

# **MINUTES**

North Carolina Medical Board

**May 15-17, 2002**

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

Minutes of the Open Sessions of the North Carolina Medical Board Meeting May 15-17, 2002.

The May 15-17, 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 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 15, 2002, by Walter J. Pories, MD, President. Board members in attendance were: John T. Dees, MD, Vice President; Charles L. Garrett, MD, Secretary/Treasurer; E. K. Fretwell, PhD; Hari Gupta; Stephen M. Herring, MD; Robin N. Hunter-Buskey, PA-C; Elizabeth P. Kanof, MD; Robert C. Moffatt, MD; Michael E. Norins, MD; and Mr. Aloysius P. Walsh. Dr. George C. Barrett, MD was absent but attended Dr. Anderson's report presentation (and discussions) via telephone conference.

Staff members present were: Mr. Andrew W. Watry, Executive Director; Ms. Helen Diane Meelheim, MSN, JD, Deputy Director; Bryant D. Paris, Jr., Executive Director Emeritus; Thomas W. Mansfield, JD, Legal Department Director; R. David Henderson, JD, Board Attorney; William H. Breeze, Jr., JD, Board Attorney; and staff.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Presidential Remarks**

Dr. Pories commenced the meeting by reading the North Carolina Board of Ethics' "ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder." He then welcomed visitors from the Kentucky Medical Board. Dr. Fretwell reported that Dr. Barrett was recovering from back surgery and sends his greetings.

### **John Anderson's Report of Findings and Recommendations of His Organizational Study of the North Carolina Medical Board**

John P. Anderson, Vice President for Finance and Administration and Professor of Counseling, Wake Forest University, was retained by the Board as a consultant to carry out an evaluation and performance review of the Medical Board. During the past few months he interviewed staff and Board Members for 2.5 days. At this Board meeting he reported his findings and recommendations to the Board. His report was organized around three major areas: basic work functions of the Board; external relations; and internal management.

### **Sixty Minutes Video (Dr. Garrett)**

The Board viewed 20 minutes of a Sixty Minutes show titled "A Sad Fact of Life" regarding a physician in Utah that was brought up on charges surrounding his end-of-life pain management for several elderly patients.

## **MINUTE APPROVAL**

**Motion:** A motion passed that the April 17-18, 2002, Board Minutes be approved as presented

## BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

John Dees, MD; Charles Garrett, MD; E. K. Fretwell, Ph.D.

### Bylaws Amendment

The following amended Bylaws were distributed to all Board Members in order to invoke the 30-day notice for adoption of amended 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 3 ~~3~~ 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 ~~Vice President~~ 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 ~~Vice President~~ 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 ~~Nominating~~ 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 ~~3~~ 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 with or without cause.

Section 4 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 5. Vice President. The Vice President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, have all the authority and perform the duties of the President.~~

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 ~~6~~ 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 ~~Vice President~~ President-Elect, have all the authority and perform the duties of the President.

Section ~~7~~ 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, ~~Vice 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 ~~three-fourths (3/4) of the total membership~~ a majority 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. ~~except that any Bylaw imposing a requirement for a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the total membership of the Board may be amended or repealed only by a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the total membership of the Board.~~

## **ATTORNEY'S 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, 90-21.22 and 143-318.11(a) of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes and to preserve attorney/client privilege.

Thomas Mansfield, Legal Director, presented his report.

### **PENDING CASES**

The Legal report contained 111 cases. A written report was presented for the Board's review. The specifics of this report are not included as these actions are not public information.

**Motion:** A motion passed to approve the report as presented.

A motion passed to return to open session for continuation of the attorney's report on executed cases.

### **EXECUTED CASES**

**DEVANE**, Evelyn Johnson NP

Suspend NP's approval and notify DEA executed 4/13/2002

**O'DONNELL**, Robert William MD

Consent Order executed 4/13/2002

**ROSENBERG**, Larry Evans MD

Order of Examination executed 3/9/2002

**WHITT**, John Alan MD

MD Surrendered medical license 4/25/2002

### **HEARING**

GOUBRAN, Michel Zaki MD

Hearing 5/17/2002

BOARD ACTION: Approve MD's request to postpone hearing.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Andrew W. Watry, Executive Director, presented his report which included instructions and completion of action items.

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS/COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM REPORT

Dale Breaden, Communications Director, presented his report regarding *Forum*, website hits, staff and Board presentation.

## POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Charles Garrett, MD, Chair; Stephen Herring, MD; Aloysius Walsh; Elizabeth Kanof, MD; Michael Norins, MD

The Policy Committee was called to order at 3:43 PM, Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at the office of the Board. Present were: Charles L. Garrett, MD, Chair; Stephen M. Herring, MD; Elizabeth P. Kanof, MD; Michael E. Norins, MD; and Aloysius P. Walsh. Also attending were Hari Gupta; Wade Marion, PA-C; Andrew W. Watry, Executive Director; Thomas Mansfield, JD, Board Attorney; Melanie Phelps, JD, North Carolina Medical Society; Dale G Breaden, Director, Public Affairs (PC Staff); and Jeffery T. Denton, Board Recorder (PC Staff).

NB: **Recommendation to Board**=Committee's request for Board consideration of item.  
**Action**=Item related to the Committee's own work or deliberations.

### Minutes

The February 2002 Policy Committee Meeting minutes were presented for information.

### Alternative Medicine Subcommittee Update (Dr Kanof and Mr Walsh)

Dr Kanof reaffirmed she will be presenting the views of those who differ with the current version of the FSMB's Committee Report on alternative medicine at the Federation's Reference Committee meeting later this month.

Mr. Walsh emphasized that the thrust was still toward a science-based study.

### Fair and Equal Treatment of Applicants and Licensees – A Proposed Statement (Mr. Mansfield and Mr. Breaden)

Mr Mansfield and Mr Breaden reviewed Dr Herring's proposal concerning a statement on fair and equal treatment and presented a revised version, recommending it be added as an introduction to the current Statement of Rights used to advise licensees of their rights in informal interviews.

**Recommendation to Board:** It is recommended that the following statement be added as an introduction to the Statement of Rights that is distributed to licensees.

### INTRODUCTION TO STATEMENT OF RIGHTS

All investigative matters coming before the North Carolina Medical Board are judged on their individual merits. With the primary goal of patient protection, consistency in process and procedure is essential in the management of cases. There is a clear obligation to treat all

those under Board regulation in an equitable manner. Decisions are not based on or influenced by race, gender, sexual preference, religion, age, specialty, practice setting, station, or any other factors except those relevant to the specific issue(s) being addressed.

#### **Fee Splitting by Commercial Laboratories (Dr Garrett and Mr Mansfield)**

Dr Keith Nance previously wrote the Board requesting a review of the Board's fee splitting policy that endorses the AMA Code of Medical Ethics Opinion. He believes the current practice arrangements between physicians and laboratories are at odds with the Board's policy. At the February Policy Committee meeting, Mr Mansfield and Dr Garrett were asked to work with the Medical Society and the information at hand, including the AMA ethics opinions, in an attempt to address this issue in a policy statement.

Dr Garrett said that this subject will be discussed at the Medical Society's Executive Committee meeting this coming Saturday. With this understanding, it would be appropriate to delay further consideration until the Policy Committee's June meeting. Dr Nance agrees with this. They will also ask for relevant information from the College of Pathology, and Mr Keene, of the Medical Society, will get information from Florida.

**Action:** This item is tabled until the June Policy Committee Meeting.

#### **System Failure (Dr Herring)**

Dr Herring is exploring this with the head of clinical quality assurance program at Dartmouth. He requests the Board, the Medical Society and the insurance companies work together on this as a joint venture.

**Action:** Tabled until Dr Herring has further information to report.

#### **Proposal For Resolution (Dr Norins, Mr Mansfield)**

At the February Policy Committee meeting, Dr Norins asked if it might be appropriate for the Board to consider a resolution related to the review of a case in which a physician used high doses of morphine in the setting of a terminal care situation.

Mr. Mansfield indicated he had reviewed the Board's Position Statement on "End-of-Life Responsibilities and Palliative Care," paying particular attention to the section on opioid use, in light of this question. He does not see a need to amend this Position Statement in this regard. He thinks it might be useful for the Board to discuss the issue and consider publishing an article in the *Forum* that would act as guidance for our licensees. He asked that the Legal Department be allowed to review such an article prior to publication. Dr Norins said the current statement may be adequate.

Mr Watry added that the Board can draw from the North Carolina End-of-Life Care Coalition.

Mr Breaden indicated he had close ties with Hospice for the Carolinas, through which an author for an article may be identified.

Ms Phelps noted the Medical Society will be reestablishing the Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Task Force. She will let Mr Breaden know if a possible author may be found there.

**Action:** Ask Mr Breaden to print the Board's Position Statement on End-of-Life Responsibilities and Palliative Care in an upcoming *Forum* and to publish with it an appropriate article on the subject that has been vetted by the Legal Department.

## **Guidelines for Avoiding Misunderstandings During Physical Examinations – Position Statement Review**

The Investigative Committee requested review of this position statement following review of a case in which a physician assistant was accused of boundary violations. The physician assistant stated that it was not customary in their office to have a chaperone when examining patients because they are examined from the waist up and they only have one nurse.

A proposed revision of the Position Statement on Guidelines for Avoiding Misunderstandings During Physical Examinations was prepared after discussion and approval by the Committee. It stressed that the third party present should be a member of the physician's staff and that the Board expects, and does not simply advise, the use of the third party in particular circumstances.

**Action:** The chair asked that the proposed revision be offered to the Board during the current meeting and this was agreed to.

### *NCMB Position Statement*

## **GUIDELINES FOR AVOIDING MISUNDERSTANDINGS DURING PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS**

It is the position of the North Carolina Medical Board that proper care and sensitivity are needed during physical examinations to avoid misunderstandings that could lead to charges of sexual misconduct against physicians. In order to prevent such misunderstandings, the Board offers the following guidelines.

1. Sensitivity to patient dignity should be considered by the physician when undertaking a physical examination. The patient should be assured of adequate auditory and visual privacy and should never be asked to disrobe in the presence of the physician. Examining rooms should be safe, clean, and well maintained, and should be equipped with appropriate furniture for examination and treatment. Gowns, sheets and/or other appropriate apparel should be made available to protect patient dignity and decrease embarrassment to the patient while a thorough and professional examination is conducted.
2. Whatever the sex of the patient, a third party, ~~acceptable to the patient~~ an office staff person, should be readily available at all times during a physical examination, and ~~it is strongly advised that a~~ this person ~~third party acceptable to the patient~~ should be present when the physician performs an examination of the breast(s), genitalia, or rectum. When appropriate or when requested by the patient, the physician should have a third party, ~~acceptable to the patient~~ an office staff person, present throughout the examination or at any given point during the examination.
3. The physician should individualize the approach to physical examinations so that each patient's apprehension, fear, and embarrassment are diminished as much as possible. An explanation of the necessity of a complete physical examination, the components of that examination, and the purpose of disrobing may be necessary in order to minimize the patient's possible misunderstanding.
4. The physician and staff should exercise the same degree of professionalism and care when performing diagnostic procedures (eg, electro-cardiograms, electromyograms, endoscopic procedures, and radiological studies, etc), as well as during surgical procedures and postsurgical follow-up examinations when the patient is in varying stages of consciousness.

5. The physician should be on the alert for suggestive or flirtatious behavior or mannerisms on the part of the patient and should not permit a compromising situation to develop.

(Adopted May 1991)

(Amended May 1993, May 1996, January 2001, ????? 2002)

*[The revised position statement was brought to the full Board on April 18. A consensus on the change(s) could not be reached at that time and the matter was tabled until the next meeting of the Board..]*

**Update:** At the May 17 Board Meeting revision(s) to this position statement were again discussed. The President appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Dr. Kanof (Chair), Ms. Hunter-Buskey and Dr. Fretwell, to present a proposal to the Policy Committee. Dr. Garrett requested that this be given to the Policy Committee at least ten days prior to the scheduled June Policy Committee meeting.

### **The Issue of E-Consultations**

The Board has been requested to accommodate a group of physicians (approximately 100) from the Cleveland Clinic (based in Ohio) who will be applying for North Carolina licenses by having a member of the Board go to Cleveland to conduct the license interviews, at the Clinic's expense. The Clinic plans to provide an online, second opinion service for North Carolina.

At the March 2002 Board meeting, a motion passed to "Proceed with a plan to accommodate this group by sending one or more physician Board Members, at the expense of Cleveland Clinic, to conduct personal interviews. Establish and document with the group guidelines to follow in setting up interviews (no shortcuts) before making a commitment. It was also suggested these physicians understand North Carolina's position on telemedicine and the rendering of treatment."

There are still concerns regarding Cleveland Clinic's operations and whether they will be consistent with North Carolina's telemedicine laws. At Dr Kanof's suggestion, the following recommendation to the Board was made and approved.

**Recommendation to the Board:** That before any Board member conducts licensing interviews with members of the Cleveland Clinic medical staff, a letter be sent the Cleveland Clinic clearly stating the Board's position that no patient in North Carolina may be treated by a physician unless first examined by that physician.

**Action:** The chair asked that this recommendation be offered to the Board during the current meeting and this was agreed to.

*[The following motion, amended from that offered by the Committee, passed at the full Board meeting on April 18, 2002:*

*That before any Board member conducts licensing interviews with members of the Cleveland Clinic medical staff, a letter be sent to the Cleveland Clinic clearly stating the Board's position that no patient in North Carolina may be treated with prescription medications by a physician unless first examined by that physician.]*

**Computer Generated Prescriptions (CGP)**

Dr Herring stated, "If no one has any objections, I am going to start using computer generated prescriptions." He intends to start this month. Dr Garrett discussed CGP and pointed out it is in wide use in North Carolina, and that he could find nothing against doing it. Ms Hunter-Buskey cautioned specifically that in her experience CGP prescriptions are easier to copy. It was suggested this issue go on the next agenda for more thorough discussion.

**Personalized Letters to Complainants and Physicians**

Dr Kanof stated she is concerned that the Board's letters to complainants and physicians are too impersonal. She wants a discussion on the pros, the cons, and the liability of using more personalized responses, which she believes was done in the past. Dr Pories spoke in favor of the suggestion, stating he is concerned that our form letters do not say any kind words to families. Dr Herring spoke in agreement.

**Action:** This issue is referred to the Legal Department. The old system and current form letters will be provided to Mr Mansfield for review. He will report his opinion back to the Policy Committee as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM, Wednesday, April 17, 2002.

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Robin Hunter-Buskey, PAC; Michael Norins, MD; Elizabeth Kanof, MD

**PA License Applications-**

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

Board Action: Approve

<u>PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT</u>	<u>PRIMARY SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>PRACTICE CITY</u>
<b>Buchanan</b> , Brian Lee	<b>Supple</b> , Kevin M. ***	Greensboro
<b>Hayes</b> , Cristina Duffy		
<b>Jonason</b> , Scott Alan	<b>Justus</b> , Steven G. ***	Charlotte
<b>Kern</b> , Christopher Dudley	***	
<b>King</b> , Christine Serafin	***	
<b>Kulikowski-Lockett</b> , Amy Joy	***	
<b>McSwain</b> , Chris Lee	***	
<b>Miller</b> , Bennett Goodyear III	<b>Hartmann</b> , Thomas ***	Asheville
<b>Miller</b> , Jennifer Lorene	***	
<b>Neece</b> , Kathryn Virginia	***	
<b>Nichols-Wallace</b> , Chantel Maria	***	
<b>Prince</b> , Virginia Jeanne	<b>Christy</b> , Ralph S.	Concord
<b>Riley</b> , Henry Edward Jr.	<b>McConnell</b> , Jane M. ***	Fayetteville
<b>Rogers</b> , Roy Kent		
<b>Shearer</b> , Steven Troy	<b>Smith</b> , Peter K.	Durham

**PA Intent to Practice Forms Acknowledged-**

<u>PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT</u>	<u>PRIMARY SUPERVISOR</u>	<u>PRACTICE CITY</u>
Akers, Eddy Wayne	Hernandez, Sheridan Jane	Lumberton
Bailey, Maureen	Nance, Alisa Carrigan	Moorestville
Beaty, Lanny Mark	Simpson, Patrick Joseph	Pinehurst
Benfield, Elizabeth Ward	Helak, Joseph Walter	Wilmington
Berkey, Sandra Moore	Mijumbi, Olivia Bridget	Gastonia
Binion-Brown, Kareen	Pickett, John Robert	Windsor
Blount, Kelly Taylor	Kulp, Kenneth Robert	Raleigh
Branum, Stephen Colson	Griffin, William Lewis	Charlotte
Brenneman, Gerald Edwin	Rao, Lakshman	Erwin
Brenneman, Gerald Edwin	Robinson, Linda Moore	Erwin
Brown, Lynn Doss	Stephens, Wayland Chad	Greensboro
Buddendeck, Brian Gerald	Guise, Barbara Matheny	Charlotte
Burk, Billy Shawn	Johnson, Jr. Earlie Thomas	Jacksonville
Burkes, Cynthia Lonigan	Rao, Lakshman	Erwin
Burkes, Cynthia Lonigan	Robinson, Linda Moore	Erwin
Burney-Pinska, Elizabeth H.	Burney, Fredric Arlen	Ansonville
Clancy, Kerry Lee	Ferguson, Jr. Robert Lee	Hope Mills
Crumlish, Mary Ann	Uthe, William Frederick	Durham
Davis, Sara Rhyne	Stephens, Wayland Chad	Greensboro
Dillow, Michael Lee	Ellis, George Greene	Marion
Donnelly, Margaret Ann	McKinney, Jr. Ross Erwin	Durham
Estrella, Shaily Evelyn	Stephens, Wayland Chad	Winston-Salem
File, Julie Wimmer	Horton, Paul Edward	Winston-Salem
Gaines, Jeremy Alan	Dunaway, III Howard Yates	Charlotte
Goldbaum, Ross Alan	Detterbeck, Frank Christopher	Chapel Hill
Granda, Kaitlyn Alger	Massenburg, Althea Hunte	Durham
Gray, Lee Alexander	Paul, Vincent Edgar	Greensboro
Halpin, John Joseph	Gilmer, Peter Winston	Durham
Hinds, David McDonald	Artis, Karlus Cornelius	Goldsboro
Hollingsworth, Robert Lee	Henderson, Keith Francis	Laurinburg
Jamieson, Mark Stephen	James, John Clay	Gastonia
Jarbeau, Michele Marie	Sarett, Joshua Daniel	Charlotte
Journigan, Gretchen Blair	Rucker, William Lee	Greenville
Keever, Roger Clifford	Mijumbi, Olivia Bridget	Gastonia
Keller, Robert Michael	Wolf, Harvey Hugh	Southern Pines
Kerley, Sarah Renee	Rao, Lakshman	Erwin
Kerley, Sarah Renee	Robinson, Linda Moore	Erwin
Krape, Harvey Ronald	O'Neill, Damien	Murphy
Kubicki, Theresa Burgess	Christensen, Jeness Marie	Raleigh
Matthews, Daniel Alan	Schmits, Jr Walter Richard	West End
Melgar, Tammy Strickland	Wagner, Peter Brian	Greenville
Neunkirchner, Steven Kurt	Pitts, Theodore Marius	Durham
O'Branski, Erin Eileen	Kurtzberg, Joanne	Durham
O'Gorman, Natasha Folda	Morell, Robert Craig	Winston-Salem
Polito, Antoinette Marie	Garst, Jennifer Lynn	Durham
Porter, Scott Christopher	Ryan, William Scott	Lumberton
Powell, Loretta Christine	Intini, Ronald Samuel	Hollister

Powers, Laurie McCarthy  
 Rampolla, Kathleen Anne  
 Rapalje, James John  
 Rapalje, James John  
 Regan, James Arthur  
 Reid, Stephanie Michelle  
 Riehle, Tonya Mae  
 Riffe, Duffey A.  
 Russell, Douglas Blane  
 Schiro, Shelley Tucker  
 Sebren, Donna  
 Shutak, II Michael  
 Sims, Ginger Williams  
 Smith, Linda Louise  
 Smith, Suzanne Joslyn  
 Soni-Patel, Payal Hasmukh  
 Ussery, Vanessa Taylor  
 Weaver, Raylee Sussan  
 Whitmore, Donald Allen  
 Wilson, Damon William  
 Woods, Martha Kate  
 Yates, Heather Dana  
 Zagon, Laura Joan  
 Zimmerman, Diane Ruth

Chesky, Joseph Frank  
 Zaiim, Loghman  
 Ferguson, Jr. Robert Lee  
 Reaves, III Leonard Erastus  
 Bankov, Robert William  
 Seen, Nelson Der  
 Stuart, Dennis O'Garey  
 Boerner, Robert Michael  
 Stephens, Wayland Chad  
 Eglinton, Daniel Thomas  
 Wilkes, Dru Van  
 Hudson, Richard Woodard  
 Lederer, Jr. James Weil  
 Gaudet, Tracy Williams  
 Shropshire, Angela Lee  
 Buzzanell, Charles Anton  
 Aycock, Susan Elizabeth  
 Chrostowski, Dariusz  
 Chesky, Joseph Frank  
 Hertz, George Erik  
 Stephens, Wayland Chad  
 Shegog, Jamehl Demons  
 Onwukwe, Augustine Nnana  
 Hayden, Michael Norman

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 Cary  
 Hope Mills  
 Fayetteville  
 Cherry Point  
 Shelby  
 Fairmont  
 Asheville  
 Greensboro  
 Asheville  
 Asheville  
 Bayboro  
 Winston-Salem  
 Durham  
 Raleigh  
 Asheville  
 Elizabethtown  
 Murphy  
 Fayetteville  
 Winston-Salem  
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 Winston-Salem  
 Charlotte  
 Durham

**Public Agenda Items for Committee Discussion-**

Justine Strand has submitted a letter to the Board requesting a declaratory ruling by the Board to address the question of whether physician assistants in NC may attend deliveries.

Board Action: Board votes to provide declaratory ruling for PAs to attend deliveries.

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

**NURSE PRACTITIONER COMMITTEE REPORT**

Robin Hunter-Buskey, PAC; Michael Norins, MD; Elizabeth Kanof, MD

**NP Initial Applications Recommended for Approval after Staff Review-**

Board Action: Approve

**NURSE PRACTITIONER**

**Broady-Wilson**, Kimberly  
**Cherry**, Kimberly Carlyle  
**Frazer**, Melissa Day  
**Gutmann**, Catherine Ann  
**Juarez-Leal**, Susana Patricia  
**Lachapelle**, Joann

**PRIMARY SUPERVISOR**

**Morrow**, John H.  
**Morrow**, John H.  
**Smolen**, Paul M.  
**Twersky**, Jack I.  
**Taylor**, Stanley D.  
**James**, Michael

**PRACTICE CITY**

Greenville  
 Greenville  
 Charlotte  
 Durham  
 Jacksonville  
 Raleigh

**Lee**, Virginia  
**Long**, Patricia Kramer  
**Murphy**, Luanne  
**Neal**, Patricia Hough  
**Pereira**, Katherine C.  
**Raines**, Christena Dean B.  
**Rickert**, Marlene Marie  
**Rose**, Jeanne B.  
**Shonkwiler**, Erin Lynn  
**Stanhope**, Jane Ellen  
**Timmons**, Rosemary A.  
**Tobias**, Annis Aileen  
**Vazquez**, Sandrivette

**Spurney**, Robert F.  
**Ollila**, David W.  
**Lawal**, Olujide  
**Garst**, Jennifer L.  
**Brown**, Ann J.  
**Hartmann**, Katherine  
**Shah**, Priyavadan  
**Bindewald**, Eric S.  
**Leget**, Gail A.  
**Twersky**, Jack  
**Pascale**, James A.  
**Butcher**, David L.  
**Hooper**, Thomas E.

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 Cary  
 Wilmington  
 Lumberton  
 Durham  
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 Washington  
 Wilson

**NP Initial Applications for Committee Review-**

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

The Board reviewed 2 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.

**NP Subsequent Applications administratively approved-**

Board Action: Approve

**NURSE PRACTITIONER**

**PRIMARY SUPERVISOR**

**PRACTICE CITY**

**Bachman**, Patricia  
**Beck-Sieg**, Judy  
**Boggs**, Kathleen U.  
**Brown**, Deborah U.  
**Brown**, Deborah U.  
**Brown**, Deborah U.  
**Bunker**, Barbara J.  
**Campbell**, Marie  
**Coughlin**, Dolores M.  
**Efird**, Ruth K.  
**Feldt**, Geraldine E.  
**Finney**, Donna L.  
**Fussell**, Connie R.  
**Gilliam**, Karen A.  
**Goodwin**, Madonna M.  
**Hayes**, Cynthia A.  
**House**, Laura A.  
**Latta**, Cynthia M.  
**Lavoie-Vaughan**, Nanette  
**MacDonald**, Keri W.

**Carrion**, Ivan  
**Granfortuna**, James M.  
**Echterling**, Susan  
**Addison**, W. Allen  
**Amundsen**, Cindy L.  
**Weidner**, Alison C.  
**Wilson**, Richard D.  
**Phillips**, Bruce Jr.  
**Zapata**, Mario G.  
**Fisher**, Michael J.  
**Rose**, Virgil Jr.  
**Allison**, Ron R.  
**Gacengeci**, David M.  
**Stephens**, Wayland C.  
**Wilson**, Thomas A.  
**Kutob**, Rabi  
**Fisher**, Michael J.  
**Fisher**, Michael J.  
**Gebska-Wojdyska**, M.  
**Fisher**, Michael J.

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 Winston-Salem  
 Sanford  
 Asheville  
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<b>Mayes</b> , Mark M.	<b>Stephens</b> , Wayland C.	Winston-Salem
<b>McDowell</b> , Reida	<b>Ellis</b> , Matthew J.	Durham
<b>McNeil Hall</b> , Amanda	<b>Fesperman</b> , Joseph Jr.	Wilkesboro
<b>McNeil Hall</b> , Amanda	<b>Kilby</b> , Larry S.	Boomer
<b>McNeil Hall</b> , Amanda	<b>Smith</b> , Duane H.	Wilkesboro
<b>McNeil Hall</b> , Amanda	<b>Van Noy</b> , Timothy Q.	Wilkesboro
<b>McNeill</b> , Lorraine S.	<b>McKay</b> , Cecilia S.	Chapel Hill
<b>Middleton</b> , Ginny W.	<b>Fisher</b> , Ronald P.	Sylva
<b>Monroe</b> , Pamela	<b>Bresnahan</b> , Linda	Concord
<b>Neveu</b> , Susan M.	<b>Castro</b> , Dana E.	Linville
<b>Pharr</b> , Amy R.	<b>Patel</b> , Aneel N.	Wilmington
<b>Pityk</b> , Denise	<b>Patel</b> , Aneel N.	Wilmington
<b>Plumer</b> , Devon	<b>Cheifetz</b> , Ira M.	Durham
<b>Reynolds</b> , Eva M.	<b>Mims</b> , Susan R.	Asheville
<b>Rutherford-Hemming</b> , T.	<b>Shah</b> , Priyavadan	Cary
<b>Scott</b> , Margaret A.	<b>Szypulski</b> , Jacek	Greensboro
<b>Smith</b> , Denene	<b>Brooks</b> , Michael L.	Pembroke
<b>Smith</b> , Sidni A.	<b>Navasero</b> , Marie C.	Wilmington
<b>Thompson</b> , Julie	<b>Long</b> , Stephen	Roxboro
<b>Walker</b> , Julia Q.	<b>Burton</b> , Claude III	Durham
<b>Wentz</b> , Lora D.	<b>Grandis</b> , Arnold S.	Greensboro
<b>Winkler</b> , Thelma	<b>Kilby</b> , Larry S.	Boome

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

## ALLIED HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Robin Hunter-Buskey, PAC; Michael Norins, MD; Elizabeth Kanof, MD

**April 18, 2002:** Ms. Hunter-Buskey reviewed the recent accomplishments of this committee, in preparation for a presentation she will be giving to the full Board. These items included:

- a. NP JointSub
  - i. Rule changes being studied
  - ii. Loop hole presented by BON's administrative approval
  - iii. Protocol vs. collaborative practice
  - iv. Dr. Norins elected chair for 2002
  - v. Board of Nursing's (BON's) substance abuse program described to NCMB
- b. BON Advisory Statement Process being evaluated
- c. Examining NCMB & BON relationship
- d. PA apps are now being notarized
- e. FCVS is now being accepted for PA applications
- f. Reminder to Legal to remember extenders when writing consent orders
- g. Random PA site checks
- h. Educating PAs in the field through presentations & articles
- i. PAAC meetings and organization
- j. Recent Board actions for EMS formulary & tasks

Paul Hendrix from Duke University has contacted Ms. Meelheim regarding their "PA residency program," and agreed that PAs should obtain full licensure first

NCMB Position Statement regarding fee splitting was reviewed for Committee information.

AAPA Medicare "Reimbursement Watch" with respect to PA billing issues was reviewed for Committee information.

Dr. Kanof will present February's Board action item regarding the Board's opposition to the proposed OEMS rules that appeared in the January 2002 issue of the NC Register, which would require PAs to take a written examination approved by the OEMS concerning aspects of EMS logistics and administration.

Polly Johnson from the BON will speak to the Committee in May to explain the history of the BON Advisory Statement Process regarding RNs and LPNs

The Committee wishes to stop the BON's administrative approval process of NPs, which occurs before NCMB receives the application. NCMB and BON should approve before NP begins to practice. This will be an NP JointSub Committee agenda item.

Certified nurse midwives have proposed a rule change that would allow lay midwives to perform deliveries (lay midwives are regulated by BON). Discuss BON legislative plans with Polly Johnson next month.

Remind Legal Department to remember to address the supervision of midwives when writing physician consent orders.

**Motion:** A motion passed to accept the Allied Health Committee Report.

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE REPORT**

John Dees, MD; George Barrett, MD; E.K. Fretwell, PhD; Robin Hunter-Buskey, PAC; Robert Moffatt, MD

### **Clinical Clerkships - Elective Rotations**

Catchline: Are "elective" rotations of concern to the Board, if the core rotations meet the Board's requirements?

Committee Recommendation: Continue to evaluate clerkship questions on an individual basis.

Board Action: Continue to evaluate clerkship questions on an individual basis.

### **Limited Volunteer License**

Catchline: A majority of applicants for this type of license do not know in which clinics they will be offering their services, but want to be ready to work when their services are needed.

Committee Recommendation: Do not require applicants for Limited Volunteer License to name the specific site (indigent care clinic) where the physician will be practicing in their application.

Board Action: Do not require applicants for Limited Volunteer License to name the specific site (clinic) where the physician will be practicing in their application.

## Registration Notices

Catchline: As a result of the suggestion to call physicians whose licenses are about to be made inactive, Ms. Meelheim was requested to collect data on how many certified notices were sent to physicians during the past twelve months and report to the License Committee. Data showed there were in excess of 3300.

Committee Recommendation: The License Committee does not see any need to implement telephone notification to physicians who have not registered in addition to the present notification system in place.

Board Action: Accept as information and notify the Medical Society that this issue was discussed.

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

The Board reviewed 8 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 individual applicants for professional licenses or certificates.

Fifteen 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

Maureen Ngozi Achuko  
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Sameer Imtiaz Ahmad  
Jawaid Ahsan  
Adnan Alghadban  
Kefah Adnan Al-Hayk  
Aimee Rachelle Andrews  
Raymond Alton Armstrong Jr.  
Estuardo Eric Aroca  
Ajay Partap Singh Bajwa  
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Brian Thomas Buehler  
Woodward Burgert III  
Christopher Sothoron Byrd  
Piero Capecci  
Peter Martin Carignan  
Dean Christopher Cauley  
John M. Cho  
Peter Earl Clark  
Max William Cohen

Sarah Elizabeth Colley-  
Mangano  
Matthew Till Collins  
Durrett Carter Craddock  
Wendy Lee Cran-Carty  
Gregory Brant Davis  
Jerald Albert DeLaGarza  
William Austin Dennis  
Sean D'Souza  
Josiah William Duke  
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Anthony Douglas Elkins  
Michelle Lee Embling  
Rachel Beth Feinstein  
Christina Maria Figlozzi

Andrea Christine Foiles  
Brian Wallace Fortuin  
Sascha Frey  
Katryn Naoko Furuya  
Tara Goodlett Gaines  
Angela Brawley Gantt  
Yan Gao  
James Michael Gargett  
Rona Marie Garm  
Sandeep Sharad Gavankar  
Sarah Young Gessner  
Daran Graham Glenn  
Timothy Francis Goggins  
Barbara Lynn Goheen  
Aaron Harvey Gootman  
Cecil Curtis Graham  
Robert Bourdeaux Gray  
Ashraf Faaek Guirgues  
Aradhana Patel Gupta  
David Raymond Hall  
Robert Steven Hanser  
Joshua Lee Hardison  
Arthur Lyman Haskins  
Edward Elem Hayes  
Duane Ashley Hilliard  
Douglas Keith Holtzman  
Dina Hooshyar  
Melanie Denise Hoover  
Ronald Vidya Hublall  
Kenneth Allen Humphrey  
Edgar Lee Hunt Jr.  
Basem Moustafa Hussein  
Ernest Hymel  
Mark Alan Iler  
Aamir Iqbal  
Naseem Haji Hussein Ismail  
Grace E. Jackson  
Jose Jacob  
Charles Bradley Jones  
Amy Young Jordan  
Kayvan Kamali

Mark Aarne Kasari  
Sameer Hamid Khan  
Daniel Jeffrey Kirse  
Emily Jean Knobloch  
Paul Allen Kurz  
Philip Carl LaTourette  
Ronald Adrian Lepke  
James Chaang Lin  
George Joseph Lock  
Miha Singh Lucas  
Mary Allison Stepping Ludolph  
Sean Michael Lynch  
Christopher Mark Mathews  
Jerome Francis McCabe  
Edward McCutcheon  
Timothy John McGrath  
Brian Andrew McGraw  
Stephen Victor Mendoza  
Reza Miraliakbari  
Sanjib Prasad Mohanty  
Felix Ramon Muniz  
Rajasekhar Nekkanti  
Ndubueze Clement Job Okereke  
Anthony Stephen Oliva  
Ronny Mario Otero  
Luke Padwick  
Hyunsoon Edie Park  
Sanjay Ramanbhai Patel  
Anjali Kishor Pathak  
Hemang Jayendra Pathak  
Kenneth Lee Pennington  
Stewart Michael Polsky  
Robert Puchalski  
Ben Alfred Raines  
Dharma Devi Rajbhandari  
Paul Scott Riske  
Noemi Gabriela Romano  
Julia Kirsten Roos  
Jason William Ryan  
Malin Abraham Sadler  
John Alberto Sanchez

Raju Sarwal  
Rajaletchumy Sathasivam  
Julette Moran Saussy  
Elizabeth Rose Scannell  
John Morris Scherr  
Tricia Marie Schmit  
Taras Terry Michael  
Semchyshyn  
Tawfik Abdelraouf Shabana  
Poorvi Jagdish Shah  
Amy Heyman Singleton  
Billy Ray Smith  
Graham Edwin Snyder  
Julia Song  
Aaron Michel Spann  
Adam Wayne Specht  
Latessa Smith Spiers  
Sheila Clark Stallings  
Jeffrey Marc Steinberg  
Christopher Wade Stewart  
Ronald Cleveland Stewart  
Wallace Clements Tarry  
Sandya Thimmappa  
Lauren Mary Titchener  
Donald Ulysses Toatley  
Wayne Joseph Torre  
James Michael Troutman  
Ravikant V Varanasi  
Kinga Maria Vereczkey-Porter  
Jeric Canda Villaruz  
Kelly Lynn Vollmer  
Keith Eberhard Volmar  
Nicholas Elliott Walker  
Martin Warren Webb  
Barry Christopher Weed  
David Patrick Ward  
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Kelly Meghan Wren

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Dharma Devi Rajbhandari  
Paul Scott Riske  
Noemi Gabriela Romano  
Julia Kirsten Roos  
Jason William Ryan  
Malin Abraham Sadler  
John Alberto Sanchez  
Raju Sarwal  
Rajaletchumy Sathasivam  
Jullette Moran Saussy  
Elizabeth Rose Scannell  
John Morris Scherr  
Tricia Marie Schmit  
Taras Terry Michael Semchyshyn  
Tawfik Abdelraouf Shabana  
Poorvi Jagdish Shah  
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Aaron Michel Spann  
Adam Wayne Specht  
Latessa Smith Spiers  
Sheila Clark Stallings  
Jeffrey Marc Steinberg  
Christopher Wade Stewart  
Wallace Clements Tarry  
Sandya Thimmappa  
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Nicholas Elliott Walker  
Martin Warren Webb  
Ronald Bruce Workman Jr  
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**Interview Forms Not Received**

Amy Young Jordan  
Jack Frederick Otteni

**Faculty Limited Licenses**

Gil Bolotin  
Ramon Edward Sheehan  
Sharon Rose-Ann Winters

**Reinstatements (long process)**

Gary William Bryan  
Christopher Haekang Chay  
Peter Ryan Anderson Gaskin  
Sidney Thomas Greenstone  
Brian David Paterick  
Juliana Willey

**Reactivations (short process)**

Frances Millar Dayrit

**From Legal Report**

Ben Alfred Raines – rescind prior Board  
Action (4/2002 meeting)

## **NORTH CAROLINA PHYSICIANS HEALTH PROGRAM (NCPHP) COMMITTEE REPORT**

John Dees, MD; Aloysius Walsh; Robert Moffatt, MD

A motion passed to close the session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to section 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.

NCPHP Compliance Committee met on 5/15/02.

The Board reviewed 15 cases involving participants in the NC Physicians Health Program. 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 as these actions are not public information.

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

A motion passed to return to open session.

## COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Aloysius Walsh; John Dees, MD; Elizabeth Kanof, MD; Walter Pories, MD; Hari Gupta

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 56 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.

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

A motion passed to return to open session.

### Complaint Department Statistics May 2002

Total Number of Outstanding Complaints in Department	247
*Complaints (Pathway 1) Being Reviewed At May Board Meeting	56
Complaints Awaiting Physician Responses	69
Complaints Awaiting Subpoenaed Records	1
Complaints Awaiting Info from Investigations	4
Complaints Awaiting Expert Review	2
Complaints Awaiting Informal Interview	19
Complaints Awaiting Summarization	11
Complaints Awaiting Review by Dr Townsend	39
Complaints Awaiting Review by full Committee (June)	46
<i>* Reviewed by Complaint Committee and submitted to full Board for approval</i>	
FOR INFORMATION ONLY	
Pathway 2 Complaints ( <i>Reviewed/closed by Complaint Dept. Staff</i> )	14
(Re: Medical record, billing, refer to another agency, NVMPA)	
Complaints received <i>year to date</i>	346
Complaints received YTD (2001)	309
Complaints received in 2001	870
Complaints received in 2000	668
Average age of outstanding complaints	2.77 months

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

## INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Stephen Herring, MD; George Barrett, MD; E.K. Fretwell, PhD; Robin Hunter-Buskey, PA-C; Charles Garrett, MD; Michael Norins, 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 23 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.

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

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.

Twenty-three 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 Report as amended.

A motion passed to return to open session.

## MALPRACTICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Aloysius Walsh; John Dees, MD; Elizabeth Kanof, MD; Walter Pories, MD; Hari Gupta

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 16 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 May 17, 2002.

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Charles L. Garrett, MD  
Secretary/Treasurer