



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2020

Via Videoconference

Minutes of the North Carolina Medical Board (NCMB) Special Meeting held April 22, 2020.

A Special Meeting of the North Carolina Medical Board was held via conference call at 6:00 p.m. on April 22, 2020. Bryant A Murphy, MD, President, called the meeting to order. Board members in attendance were: Bryant A. Murphy, MD, President; Venkata R. Jonnalagadda, MD, President-Elect; John W. Rusher, M.D., Secretary/Treasurer; Ralph A. Walker, JD; Shawn P. Parker, JD; Michaux R. Kilpatrick, MD; Joshua D. Malcolm, JD; Damian F. McHugh, MD; W. Howard Hall, MD; Devdutta G. Sangvai, MD; Varnell D. McDonald-Fletcher, EdD, PA-C; Christine M. Khandelwal, DO and Jerri L. Patterson, NP.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Dr. Murphy reminded the Board members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest with respect to any matters coming before the Board as required by the State Government Ethics Act. No conflicts were reported.

LETTER FROM REP. GALE ADCOCK DATED APRIL 17, 2020

The Board reviewed Rep. Adcock's letter dated April 17, 2020, in which she asked the NCMB to do the following during the COVID-19 State of Emergency:

1. Waive Quality Improvement Process (QIP) meetings for all currently practicing nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician assistants (PAs).
2. Waive monthly QIP meetings for NPs and PAs in new positions or in new supervising physician relationships who were previously approved to practice (NPs) or previously licensed (PAs).
3. For NPs and PAs currently approved to practice/licensed who wish to volunteer, waive the application fee, Collaborative Practice Agreements (CPAs) and QIP meetings for NPs and PAs.
4. Extend the date for CPA review/signature for NPs and PAs currently approved to practice/licensed.

After careful consideration, the NCMB voted as follows:

As to items 1, 2 and 4 in Rep. Adcock's letter:

1. Direct staff to continue gathering information regarding the need for and potential effect of the waivers requested by Rep. Adcock; and
2. Notify Rep. Adcock of the Board's decision.

As to item 3:

Waive the \$20 application fee for the nurse practitioner volunteer approval during the current state of emergency as declared by Governor Cooper's Executive Order No. 116. 21 NCAC 36 .0813(a) and 21 NCAC 32M .0115(a).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the NCMB adjourned at 6:45 p.m. on April 22, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John W. Rusher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

John W. Rusher, MD; Secretary/Treasurer