presented the Respiratory Care Committee Report as a motion. Dr. Retterbush seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The Board took the following actions:

Correspondence:

- Correspondence from Emily Rich – Inquiring why respiratory specific Georgia Nursing Association continuing education is accepted for RCP and ANCC (American Nurses Credentialing Center) and ANA (American Nurses Association) is not.

Response: Tabled for additional information gathering.

Full Licensure Approved

Alvarado, Adasha
Brown, Ashley
Carey, Landon
Cook, Taylor
Ellison, Ariyona
Forehand, Kailey
Ganesan, Dhruva
Jackson, Allahja
Lorenz, Marie
Rench, Karie
Roberts, Ashley
Rose, Macy
Smith, Destiny
Stanescu, Andrei
Tarter, Amber
Thomas, Keisha
Whitley, Robin

Full Licensure Approved Pending Documentation

Clark, Acisha
Loftin, Lauren
Thomas, Tovonya
Newman, Shanna
Dariste, Gracianie

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Reinstatement Approved

Carter, Sandra
Norris, Adelyn

Reinstatement Approved Pending Documentation

Harris, Brianna
Stark, Leeann

Other Business

M.B. – Committee reviewed the file.

PERFUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Marshall presented the Perfusion Committee Report as a motion. Dr. Gangasani seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The Board took the following actions:

Application Approved for Full Perfusion Licensure:

Titus, Solomon

ACUPUNCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

As the Acupuncture Committee was unable to establish a quorum on January 6, 2026, Dr. Bostock presented the applications and correspondence item to the Board. Dr. Marshall made a motion to accept the recommendations made by the Board, Dr. Norman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The Board took the following actions:

Correspondence:

Correspondence from Bn Kim – Would 10 years of experience as a Herbal Pharmacist in South Korea be sufficient to waive the one year of supervised postgraduate practice?

Response: Tabled for further clarification.

Approve Quarterly Report:

Youn Moon

Approve for Initial Licensure:

Christie Wisel
Serenity Henderson
Amanda Grim
Gloria Osorio
Jennifer Hornburg

Table:

AD
CM

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ORTHOTIST & PROSTHETIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Bostock presented the Orthotist & Prosthetist Committee Report as a motion. Dr. Retterbush seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The Board took the following actions:

Administrative Approval Permission for Reinstatement Licensure:

Michael Dean - Pending receipt of additional documentation

Administrative Approval Permission for Dual Licensure:

Emma Watson - Pending receipt of additional documentation

Approved for Upgrade to Dual Licensure:

Michael Masciantonio
Melissa Whidby

PAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Gangasani presented the Pain Management Committee Report as a motion. Dr. Marshall seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The Board took the following actions:

Approve the following for Pain Licensure:

Interventional Pain Institute

GENETIC COUNSELOR COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Simmons presented the Genetic Counselor Committee Report as a motion. Dr. Norman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The Board took the following actions:

Approve the following Genetic Counselor applicant (Full):

Borden, Kylie

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Marshall motioned, seconded by Dr. Retterbush, to go into executive session to discuss confidential matters. The motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

Dr. Cheek declared open session.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION REPORT

The LEAR was presented as a motion by Dr. Retterbush and was seconded by Dr. Norman. The Board accepted the report by unanimous vote for information only.

LEGAL SERVICE REPORT

The Legal Services report was presented as a motion by Dr. Retterbush and was seconded by Dr. Norman. The Board accepted the report by unanimous vote. The Board took the following actions:

Dwayne Watkins, MD – Reconsideration to Lift Limitation – Uphold prior Board decision of denial.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

The AG report was presented as a motion by Dr. Marshall and was seconded by Dr. Norman. The Board accepted the report by unanimous vote. The Board took the following actions:

Cases/Matters Closed in 2025: 102

Cases/Matters Closed in 2026: 2

Upcoming/Pending Hearings:

Melvin Perry, MD

Michael Gross, MD

Shrinath K. Nadig, MD

Ratification of Orders:

AC – Confidential Order Docketed

Samuel Shor, MD – Public Consent Order Docketed

Donald L. Gates, MD – Public Consent Order Docketed

Carlos Miguel Cossio, Sr., MD – Final Decision

Neil Shah, MD – Public Consent Order

INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEWS

The Investigative Interviews report was presented as a motion by Dr. Marshall and was seconded by Dr. Norman. The Board accepted the report by unanimous vote. The Board took the following actions:

M.G. Request denied, pathway provided.

20250959 Table

20251279 Close

20251969 Refer to Department of Law

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Investigative Committee report was presented as a motion by Dr. Marshall and was seconded by Dr. Norman. The Board accepted the report by unanimous vote. The Board took the following actions:

Close:

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20211297 20250697 20251918 20251967

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20240900	20251433	20251943	20260492
20241409	20251439	20251944	20260662
20241505	20251552	20251945	20260787
20241538	20251701	20251946	20260817
20241666	20251725	20251947	20260901
20241672	20251843	20251950	20260971
20241714	20251847	20251952	20260974
20241845	20251853	20251953	20260975
20241883	20251854	20251954	20261019
20250156	20251862	20251956	
20250473	20251864	20251957	
20201552	20241141	20251569	
20211558	20250586	20251621	
20240587	20250597	20252321	
20240954	20251559	20260644	

Letter of Concern:

20251852

Further Investigation:

20250898

Invite for Investigative Interview:

20230524

20252148

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Peer Review:

20251038

20251938

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Recusals:

Dr. Dalton	20230524	20251935
Dr. Retterbush	20251318	20251969

WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Wellness Committee report was presented as a motion by Dr. Retterbush and was seconded by Dr. Norman. The Board accepted the report by unanimous vote. The Board took the following actions:

Georgia PHP, Executive Director Robin McCown, presented the PHP report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion Dr. Gross, seconded by Dr. Norman, to adjourn the meeting at 1:33 PM.

Kathryn Cheek, MD
Chairperson

Jason S. Jones
Executive Director

Recorded by:
Board Staff