



BOARD HEARING & INVESTIGATIVE MATTER MINUTES

North Carolina Medical Board

April 15, 2021

**3127 Smoketree Court
Raleigh, North Carolina**

The North Carolina Medical Board held its regularly scheduled April 2021 meeting at its offices at 3127 Smoketree Court, Raleigh, NC. Venkata Jonnalagadda, M.D., President and Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at 8:15 a.m. Board members participating were: John W. Rusher, M.D.; Varnell McDonald-Fletcher, PA-C; Jerri L. Patterson, N.P.; Devdutta G. Sangvai, M.D.; W. Howard Hall, M.D.; Shawn Parker, J.D.; and Christine M. Khandelwal, D.O. Also attending was The Honorable Fred Morelock, Independent Counsel who assisted the Board.

Presidential Remarks:

Dr. Jonnalagadda 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.

HEARINGS

KENNETH JAY HEADEN, M.D. – GREENSBORO, NC

The Board was represented by Mr. Marcus Jimison. Dr. Headen was represented by Mr. Matthew W. Wolfe and Mr. Brad K. Overcash.

Dr. Headen was charged with unprofessional conduct, including but not limited to, departure from, or failure to conform to, the standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6).

Following the hearing, the Board found that Dr. Headen committed unprofessional conduct, including but not limited to, departure from, or failure to conform to, the standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6).

The Board voted to indefinitely suspend Dr. Headen's license to practice medicine.

The hearing adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

INVESTIGATIVE MATTER

The Board went into closed session pursuant to Section 143-318.11(a) of the North Carolina General Statutes to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to Sections 90-8, 90-14, 90-16, 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 and/or to preserve attorney/client privilege to discuss the proposed settlement.

The Board received a report regarding an investigative matter. The Board received information, discussed, voted and directed staff on the confidential investigative matter. The specifics of this report are not included because this action is not public information.

A motion to return to open session was made and passed, and the Board returned to open session.

Adjournment:

This meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m., Thursday, April 15, 2021.



Michaux R. Kilpatrick, M.D.

Secretary/Treasurer