

SB 476

Internationally Trained Physicians (ITP) Workgroup

January 28, 2026

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Call to Order & Roll Call

(5:00-5:05PM)

**Jill Shaw, DO, Workgroup Chair
Oregon Medical Board Representative**



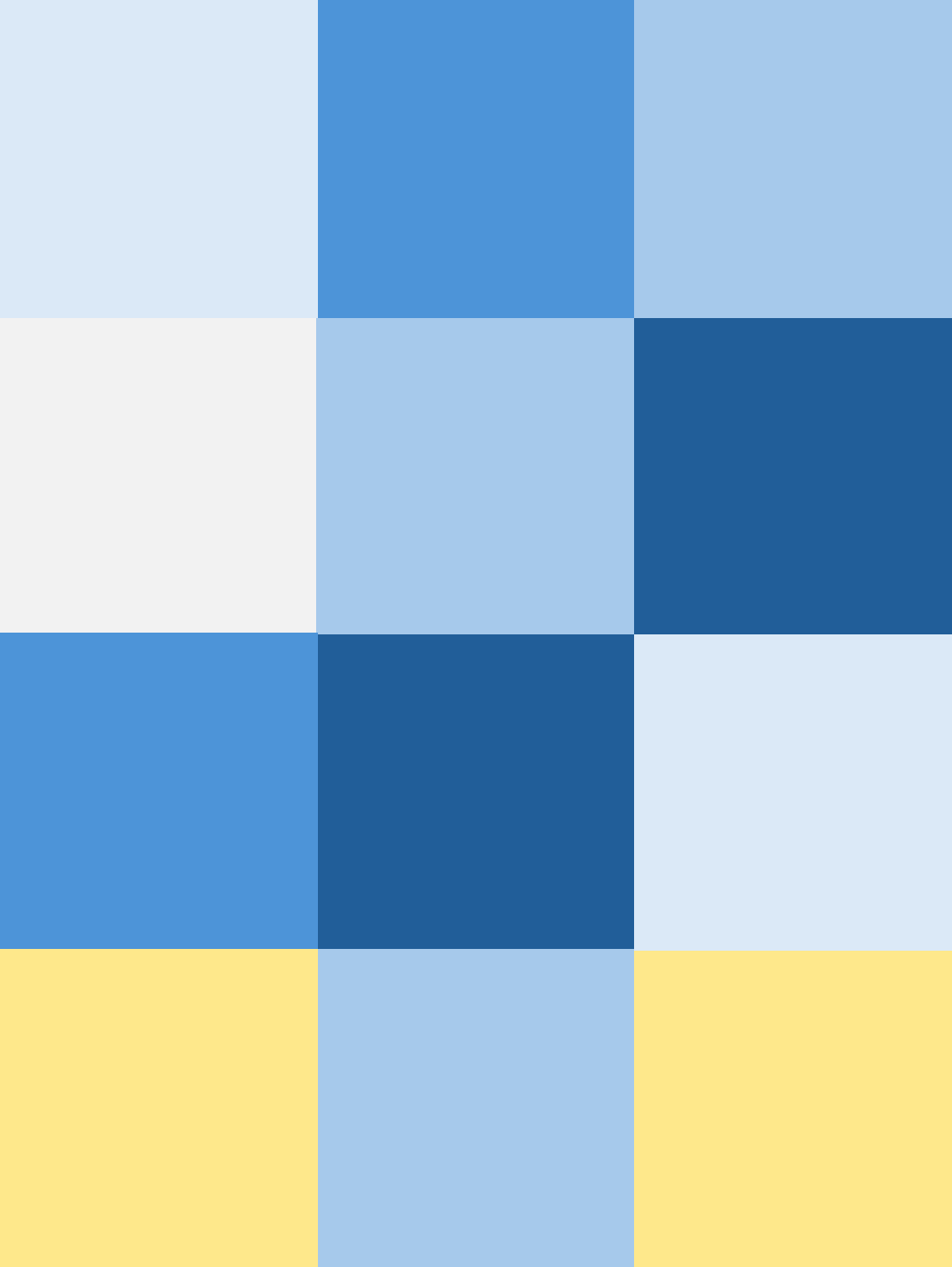
Workgroup Members

- Jill Shaw, DO – Oregon Medical Board Representative, Workgroup Chair
- Thomas Cooney, MD, MACP, FRCP – American College of Physicians Representative
- Marianne Parshley, MD, MACP – Oregon Medical Association Representative
- Michelle Bowers, MS, CWDP – Oregon Primary Care Association Representative
- Ann Klinger, OHSU Health Medical Affairs – Facility Representative
- Erich Koch CMPE, FHFMA, Klamath Health Partnership – Facility Representative
- Marianne Calnan, MD, DrPH – Internationally Trained Physician
- Win Mar Lar Kyin, MB, BS, MPH, MBA – Internationally Trained Physician
- Theresa San Agustin, MD (retired) – Community Member
- Paula Heimberg, MD – ITP Physician Mentor
- Vipul Mahajan, MBBS, FACP, FHM, CPE – ITP Physician Mentor
- Lina deMorais, District Director, Senator Kayse Jama – Sponsoring Legislator (ex officio)



Meeting Overview

- This workgroup will gather input from affected parties and experts to help develop rules for Senate Bill 473 (2025).
- The workgroup is advisory only—OMB makes final decisions and consensus is not required.
- Open, honest, and respectful communication is expected at all times.
- This is a public meeting and will be recorded.
- The public may attend and comment during designated times but will be muted otherwise.
- Additional comment opportunities will be available when draft rules are submitted to the Secretary of State.



Follow Up from January 14th Meeting

(5:05-5:10PM)

Oregon Medical Board Staff



Follow Up Topics



- **Verifying International Medical Education:** The Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certification process verifies medical school credentials using the World Directory of Medical Schools.
- **Other ITP Models:** The Cicero Institute has developed a model for internationally trained physicians. SB 476 was created following the Advisory Commission on Additional Licensing Models (ACALM) framework.
- **Pathway to Full Licensure:** Under SB 476, internationally trained physicians who complete four years of supervised practice in Oregon with a provisional license can apply for full licensure without completing a U.S. residency program (SB 476, Section 8).



Discussion of Qualifications for ITP Provisional License

(5:10-6:30PM)

Workgroup Members





SB 476 Eligibility, Section 6(1)

To qualify for provisional licensure, an internationally trained physician must:

- Medical Degree: Graduate from a school of medicine with a degree substantially similar to a Doctor of Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO), as determined by the Oregon Medical Board.
- Training Program: **Complete a training program substantially similar to approved training programs in the United States.**
- ECFMG Certification: Obtain certification from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), which requires passage of USMLE Steps 1 & 2.
- Practice Experience: **Practice a minimum of three years of full-time practice as a physician in another country or jurisdiction.**
- Good Standing: Provide proof of good moral character and **verification of good standing in all countries or jurisdictions where they practiced, trained, or educated.**



Training Program (5:10-5:40PM)

What should the OMB consider in determining whether an international training program is “substantially similar” to an ACGME-accredited residency?

- What criteria should be met for a program to be deemed substantially similar?
- Should the OMB require that the program be accredited by a particular entity?
- For surgical specialties, should there be case requirements?
- Other considerations or requirements?
- What documentation can be obtained from the training programs to verify completion and competency to practice medicine?

Practice Experience (5:40-6:05PM)



How could the OMB verify if an applicant practiced medicine in another country or jurisdiction for at least three years?

- What type of practice would satisfy this requirement?
- What documentation can be obtained from employers or regulators to verify this practice requirement?

Good Standing (6:05-6:30PM)



How could the OMB verify proof of good standing in all countries or jurisdictions where they practiced, trained, or educated (outside of the U.S.)?

- Is there commonly used terminology or documentation that should be specified?
- Are there regional databases similar to the National Practitioner Data Bank?



Public Comment

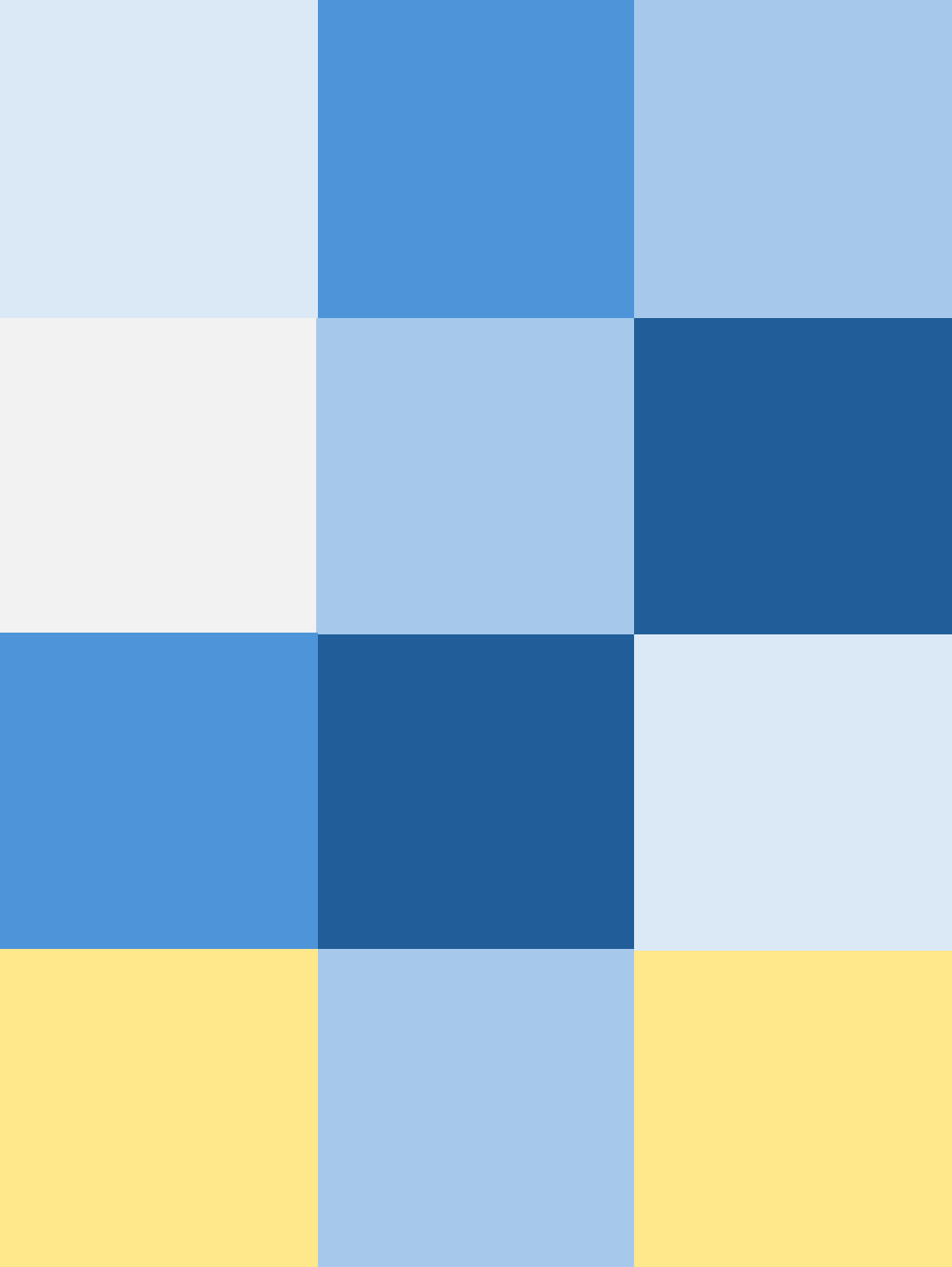
(6:30-5:50PM)

Public attendees may comment by raising their hand, and OMB staff will call on you.

Please state your name and organization (if applicable) and limit your comments to less than 3 minutes each.

Additional written comments may be emailed to **elizabeth.ross@omb.oregon.gov**.





Closing Discussion

(6:50-7:00PM)

Next Workgroup Meetings:

- Wednesday, February 25, 5-7PM
- Wednesday, April 15, 5-7PM
- Wednesday, May 13, 5-7PM



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Resources



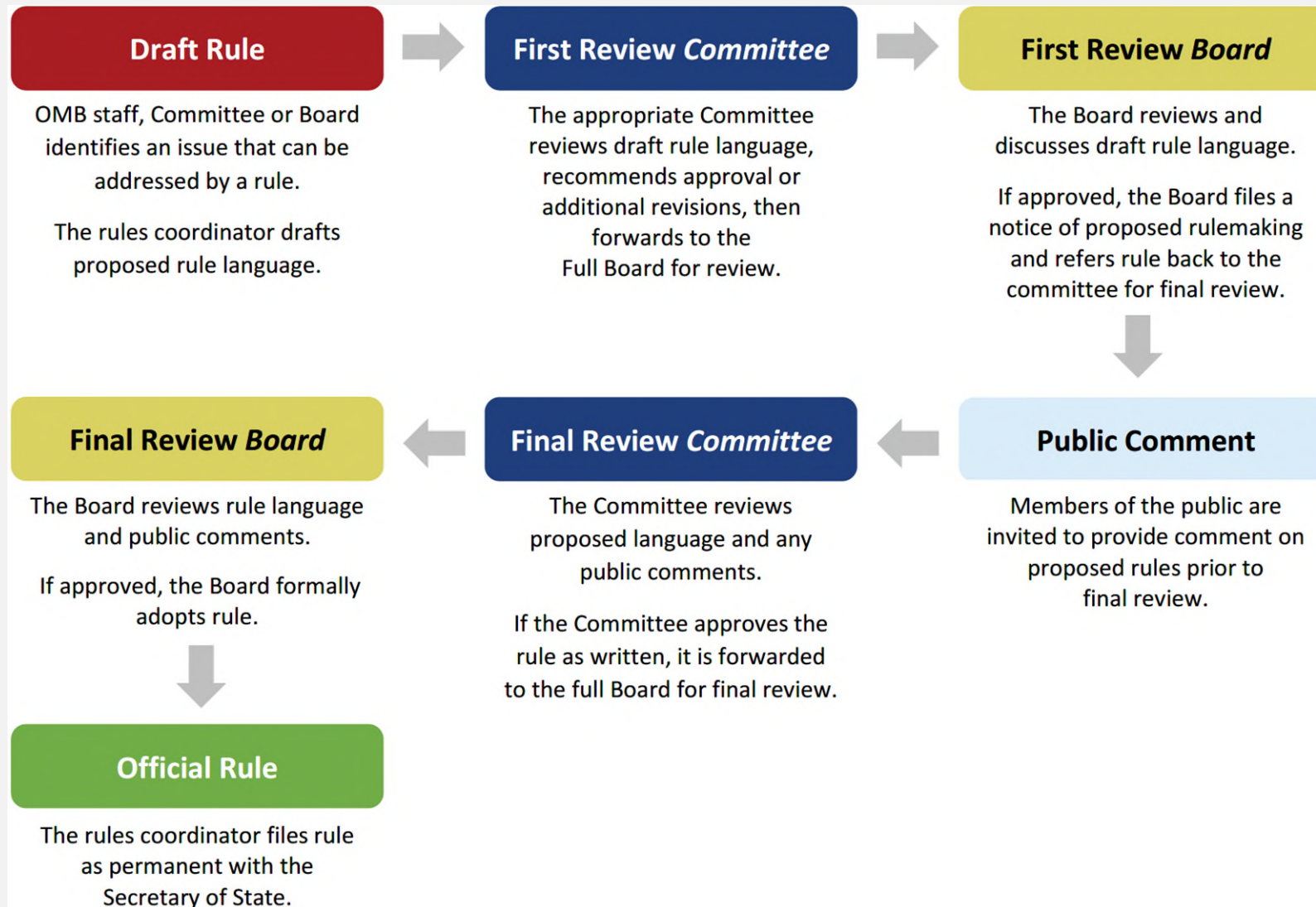
Tentative Timeline

Dates and times subject to change.

July 31, 2025	SB 476 signed by Governor Tina Kotek
January 14, 5-7PM	ITP Workgroup Meeting, Informational Session
January 28, 5-7PM	ITP Workgroup Meeting
February 25, 5-7PM	ITP Workgroup Meeting
March 11, 5PM	OMB Administrative Affairs Committee reviews the Workgroup's recommendations, makes recommendations to the Board
April 2	Oregon Medical Board reviews all recommendations
April 15, 5-7PM	ITP Workgroup Meeting
May 13, 5-7PM	ITP Workgroup Meeting
June 10, 5PM	OMB Administrative Affairs Committee reviews the Workgroup's recommendations, makes recommendations to the Board
July 9	Oregon Medical Board reviews all recommendations, initiates rulemaking
After July 9	OMB files notice of proposed rules; formal public comment period opens
August 18	Public hearing for members of the public to provide oral testimony
September 9	Final review by the Administrative Affairs Committee
October 1	Final review and possible adoption by the Oregon Medical Board
October-December	OMB staff develop program systems (IT, website, forms, etc.)
January 1, 2027	SB 476 sections 4-9 and OMB rules become effective.
January 4, 2027	OMB starts accepting ITP applications



OMB Rulemaking Process



Public Meetings Law



- Workgroup meetings will follow Oregon Public Meeting Law:
 - Post public notice
 - Ensure public access
 - Maintain meeting minutes
 - Prohibit private deliberations among Workgroup members
- All Workgroup review and consensus-building must occur during scheduled meetings.
- OMB will post online at **omb.oregon.gov/ITP**:
 - Meeting recordings
 - Meeting materials
 - Meeting minutes
 - Written public comments