

# **BOARD HEARING MINUTES**

**North Carolina Medical Board**

**February 21, 2025**

**3127 Smoketree Court  
Raleigh, North Carolina**

The North Carolina Medical Board held its scheduled February 2025 meeting at its offices at 3127 Smoketree Court, Raleigh, NC 27604. Devdutta G. Sangvai, M.D., J.D., MBA, President and Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order on Friday, February 21, 2025, at 11:01 a.m. Board members participating were: Devdutta G. Sangvai, M.D., J.D., MBA, Board President and Presiding Officer; Anuradha Rao-Patel, M.D.; Robert L. Rich, Jr., M.D.; Candace A. Bradley, D.O., MBA; J. Nelson Dollar, M.A.; W. Howard Hall, M.D.; Vicki A. Harry; Mark A. Newell, M.D., MMM; and Miguel A. Pineiro, PA-C, MHPE. Also attending was Ms. Shannon Joseph, Independent Counsel, who assisted the Board.

### **Presidential Remarks:**

Dr. Sangvai commenced the meeting by reminding 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 recusals were noted for the record.

### **HEARINGS**

#### **WALKER, ORRIN ABRAHAM, M.D. – Grover, North Carolina**

The Board was represented by Mr. Rob Patchett. Dr. Walker was represented by Mr. Alan Schneider.

Dr. Walker's application for reinstatement of his North Carolina medical license was denied pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-14(a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(7), (a)(11a), and (a)(13) on November 4, 2024. Dr. Walker requested a formal hearing before the Board.

Following the hearing, the Board found that Dr. Walker's 2014 Consent Order with the Board was a basis to deny his application for a license to practice medicine within the meaning of North Carolina General Statute § 90-14(a)(5); Dr. Walker's 2014 Consent Order with the Board was a basis to deny his application for a license to practice medicine within the meaning of North Carolina General Statute § 90-14(a)(6); Dr. Walker's 2014 Consent Order with the Board was a basis to deny his application for a license to practice medicine within the meaning of North Carolina General Statute § 90-14(a)(7); Dr. Walker's 2017 felony trafficking conviction was a basis to deny his application for a license to practice medicine within the meaning of North Carolina General Statute § 90-14(a)(7); Dr. Walker not actively practicing medicine for the two-year period immediately preceding the filing of his application was a basis to deny his application for a license to practice medicine within the meaning of North Carolina General Statute § 90-14(a)(11a); and Dr. Walker's 2015 Consent Order with the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners was a basis to deny his application for a license to practice medicine within the meaning of North Carolina General Statute § 90-14(a)(13).

The Board voted to reinstate Dr. Walker's license to practice medicine with a Reentry Plan containing the conditions:

1. Dr. Walker must complete a residency program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).
2. Dr. Walker must begin the process of seeking residency placement within twelve (12) months.

3. Dr. Walker shall not practice medicine outside of the restrictions and limitations imposed by the residency program.
4. Dr. Walker shall extend his North Carolina Professionals Health Program monitoring contract for not less than the duration of his residency.
5. The Reentry Plan shall continue until the Board's Office of the Medical Director has approved it as completed.

**GAY, ANDRE NICOLAS, M.D. – Hendersonville, North Carolina**

The Board was represented by Mr. Rob Patchett. Dr. Gay was represented by Mr. Nicholas Dowgul.

Dr. Gay's application for a North Carolina medical license was denied pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stats. §§ 90-14(a)(3), (a)(6), and (a)(13) on January 3, 2025. Dr. Gay requested a formal hearing before the Board.

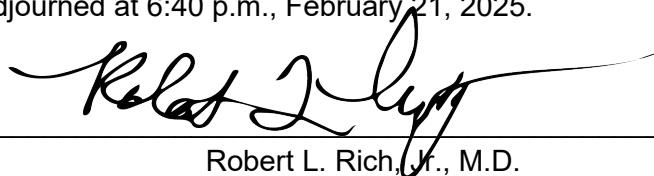
Following the hearing, the Board found that Dr. Gay made false statements or representations to the Board in connection with an application within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(3) and the false statements or representations was a basis to deny his application for a license to practice medicine; Dr. Gay committed unprofessional conduct by accepting kickbacks for patient referrals within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) and was the basis to deny his application for a license to practice medicine; and the March 24, 2023, citation and fine in the amount of \$700.00 issued by the California Board constituted Dr. Gay's license to practice medicine being restricted or acted against by the licensing authority of any jurisdiction within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(13) such that it formed a basis to deny his application for a license to practice medicine.

The Board voted to issue Dr. Gay a license to practice medicine with the following conditions:

1. Dr. Gay shall be reprimanded.
2. Dr. Gay shall complete a comprehensive ethics program for healthcare providers approved by the Board's Office of the Medical Director to be completed within 6 months. Dr. Gay shall comply with any follow up recommendation of the approved program.
3. Dr. Gay shall be prohibited from supervising or taking a leadership role in any skilled nursing facility, home health, durable medical equipment (DME), or other facility other than primary employer, and if such an opportunity does present, that employment must first be approved by the Board's Office of the Medical Director.

**Adjournment:**

This meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m., February 21, 2025.



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Robert L. Rich, Jr., M.D.  
Secretary/Treasurer