

**Georgia Composite Medical Board
Meeting Minutes from December 19, 2025**

The Georgia Composite Medical Board (GCMB or Board) held a meeting on December 19, 2025, via teleconference to consider Board matters.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John S. Antalis, MD
Kathryn Cheek, MD, Chair
Judy Gardner, Consumer Member
Alexander Gross, MD
Charles Harris, Consumer Member
J. Jeffrey Marshall, MD
Matthew Norman, MD
David Retterbush, MD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

William K. Bostock, DO
Debi Dalton, MD
Austin Flint, MD
Sreeni Gangasani, MD
George Harrison, MD
Kamesha Harbison, MD
Barby Simmons, DO

EX-OFFICIO PA ADVISOR PRESENT:

Ashley Griffin, PA

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

Kimberly Emm, Deputy Executive Director/Legal Counsel
Nehu Dave, Executive Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Cheek called the meeting of the Georgia Composite Medical Board to order at 3:02 PM, and a quorum was established.

AGENDA

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

DISCUSSION ITEM

Internationally Trained Physicians

The Board discussed potential language for new legislation relating to Internationally Trained Physicians. The discussion focused on supervision, time out of practice, English proficiency, document translation requirements, physician profiles, facility settings, and fairness. The Board does not want to see a two-tiered system created which would make it easier for an internationally trained physician to obtain licensure than a U.S. trained physician. The Board also wants to ensure that any qualifying internationally trained physicians are treated fairly by the hospitals or rural practices that employ them.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion Dr. Antalis, seconded by Dr. Marshall, to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 PM.

Kathryn Cheek, MD
Chairperson

Jason S. Jones
Executive Director

Recorded by:
Board Staff