

MINUTES

North Carolina Medical Board

December 18-19, 2002

**1201 Front Street, Suite 100
Raleigh, North Carolina**

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Minutes of the Open Sessions of the North Carolina Medical Board Meeting December 18-19, 2002.

The December 18-19, 2002, meeting of the North Carolina Medical Board was held at the Board's Office, 1201 Front Street, Suite 100, Raleigh, NC 27609. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m., Wednesday, December 18, 2002, by Charles L. Garrett, MD, President Elect. Board members in attendance were: Stephen M. Herring, MD, Secretary; Mr. Hari Gupta, Treasurer; E. K. Fretwell, PhD; Robin N. Hunter-Buskey, PA-C; H. Arthur McCulloch, MD; Robert C. Moffatt, MD; Michael E. Norins, MD; Walter J. Pories, MD; Edwin R. Swann, MD; and Mr. Aloysius P. Walsh. Absent was John T. Dees, MD, President.

Staff members present were: R. David Henderson, JD, Interim Executive Director/Operations Department Director; Thomas W. Mansfield, JD, Legal Department Director; Mary Wells, JD, Board Attorney; Brian Blankenship, JD, Board Attorney; Marcus Jimison, JD, Board Attorney; Ms. Wanda Long, Legal Assistant; Ms. Lynne Edwards, Legal Assistant; Mr. John W. Jargstorf, Investigative Director; Mr. Don R. Pittman, Investigative Field Supervisor; Mr. Edmond Kirby-Smith, Investigator; Ms. Kate Mahony, Investigator; Mr. Fred Tucker, Investigator; Mrs. Therese Dembroski, Investigator; Ms. Barbara Brame, Investigator; Ms. Edith Moore, Investigator; Mr. Jason Ward, Investigator; Ms. Jenny Olmstead, Senior Investigative Coordinator; Ms. Myriam Hopson, Investigative Coordinator; Mr. Dale Breaden, Director of Communications and Public Affairs; Ms. Shannon Kingston, Public Affairs Assistant; Mrs. Joy D. Cooke, Licensing Director; Ms. Kathleen Lopez, Licensing Assistant; Ms. Alexa Kapetanakis, PA/NP Coordinator; Ms. Michelle Lee, Licensing Assistant; Tammy O'Hare, Licensing Assistant; Ms. Annette Marcussen, Licensing Assistant; Gary Townsend, MD, JD, Medical Coordinator; Mitchell S. Collman, MD, Assistant Medical Coordinator; Ms. Judie Clark, Complaint Department Director; Mrs. Sharon Squibb-Denslow, Complaint Department Assistant; Ms. Sherry Hyder, Complaint Department Assistant; Ms. Patricia Paulson, Complaint Department Staff; Ms. Deborah Aycock, Operations Assistant/HR Coordinator; Ms. Rebecca L. Manning, Information Specialist; Mrs. Janice Fowler, Operations Assistant; Mr. Peter Celentano, Controller; Mr. David Shere, Receptionist; Mr. Donald Smelcer, Director, IT Department; Ms. Brandy Forward, Compliance Department Director; and Mr. Jeffery T. Denton, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary.

MISCELLANEOUS

Presidential Remarks

Dr. Garrett commenced the meeting by reading the North Carolina Board of Ethics' "ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder."

New Board Members – H. Arthur McCulloch, MD and Edwin R. Swann, MD

Dr. Garrett read the Oath of Office to Dr. McCulloch and Dr. Swann. He then welcomed and introduced Dr. McCulloch and Dr. Swann as newly appointed Board Members.

AMA Resolution – Clinical Skills Examination

Dr. Garrett noted that the AMA House of Delegates adopted the following resolution on December 10, 2002:

"RESOLVED, That given the importance of assessing clinical competency, our American Medical Association strongly urge the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and the American Osteopathic Association to modify and enforce uniform

accreditation standards as soon as possible to require that all medical schools rigorously and consistently assess clinical skills of all students as a requirement for advancement and graduation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA amend Policy H-275.956 by insertion and addition to read: H-275.956 Demonstration of Clinical Competence

It is the policy of the AMA to (1) support continued efforts to develop and validate methods for the assessment of clinical skills; (2) continue its participation in the development and testing of methods for clinical skills; and (3) recognize that clinical skills assessment is best performed using a rigorous and consistent examination administered by the medical school, and should not be used in evaluation for licensure of graduates of LCME- and AOA-accredited medical schools.”

Motion: (SH, RM) A motion passed that a letter be sent to the Federation of State Medical Boards stating that the North Carolina Medical Board supports the above AMA resolution regarding USMLE and the clinical skills examination. (AW and EKF abstained)

Agents of the Board – George C. Barrett, MD and Elizabeth P. Kanof, MD

Motion: (AW, EKF) A motion passed designating Dr. Barrett and Dr. Kanof as Agents of the Board for two-year terms.

Proposed Bylaws Amendment

The following proposed Bylaws amendment was distributed to all Board Members at the December 18, 2002 Board Meeting in order to comply with the 30-day notice for amendment of the Bylaws.

BYLAWS
of the
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

ARTICLE I
OFFICES

- Section 1. Principal Office. The Board shall have a principal office in North Carolina.
Section 2. Other Offices. The Board may have other offices.

ARTICLE II
BOARD POWERS, COMMITTEES, AND COMPENSATION

- Section 1. General Powers. The Board itself has all its general powers.
Section 2. Committees. The Board may designate one or more Committees. The President shall appoint Committee members. Committees have no powers other than: (a) to review matters and recommend actions to the Board, (b) to initiate or continue investigations or inquiries, including, in the committees' sole discretion, the use of Board process (subpoenas, orders, or the like) in furtherance thereof, (c) to empower staff, either generally or in a specific instance, to initiate or continue investigations or inquiries, including, in the committees' sole discretion, the use of Board orders to produce documents or things, (d) to employ experts to

evaluate evidence in matter under investigation or inquiry, and (e) those powers authorized by the Board.

Section 3. Executive Committee. There shall be an Executive Committee comprised of the Officers of the Board, who are chosen in accordance with Article IV of these Bylaws, along with the Immediate Past President of the Board. In the event the Immediate Past President is not available to serve on the Executive Committee, the position on the Executive Committee reserved to the Immediate Past President shall be filled by a vote of a majority of the total membership of the Board as to a candidate nominated to the Board by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Compensation. The Board may pay per diem and expenses to the maximum extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE III MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings will occur as scheduled.

Section 2. Special or Emergency Meetings. Special or Emergency meetings of the Board may be called by the President or in the event of the unavailability of the President by the President-Elect.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings. Notices of meetings shall be given as required by law.

Section 4. Quorum. A quorum of the Board is a majority of the members.

Section 5. Manner of Acting. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Board acts by simple majority vote of the members present at a meeting at which there is a quorum.

Section 6. Participation by Conference Telephone. The Board may meet by electronic means to the maximum extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the Board. The officers of the Board shall consist of a President, a President-Elect, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by a single person.

Section 2. Election and Term. The officers of the Board shall be elected annually by the Board. Term of office is November 1st to October 31st. The Executive Committee shall nominate to the Board at its July meeting a slate of the candidates for the above offices for the coming term. The Board shall vote on the entire slate. The slate is approved when a majority of

the total membership of the Board votes in favor of the slate. This process shall continue at the Board's July meeting until a slate is elected.

Section 3. Vacancies. In the event that the President fails to serve out his or her term as provided in this Article for whatever reason, then the President-Elect shall assume the office of President and hold the office of President for the remainder of the departed President's term. The President completing the term of the departed President shall be eligible to serve a full term as President after completing the term of the departed President. In the event an officer other than the President fails to serve out his or her term as provided in this Article for whatever reason, the vacancy shall be filled by a vote of a majority of the total membership of the Board as to a candidate nominated to the Board by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Removal. Any officer may be removed from office by a vote of a majority of the total membership of the Board at any time.

Section 5. President. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Board. The President shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Board. The President shall sign documents for the Board.

Section 6. President-Elect. The President-Elect shall, in the absence or disability of the President, have all the authority and perform the duties of the President. Section 7. Secretary. The Secretary shall have the responsibility and authority to maintain and authenticate the records of the Board. The Secretary shall, in the absence or disability of the President and the President-Elect, have all the authority and perform the duties of the President.

Section 8. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of all funds and securities belonging to the Board and shall keep, or cause to be kept, full and accurate records of the finances of the Board. The Treasurer shall, in the absence or disability of the President, President-Elect, and the Secretary, have all the authority and perform the duties of the President.

ARTICLE V PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Section 1. Professional Staff. The Board shall employ a Professional Staff to assist it, in whatever lawful way it may prescribe, in the discharge of its duties under and to enforce the laws regulating the practice of medicine or surgery.

Section 2. Executive Director. The Board shall employ an Executive Director who shall lead and manage, hire and dismiss, the Professional Staff. The officers of the Board shall evaluate the Executive Director annually. ~~The Executive Director may be removed only by~~

~~action of the Board taken after recommendation of the officers of the Board and the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership of the Board.~~

ARTICLE VI
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Seal. The seal of the Board shall consist of two concentric circles between or within which is the name of the Board.

Section 2. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Board shall be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Amendments. Except as otherwise provided herein or by applicable law, these Bylaws may be amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted after a thirty (30) day notice by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership of the Board.

Section 4. Rules of Order. To the extent that matters of procedure are not addressed in these Bylaws or in applicable sections of the North Carolina General Statutes or North Carolina Administrative Code, the Board shall follow parliamentary procedure as set forth in Rules of Order: An Authoritative, Simplified Guide to Parliamentary Procedure, by James E. Davis (Chicago Review Press, 1992).

MINUTE APPROVAL

Motion: A motion passed that the November 20-22, 2002, Board Minutes be approved as presented.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

HEARINGS

LEMAIRE, Pierre-Arnaud P., MD

Hearing: 12/19/2002

BOARD ACTION: Continued

MCGUIRT, Jr., William Frederick, MD

Hearing: 12/19/2002

BOARD ACTION: Accept proposed Consent Order

MISTRY, Jimmy, MD

Hearing: 12/19/2002

BOARD ACTION: MD withdrew application, No hearing held

SAPPINGTON, John Shannon, MD

Hearing: 12/19/2002

BOARD ACTION: Accept proposed Consent Order

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Hari Gupta, Chair; Robert Moffatt, MD; Michael Norins, MD

The Finance committee met on Wednesday, December 18, 2002 at the Office of the Board. The complete report of that meeting was reviewed by the Operations committee. Mr. Gupta gave a presentation via PowerPoint regarding the Finance Committee and its functions. It was noted that Mr. Linwood Jackson of Lynch and Howard would meet with the Board on January 22, 2003 regarding the 2002 Audit Report.

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Michael Norins, MD, Chair; Robin Hunter-Buskey, PA-C; Aloysius Walsh; Edwin Swann

Board Order Extensions:

The proposed policy would be that the licensee submit written request for an extension, the extension may be granted by Chair of Compliance Committee and administration would send a letter of approval to licensee.

Motion: A motion passed to approve the above policy.

A motion passed to close the session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to sections 90-8, 90-14, 90-16, and 90-21.22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

The Compliance Committee reported on one compliance case. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the Committee's recommendation to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included because these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Charles Garrett, MD, Chair; Stephen Herring, MD; Aloysius Walsh; Michael Norins, MD; Arthur McCulloch, MD

The Policy Committee met on Wednesday, December 18, 2002, at the office of the Board. The complete report of that meeting will be reviewed by the Board at the January 2003 Board Meeting following committee review. The following item was extracted and presented to the Full Board on December 19, 2002.

Office Based Surgery: Consideration of NCMS Task Force Recommendations (Dr Garrett)

At the August 2002 committee meeting, Dr Garrett stated that the Policy Committee received a charge to consider the NCMS recommendations from the president of the Board at the July meeting. At that time, with a heavy Committee agenda already in place for August, he felt it would not be appropriate to devote the majority of the meeting to the Task Force material. Dr Garrett then inventoried the related material on hand at the time for review and study.

At the October 2002 committee meeting Dr Kanof proposed several amendments to the Task Force recommendation, which were accepted and are reflected in the updated marked copy presented to the Committee in December. Dr Laura Lomax presented several

proposed amendments which were approved and are reflected in the updated marked copy presented in December. One proposed amendment was withdrawn by Dr Lomax. The following issue from the Dermatology Association were to be brought back to the Committee in December – whether to add the words “minor field block” under Level I procedures. The Medical Society indicates this needed to be more specific. Dr Lomax agreed to take this back and send a more detailed proposal to the Medical Board for consideration. Ms Rose addressed the Board indicating her firm (Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice) had not had an adequate opportunity to respond to Mr Bobbitt’s response to their brief. Dr Garrett indicated the Board would welcome such a response. Modifications in the recommendations were approved. All information received regarding the OBS Task Force Report was referred to the Medical Board’s Legal Department. Mr Mansfield caused a review to take place and created a working group which included all attorneys involved with this issue.

At this (December) committee meeting Dr. Garrett reported that the dermatologist had withdrawn their request to redefine “minor field block.”

Mr. Mansfield reported that the attorneys for the various interested parties involved had various telephone calls and meetings. He recommends adopting these guidelines as a position statement and advises that it is lawful and appropriate. He suggests adding the following language with a footnote to the specific statute: “Nothing in this position statement affects the scope of activities subject to or exempted from the North Carolina health care facility licensure laws.” He advised the committee that the Board could get challenged in a court of law but he does not think this document is an attempt to regulate nurses or restrain the trade of CRNA’s. He does not think adoption of the guidelines as a position statement violates any laws but is intended to inform our licensees, not mandate or limit what any other profession does.

Howard Kramer, JD, requested that a copy of the Board of Nursing letters of December 16 and July 17, 2002 to the Medical Board be included as part of these Policy Committee minutes. He disagrees with Mr. Mansfield, stating that whether you call it a guideline or a position statement, if it carries with it potential disciplinary action by the Board against a licensee, it is a rule. He feels that the word collaboration is the word that is important here and should replace the word supervision.

Motion: A motion passed that the Office Based Surgery Task Force Report be adopted as amended. Following which, (1) it will be turned over to the Legal Department for format conversion into a position statement without changing the content, and (2) it will then be brought back to the Full Board in January for consideration of the format.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

John Dees, MD; Charles Garrett, MD; Stephen Herring, MD; Hari Gupta; Walter Pories, MD

The Executive Committee meeting was held on Thursday November 21, 2002, at 11:30 am and was called to order by John T. Dees, MD, President. Board members in attendance were: Charles L. Garrett, MD, Vice President, Stephen M. Herring, MD, Secretary, Mr. Hari Gupta, Treasurer and Walter J. Pories, MD, Past President and Mr. Aloysius Walsh. Other board members in attendance for only the Finance Committee outline were Robert C. Moffatt, MD, Michael E. Norins, MD. Members of the staff who attended were R. David Henderson and Peter T. Celentano, CPA.

Finance Committee

Mr. Gupta presented an outline for the new Finance Committee. This committee will meet on a monthly basis. The committee will be chaired by Mr. Hari Gupta and will include Dr. Moffatt

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and Dr. Norins. A motion was made by Dr. Dees to accept the outline as presented by the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed unanimously.

Minutes

Revised minutes of the September 2002 meeting were approved.

Minutes for the October 2002 meeting were presented and approved.

Financials

The September 2002 financial statements and comments were reviewed and accepted with the following amendment.

- (1) Under the Balance Sheet, Building Restricted Balance should reflect 2,500,000.00 instead of 700,000.00.

Discussions were raised about insurance coverage for board members. Mr. Henderson stated that he would look into the scope of our current D & O coverage and would report back to the Executive Committee next month.

The October 2002 Investment Summary was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Statistics

Statistics for registration and current populations were presented and discussed. Online registration is currently at 85% versus 15% on paper.

Dr. Dees questioned whether the charts and graphs presented to track online vs. paper registration need to be presented on a monthly basis. He suggested presenting these on a quarterly basis.

Dr. Pories raised a question as to whether information on current total population could be presented in a graph for the last 3, 5 or 10 years. This would include physicians and residencies, and also in terms of physicians vs population.

PHP Financial Report

The quarterly financial statements for September 2002 were reviewed and accepted.

Old Business

Real Estate: The meeting went into closed session so Mr. Gupta could update the committee on the plans to purchase property for the Board. The Council of State meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2002.

New Business

EMS appointments: David Henderson discussed the possible reappointment of Dr. Elizabeth Kanof to serve on the OEMS Advisory Council. Dr. Kanof's term expires in December 2002. The North Carolina Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council is made up of 25 members, of those members; one shall represent the North Carolina Medical Board. The OEMS would like Dr. Kanof to serve another 4-year term. Dr. Garrett suggested that someone else on the Board might wish to serve on this committee. The Executive Committee agreed that Dr. Dees would poll other members of the Board to see if anyone else on the Board wished to serve on this committee. Dr Kanof is also currently one year into a 4-year term on the OEMS Disciplinary Committee. David Henderson stated that he received an E-mail communication from Mr. Ed Browning stating that they had reviewed this matter with their attorneys and they felt that Dr. Kanof could complete her term on the EMS Disciplinary Committee since she was a current member of the Medical Board when she was appointed. They also indicated that the Medical Board could appoint another member to the Committee if Dr. Kanof resigns or if the Medical Board desired to appoint another current physician member.

Holiday party: David Henderson asked the Executive Committee for their approval to have the Board pay for the cost of a holiday party that is being held on Thursday evening, December 12, 2002 at The North Raleigh Hilton. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Dr. Pories made a motion that the Board pays for the cost of this party for staff and their spouse or significant other.

Breakfasts: Dr Garrett made a suggestion that most of the Board has breakfast at the Hilton before they come over to the Board office and wondered if we needed to continue this practice. David Henderson stated that it was a convenience to staff that had to arrive early. It was agreed that the Board would continue to provide a continental breakfast and that the number be decreased from 70 to 50 persons.

Board Agents: A discussion ensued regarding Board Agents. A chart was given that showed all the Board Agents and the number of interviews that they have done thru September of 2002. Dr. Dees and Dr. Garrett wished to see a chart that showed the number of interviews done by current Board members and agents on a regular basis so they could determine possible actions to be taken at a later time.

Departmental budget: Mr. Henderson made a proposal to the Executive Committee that the departmental directors have more input into the budgetary process. He suggested that the directors review their department's budget and be allowed to reallocate funds as they see fit. Dr. Garrett stated that this be done through the Finance Committee, no later than January 2003, provided there are no increases in the total amount budgeted and that no changes be made to salaried amounts.

E-mail from Linda Thompson: David Henderson circulated an E-mail from Ms. Linda Thompson. Ms. Thompson is trying to organize a protest march at the Medical Board office on Saturday, January 18, 2003. The protest is in regards to a case pending against Dr. Robert Rutledge. Mr. Henderson wished to make the Board aware of these activities and to brief Mr. Dale Breden as to possible communications regarding this matter. Dr. Garrett suggested that the memo be held and that staff be made aware that no person should be at the office on this date and to insure that the office is properly secured at the time.

Confidentiality: Dr. Dees wished to remind the members of the Executive Committee that the work done by this Committee in closed session remain confidential.

Task Force: Mr. Henderson discussed the possibility of forming a task force to look into discounted lab services. Dr. Garrett suggested that the NC Medical Society was looking into this matter and that the Medical Board did not need to issue a position statement at this time.

ALLIED HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Michael Norins, MD; Robin Hunter-Buskey, PAC; Arthur McCulloch, MD

ALLIED HEALTH MINUTES - OCTOBER 2002

Michael Norins, MD, Elizabeth Kanof, MD, Robin Hunter-Buskey, PA-C, Andy Watry, Diane Meelheim, Alexa Kapetanakis

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Norins and Kanof move to accept as presented

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The Intent to Practice Acknowledgment letter – Discussion on Impact of PA’s ability to work

- The committee discussed the process used to approve physician assistant intent to practice forms. Currently this is an administrative process. Mr. Watry stated that the rules do not allow the Board to prohibit specific PA-MD pairings. Although, the statute may provide this ability to the board, a rule change would be needed for clarification. The committee felt this did not rise to the level of an emergency rule change.
TASK-Ms. Meelheim will pursue a rule change

Discussion regarding pharmacists mislabeling medication bottles, in which they refer to physician extenders as physicians

Deferred to November

Declaratory Ruling Update

Deferred to November

Can PA’s sign DNR orders?

- Ms. Meelheim referred to EMS statute 90-21.17, which states physicians can sign a DNR. The law does not specifically speak to PA’s.
- In hospitals and other institutions, PA’s may write DNR orders if permitted by local guidelines
 - TASK- Ms. Meelheim will review issue and report back to the committee
 - TASK- Ms. Meelheim to obtain “Death with Dignity,” a pamphlet published by The Medical Society

Can PA’s use hospital DEA #'s?

- The committee agrees PA’s may use hospital DEA numbers
 - TASK- Ms. Meelheim to obtain specific statute or rule regarding use of DEA numbers

EMS – Board Appointee

- There are three different committees that need NCMB representation
 - EMS Compliance Committee
 - Meet 4 times per year
 - Agent of the Board or Board Member
 - EMS Advisory Council
 - Meet 4 times per year
 - Agent of the Board or Board Member
 - EMS Disciplinary Committee
 - Meet monthly
 - Must be a Physician Board Member
- Dr. Kanof continues to offer her services for 2003 to all of the EMS committees. She will report back with a written monthly report to the Allied Health Committee and if need be, a face to face report.

Proposed for BOARD ACTION: Recommend Dr. Kanof to continue as a Board representative for 2003

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Chair – Robin Hunter Buskey, PA-C

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Michael Norins, MD, Elizabeth Kanof, MD, W. Ashley Marion, PA-C, Marcus Jimison, Melanie Phelps, Steve Keene, Alexa Kapetanakis

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- Accepted after change in EMS-Board Appointee Update

The Intent to Practice Acknowledgment letter – Discussion on Impact of PA's ability to work

- Tabled for February Committee Meeting

Declaratory Ruling Update

- Mr. Jimison reported that the statute states a physician or an nurse midwife must attend all deliveries in hospital
- The legal department will provide a recommendation in February 2003.

EMS – Board Appointee Update

- The EMS statute (143-519) states "...a current physician member of the NCMB..."
- Task- Mr. Jimison will contact the Attorney General's office to confirm that the NCMB member shall be a current member of the Medical Board at the time of their appointment.

Discussion of Position Statement regarding supervising physician's responsibilities with staff (Referred from the Complaints Committee)

- The committee agreed it is not necessary for a position statement.
Task: Dr. Norins create article for the Forum
- Motion: Report to the Board that appropriate actions taken.

NP Task Force on Collaborative Agreements

- Dr. Norins reported that the task force is having open meetings. The task force is making good progress.

NCCPA exam schedule follow up

- This discussion has been tabled until February 2003.

PAAC Appointees for 2003

- Ms. Hunter-Buskey reported that the appointed PAAC members will be provided at December meeting.

Process for Reporting of Nurse Practitioner Impairment

- There was discussion about information exchange between the NC BON and the NCMB about licensees. The BON "impairment program" was reviewed. The committee concluded that modifications to current practices are needed to ensure the appropriate role for the NCMB.
- Task: Dr. Norins and Mr. Jimison will:
 - Review process and make recommendations

The Committee expressed concern about the current procedure used to pair a Nurse midwife with a supervising physician.

Task: Mr. Blankenship will investigate the Board of Nursing rights to use the Medical Board's Linc system.

Task: Ms. Phelps and Mr. Jimison have volunteered to create a table of statutes vs. regulations defining the Medical Board's role in multiple issues.

Layman's Guide to Death with Dignity distributed.

Motion: A motion passed to accept the report as presented.

ALLIED HEALTH MINUTES - DECEMBER 2002

The Allied Health Committee met on Wednesday, December 18, 2002, at the office of the Board. The complete report of that meeting will be reviewed by the Board at the January 2003 Board Meeting following committee review. The following item was extracted and presented to the Full Board on December 19, 2002.

PAAC Appointees for 2003

Motion: A motion passed that the following list of appointees are approved for PAAC 2003.

- Robin Hunter Buskey, Chair
- Dr. Norins
- Dr. McCulloch
- W Ashley Marion
- Lanny Parker
- Lisa P Shock
- Justine Strand
- Michelle L Heinan
- Debbie Hauser
- James Hill, Jr.
- Wayne VonSeggen
- Marc Katz
- Paul Hendrix
- Dr. Irion
- Dr. Hammer

APPLICANTS LICENSED – DECEMBER 2002

PA - (***)Indicates PA has not submitted Intent to Practice Forms)

<u>PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT</u>	<u>PRIMARY SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>PRACTICE CITY</u>
Cottrell, Deanna L	***	
Galban, Carlos Juan	***	
Horton, Tiffany	***	
Kittrell, Catherine S	Sullivan, Timothy	Charlotte
McKittrick, Katherine A	***	
Neitz, Jamie L	***	
Patton, Colleen H	***	
Priest, Monica E	***	
Raja, Sabrina S	***	
Vondenstein, Mindy M	***	
White, Allison C	***	

***Routine Add-On: Mindy M Vondenstein

Graduates to be licensed after we receive passing NCCPA scores –

Collier, Kelly R	Shelton, Stuart	Fayetteville
Eaton, Nicole M	Taylor, Beth	Statesville
Hudack, Pamela G	Thomas-Montilus, Sandhya	Lumberton
Johnson, Jane S	***	
Lersch, Julia E	Mallon, William J	Durham
Morris, Delton N	***	

PA - Intent to Practice Forms Acknowledged

<u>PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT</u>	<u>PRIMARY SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>PRACTICE CITY</u>
Albergo, Gail Adrienne	Taiwo, Babafemi Olapoju	Durham
Allen, Stacy R.	Larimer, Mark Robert	Raleigh
Bogatova, Kseniya V.	Carr, Timothy John	Gastonia
Cashion, Sandra Elise	Smith, Lyman Scott-William	Raleigh
Combs, Glen Edward	Wigand-Bolling, Gwendolyn Mary	Dobson
DiBenedetto, Carla	Crane, Jonathan Stuart	Wilmington
Doherty, Margaret Mary	Weatherly-Jones, Cathi Elaine	Raleigh
Everhart, Franklin Ray	Wang, Haiqiu Elaine	Salisbury
Faulkner, John Hume	Kubley, James Daniel	Enfield
Fowler, Sheila Marie	Martin, Patrick David	Wilmington
Gatlin, Lois Jean Zeitlin	Bullock, Ann Kathleen	Cherokee
Germino, Victor Hugo	Matteson, Rhonda Jean	Durham
Haugen, Jennifer Lyn	Caquias-Gonzalez, Eileen M.	Saluda
Healy, Edward James	Chase, Jeffrey McAllister	Kitty Hawk
Henderson, Stephanie T	Gunsten, Gregory Garrett	New Bern
Hinds, David McDonald	Foulks, Carl Alvin	Rocky Mount
James, Craig Douglas	Martin, Robert Gale	Southern Pines
Johnsen, Janice Elizabeth	Lupton, Frederick Arthur III	Greensboro
Johnson, Glen Frank	Dickerson, Michael Manford	Fayetteville
Kerns, Amy Marie	McQueen, Chapman Teague	Burlington
Leshock, Richard Paul	Pollock, David Carl	Winston-Salem
Lewis, Jody Parks	Mabe, Paul Alexander Jr.	Reidsville
Little, Sara Lee	Daubert, Harlan Beaver	Winston-Salem
Little, Theresa R.	Flechas, Jorge David	Hendersonville
Little, Theresa R.	Guthrie, Todd Bruce	Hendersonville
Lukasik, Kathleen E	Mutersbaugh, Karin Lynn	Clyde
Manigo, Laura Lynne	Winter, De Benjamin	Smithfield
Marlow, Wendy Lev	Mitlehner, Richard John	Charlotte
McCain, Wilda Ann	Ecker, Jerome Albert	Ft Bragg
McConnell, Hugh Timothy	Brandys, Jan Christopher	Gastonia
McCoy, Abraham	Mallon, William James	Durham
McGinnis, James Patrick	Moore, Jeffrey Alan	Laurinburg
McGowan, Rebecca Dees	Flechas, Jorge David	Hendersonville
McGowan, Rebecca Dees	Guthrie, Todd Bruce	Hendersonville
Meador, Anthony Aaron	Mead, Robert J.	Morganton

Melgar, Tammy Strickland	Ricci, Daniel Michael	Wallace
Mikat, Ronald E William Jr.	Taylor, Linda Morris	High Point
Nelson, Martha Chase	Cathcart, Cornelius Fitzharold	Henderson
Orta-Irene, Nelly	Saik, Denise Susan	Raleigh
Osterer, Raymond Henry	Kelly, Samuel Steven	High Point
Patrick, Frank Charles	Yarborough, Kimberly Mangum	Roxboro
Perrotta, Philip	Shupeck, Malcolm	Pinehurst
Philemon, Roy William	Bahnson, Tristram Dan	Durham
Phillips, Amy Ringland	Soberano, Arlene Sena	Durham
Pollick, Amy Elizabeth	Rowland, Michael Clark	Pinehurst
Pope, April Gilliam	Keith, Douglas Charles	Garner
Powell, Loretta Christine	Williamson, Charles Edward Jr.	Rocky Mount
Presnell, Tammy Murrelle	Doonquah, Kofi Adeleke	Eden
Rasheed, Karima	Gollob, Jared August	Durham
Richards, Dick Alan	Nickerson, Lloyd Emery	Salisbury
Runfola, Debora Sue	Payne, Dayton Dennis Jr.	Hickory
Rush, Dale Johns	Kosmowski, Andrew Jerome	Ft Bragg
Sandridge, Brenda Kay	Yamagata, Glenn Takeshi	Greensboro
Schmitt, Bruce Frederick	Winter, De Benjamin	Smithfield
Schrum, Maribeth Horgan	Chao, Albert Chung-Kuang	Hope Mills
Scoggins, Vince Rene	Mauney, John David III	Rutherfordton
Scoggins, Vince Rene	Tolhurst, John Thomas	Rutherfordton
Sizemore, Mark Anthony	Baker, Jeffrey Alan	Salisbury
Slater, Kevin Thomas	Oakley, Ward Sayre Jr.	Pinehurst
Smith, Sean Palmer	Folstad, Steven Gerald	Charlotte
Vincent, Cynthia Talbott	Kubley, James Daniel	Enfield
Warren, Edward Carl	Rizk, Hani	Windsor
Wedsworth, Jeanette E	Moll, Stephan	Chapel Hill
Williams, Jennifer Scheid	Wiener, Dana Nowicki	Durham
Wright, Signe Harrang	Kurz, James Eckhardt Jr.	Chapel Hill
Young, Richard David	Winter, De Benjamin	Smithfield

NP – Initial Applications Recommended for Approval after Staff Review-

<u>NURSE PRACTITIONER</u>	<u>PRIMARY SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>PRACTICE CITY</u>
Arietti, Martha	Coe, Lori O	King
Burges, Alma	Sweeney, Charlotte A	Raleigh
Carsturphen, Tracy	Moore, Barry A	Wilmington
Crowder, Katherine	Anyagou, Chinyere N	Hickory
Ellington, Heather	Woodall, Leonard S	Smithfield
Fisher, Sandra	Harrill, Kiran C	Hickory
Fossett, Denise	Savidge Thomas	Southport
Goldstein, Ami	Anyagou, Chinyere N	Hickory
Goodwin, Beverly	Hawkins, James H Jr.	Elon
Hansen, Denise	Kutob, Rabi D	Asheville
Hendrix, Cristina	Seo, Pearl H	Durham
Holderman, Stephen	Iwaoka, Robert S	Charlotte
Holmes, Lisa	Fernando, Jayaweerage	Charlotte
Lacy, Melissa	Hamel, Theresa L	Asheville
Lutman, Joni	Weatherly-Jones, Cathi	Raleigh

Parpart, Megan
Soule, Melanie
Toledo, Janet
Ward, Cecelia

Koinis, Thomas F
Soule, Jeremy B
Fisher, Ronald P
Hemmerlein, Arthur H

Oxford
Hickory
Sylva
Emerald Isle

NP - Subsequent Applications administratively approved-

NURSE PRACTITIONER

PRIMARY SUPERVISOR

PRACTICE CITY

Benware, Susan
Betts, Wilmer III
Brown, Elizabeth
Carr, Carlye
Cleven, Karen
Crickmore, Mary
Davis, Donna
Dziwanowski, Jennifer
Elkin, Jon
Ellis, Allison
Ervin, Virginia
Foy, Paula
Haith, Karen
Jacobs, Janet
Joseph, Sally
Kenny, Julia
King, Patricia
Knotts, Sharon
McClellan, Julie
McKenny, Susan
Merritt, Edna
Mitchell, Mary
Mullins, Margaret
Nelson, Donna
Ratanaphruks, Jill
Register, Nancy
Rende, Elizabeth
Shumate, Wendy
Sikes, Melissa
Simpson, Gregory
Swasey, Judith
Vinzani, Catherine
Wagner, Diane
Willet, Anne

Suleman, Jawal
Rabon, Fred S
Thomas, Harold D III
Cutson, Toni M
Hart, Robert E
Mewborn, Quentin A Jr.
Whitman, Courtenay IV
Fujimagari, Michael M
Marshall, Sheila M
Triplett, Patricia F
Garuba, Abdul K
Jacobs, Kenneth L
Hoole, Axalla J
Rabon, Fred S
Sharp, Michael C
Jennings, Matthew B
Gaither, Anthony C
Bracey, Lisa E
Dunn, Laurie L
Calvo, Benjamin F
Mewborn, Quentin A Jr.
Farrington, Cecil M
Ellison, Robert S
Ribeiro, Donald A
Rabon, Fred S
Rabon, Fred S
Weisleder, Pedro
Davant, Charles III
Farugue, Laura M
Wilson, Richard D
Calvo, Benjamin F
Doyle, Natalie A
Wilson, Richard D
Morris, Peter J

Fayetteville
Cary
Kannapolis
Durham
Hickory
Greenville
Elkin
Vanceboro
Cary
High Point
Matthews
Mt. Olive
Chapel Hill
Cary
Chapel Hill
Fort Bragg
Goldsboro
Wadesboro
Raleigh
Chapel Hill
Greenville
Salisbury
Warrensville
Greenville
Cary
Cary
Durham
Blowing Rock
Hickory
Cary
Chapel Hill
Wilson
Cary
Raleigh

Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner Applications

CPP

PRIMARY SUPERVISOR

PRACTICE CITY

Ashworth, Robert A
Pettus, Dawn M
Pettus, Dawn M
Pettus, Dawn M

McQueen, Robert H
Edmunds, John H
Smith, Henry III
Preston, Henry A

Greensboro
Greensboro
Greensboro
Greensboro

Pettus, Dawn M

Turner, Traci M

Greensboro

LICENSING COMMITTEE REPORT

Robert Moffatt, MD, Chair; E.K. Fretwell, PhD; Robin Hunter-Buskey, PAC; Edwin Swann, MD

Scanning license interviews for CD's vs. Photocopying

Catchline: It has been suggested to have staff scan files to a CD for interviews instead of making photocopies. This will reduce postage costs.

Committee Recommendation: Let members of the License Committee test the procedure for 3 months and report back to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Let members of the License Committee and Dr. Garrett test the procedure for 3 months and report back to the Board.

Burning CDs for License Information Packet

Catchline: The Executive Committee reviewed and agreed to put the license information packet, handed out at the license interview, on CDs to reduce costs (printing and postage). This was to be implemented as part of the process analysis for the License Department. In view of recent staff changes there will be a delay in conducting the process analysis and it is recommended the CD project be implemented.

Committee Recommendation: Let members of the License Committee test the procedure for 3 months and report back to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Let members of the License Committee and Dr. Garrett test the procedure for 3 months and report back to the Board.

Video Conference Request – Nighthawk Radiology

Catchline: Nighthawk Radiology out of Idaho has requested a videoconference for two physician applicants OR they are willing to pay for a Board member's travel and lodging expenses to conduct the interview in Sydney, Australia. The reason for the request is "scheduling difficulties" because they read out of Sydney.

Committee Recommendation: Approve request for videoconference. Expense will be the responsibility of Nighthawk Radiology.

BOARD ACTION: Approve request for videoconference. Expense will be the responsibility of Nighthawk Radiology. Future requests for applicants outside the continental United States can be presented to the Interim Exec Director or License Committee Chair for a decision on whether to approve or deny the request.

Rules Development

Catchline: Update – Staff will give verbal report

Committee Recommendation: Mr. Paris reported he and Joy Cooke plan to develop a draft based on past Board Actions, to present to the Committee. A meeting has been scheduled for January 9, 2003. Once a draft is ready the chairman of the License Committee will appoint a committee for further development before presenting to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Accept as information.

Applicants with less than 4 years medical school

Catchline: Dr. Moffatt requests he be authorized to review transcripts of applicants who document less than 4 years medical school and make a decision regarding what type of interview will be appropriate (Board Member, Board Agent or Subcommittee).

Committee Recommendation: Give Dr. Moffatt the authority to review transcripts of applicants who document less than 4 years of medical school and make a decision regarding what type of interview will be appropriate. (Board Member, Board Agent or Subcommittee).

BOARD ACTION: Give the License Committee Chair the authority to review transcripts of applicants who document less than 4 years of medical school and make a decision regarding what type of interview will be appropriate. (Board Member, Board Agent or Subcommittee).

A motion passed to close the session to investigate, examine, or determine the character and other qualifications of applicants for professional licenses or certificates while meeting with respect to individual applicants for such licenses or certificates.

The Board reviewed 3 license applications. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the Committee's recommendation to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included because these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session

SPLIT BOARD LICENSURE INTERVIEWS

A motion passed to close the session to investigate, examine, or determine the character and other qualifications of applicants for professional licenses or certificates while meeting with respect to individual applicants for such licenses or certificates.

Six licensure interviews were conducted. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the Committee's recommendation to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included because these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

APPLICANTS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD

Mamta Agarwal
Ranvir Ahlawat
Johan Kwanghee Ahn
Karen Tapp Alter
Shazia Akhtar Arain
Abenamar Arrillaga Jr.

William Francis Askins Jr.
Rebekah Crump Austin
Abul K. Azad
Tamara Cheatham Babb
Tiki Bakhshi
Michael Jay Barnett

Anwer Ali Shamsuddin Bhamani
Michael Robert Billings
Cynthia Maria Bryant
James Raymond Buehler
Lawrence Michael Buono
Christine Marie Tangredi Burch

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Austin William Burgess
Stephen Rocco Cirelli
Kanchan Puri Clark
Linda Garufi Clark
William Campbell Cromwell
David Derrick Dafashy
Fatima Adamkhan Dalwai
Amanda Jo Dinsmore
Diane Elizabeth Dougherty
Pamela Marie Eaton
Shirley Elbinias-Tan
Sean Michael Fahey
Oliver Wendell Flowers
Tasha Deirdre Foushee
Clyde Monroe Gaffney III
Calvin Glenn Gerke, Jr.
Joseph Miller Gettys, Jr.
Lisa Adria Golden
Karen Podlipsky Gould
Stephen Edward Greer
Lewis Richard Groden
Manjusha Arun Gupte
Karissa Lynn Hackelton
Marc Christopher Harvey
Robert Hempstead Heyer
Johnny Wayne Hill
Michael Alan Hinz
Jeffrey Michael Hollingsworth
George Charles Hughes IV
Martha Illige
Charles Lyle Jacobson

Jeegar Ashokbhai Jailwala
Bruce Edward January
William Joseph Johnson
Kathryn Waldrop Kerkering
Radwan Rafik Khuri
Jeffrey Alan Kidd
Michael David Klein
Kenneth Louis Koch
Jeffrey Robert Koren
Sarah Katherine Laughon
Jianjun Li
Erin Mason Long
Daniel Francis Maher
Gregory Trent Matlick
Thomas James Mattimore
Mark William McCord
Timothy William McGuire
Anthony Alexander McKitty
Justin Dale Miller
Sandra Elaine Mitchell
Alfred Marie Moncla
Cassandra Nicole Moore
Marsha Carolyn Moore
Srinivas Munugoti
Jimmie Isaac Newton
Donald Lee Norris II
Jody Neil Osborne
Cathy Darnella McPherson
Paige
Sandeep Sharad Pangarkar
Louis J. Papa

Deena Allamanagouda Patil
Aimee Victoria Paul
Trenton Lyle Pierce
Ninan Sebastian Polackal
Kevin Marc Rathke
Daniel James Reichenbach
Sandra Lynn Reinhold
Kathleen Ann Ritger
Matthew Knox Schwarz
Anne Maxwell Seiden
Julie Lund Sharpless
Norman Edward Sharpless
Rodney Duval Soto
Dexter Gerard Stallworth
Anne Christine Stevenson
Brent Anthony Sunderland
Melinda Lee Sutton
Mehm Thein Thaug
Caroline Elizabeth Timmerman
William Ray Walker
Avi Wasserman
Gary Gene Waters
Carol Hunt Weitz
Amy Lee White
Jeffrey Jason White
Eric Douglas Whiting
Leonard Alan Wilkerson
Wendy Leavitt Worsley
John Andrew Wright
Mashour Youse

LICENSES APPROVED BY ENDORSEMENT AND EXAM

Johan Kwanghee Ahn
Karen Tapp Alter
Shazia Akhtar Arain
Abenamar Arrillaga Jr.
William Francis Askins Jr.
Rebekah Crump Austin
Abul K. Azad
Tamara Cheatham Babb
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Radwan Rafik Khuri
Jeffrey Alan Kidd
Michael David Klein
Sarah Katherine Laughon
Jianjun Li
Erin Mason Long
Daniel Francis Maher
Gregory Trent Matlick
Thomas James Mattimore
Timothy William McGuire
Anthony Alexander McKitty
Justin Dale Miller
Sandra Elaine Mitchell
Cassandra Nicole Moore
Srinivas Munugoti
Donald Lee Norris II
Jody Neil Osborne
Cathy Darnella McPherson Paige
Sandeep Sharad Pangarkar
Louis J. Papa
Deena Allamanagouda Patil
Aimee Victoria Paul
Trenton Lyle Pierce
Ninan Sebastian Polackal
Kevin Marc Rathke
Daniel James Reichenbach
Sandra Lynn Reinhold

Kathleen Ann Ritger
Matthew Knox Schwarz
Anne Maxwell Seiden
Julie Lund Sharpless
Norman Edward Sharpless
Dexter Gerard Stallworth
Anne Christine Stevenson
Brent Anthony Sunderland
Melinda Lee Sutton
Mehm Thein Thaug
Caroline Elizabeth Timmerman
Avi Wasserman
Gary Gene Waters
Carol Hunt Weitz
Amy Lee White
Jeffrey Jason White
Eric Douglas Whiting
Leonard Alan Wilkerson
Wendy Leavitt Worsley
John Andrew Wright
Mashour Yousef

Interview Forms Not Received

Michael Jay Barnett
Mark William McCord

Applicants for Reactivation (short process)

Calvin Glenn Gerke, Jr.
Rodney Duval Soto
William Ray Walker

Applicants for Reinstatement (long process)

Alfred Marie Moncla

Faculty Limited License

Kenneth Louis Koch

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Hari Gupta; Aloysius Walsh; Edwin Swann, MD; Walter Pories, MD

Medical Examiner Cases:

At the Complaint/Malpractice Committee meeting it was decided that the procedure for handling the Medical Examiner's Cases would be similar to how we currently process the Malpractice cases.

Prior to implementing the process, Dr Townsend and Ms Clark plan to meet with the Chief Medical Examiner in January 2003 in the hopes of obtaining more information than we currently

receive from their office. At this time we receive the name of the deceased, information about the occurrence (location, date of death) and a brief summary. We would like the name of the surgeon, dates of service, and the local medical examiners report.

Proposed process:

When we receive the information from the Medical Examiner's office it will be entered into LINC, and a letter will be generated to the licensee regarding the case. The licensee will be asked to complete a questionnaire like the one currently used for malpractice. The questionnaire requests what type of practice they have, specialty, CME, and a brief narrative on the case from the MD's perspective. When the MD's response is received a report will be prepared and sent to Dr. Garrett for review. He will record his comments on each case. Once we receive the information from him, a report will then be prepared for the Complaint Committee to review. After committee review, the cases will then be presented to the full Board for review and approval. A letter will be generated to the MD based on the Board Action. All information applicable to the case will be put in the licensee's investigative file.

A motion passed to close the session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to sections 90-8, 90-14, 90-16, and 90-21.22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

The Complaint Committee reported on 54 complaint cases. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the Committee's recommendation to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included because these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Stephen Herring, MD; Arthur McCulloch; Charles Garrett, MD; Robert Moffatt, MD

A motion passed to close the session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to sections 90-8, 90-14, 90-16, and 90-21.22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

The Investigative Committee reported on 25 investigative cases. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the Committee's recommendation to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included because these actions are not public information.

A motion passed to return to open session.

INFORMAL INTERVIEW REPORT

A motion passed to close the session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to sections 90-8, 90-14, 90-16 and 90-21.22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

Fifteen informal interviews were conducted. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the Split Boards' recommendations and approved the written report as modified. The specifics of this report are not included because these actions are not public information.

Motion: A motion passed to accept the Informal Interview Report as amended.

A motion passed to return to open session.

MALPRACTICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Hari Gupta; Aloysius Walsh; Edwin Swann, MD; Walter Pories, MD;

A motion passed to close the session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to sections 90-8, 90-14, 90-16, and 90-21.22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

The Malpractice Committee reported on 27 cases. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the Committee's recommendation to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included because these actions are not public information.

Motion: A motion passed to accept the report as amended.

A motion passed to return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned on December 19, 2002.

Stephen M. Herring, MD
Secretary