

# **MINUTES**

## **North Carolina Medical Board**

**December 13, 2018**

**1203 Front Street  
Raleigh, North Carolina**

The North Carolina Medical Board held its regularly scheduled December 2018 meeting at the Board's office located at 1203 Front Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. Barbara E. Walker, DO, President, called the meeting to order on Thursday December 13, 2018, at 8:13 a.m. Board members participating were: Ralph A. Walker, JD; A. Wayne Holloman; Venkata Jonnalagadda, MD; Michaux R. Kilpatrick, MD; Debra A. Bolick, MD; Varnell McDonald-Fletcher, PA-C and Christine M. Khandelwal, DO. Also attending was Fred Morelock, Independent Legal Counsel to the Board.

### **Presidential Remarks:**

Dr. Walker 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.

### **HEARING**

#### **FINK, GARY LEE, MD – Salisbury, NC**

The Board was represented by Mr. Brian L. Blankenship. Dr. Fink represented himself.

Dr. Fink was charged with 1) Unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) by failing to comply with the Board's January 30, 2018 Order for Examination by failing to submit himself for a comprehensive examination within thirty (30) days of his receipt of the Order for Examination; 2) Failing to respond, within a reasonable period of time and in a reasonable manner as determined by the Board, to inquiries from the Board concerning any matter affecting his license to practice medicine within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(14) by failing to respond to staff inquiries regarding the Board's January 30, 2018 Order for Examination; and 3) Failing to respond, within a reasonable period of time and in a reasonable manner as determined by the Board, to inquiries from the Board concerning any matter affecting his license to practice medicine within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(14) by failing to submit himself for a comprehensive examination within thirty (30) days of his receipt of the Order for Examination.

Following the hearing, the Board found the Dr. Fink had failed to respond, within a reasonable period of time and in a reasonable manner as determined by the Board, to inquiries from the Board concerning any matter affecting his license to practice medicine within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(14) by failing to respond to staff inquiries regarding the Board's January 30, 2018 Order for Examination; and failed to respond, within a reasonable period of time and in a reasonable manner as determined by the Board, to inquiries from the Board concerning any matter affecting his license to practice medicine within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(14) by failing to submit himself for a comprehensive examination within thirty (30) days of his receipt of the Order for Examination. The Board found he did not commit unprofessional conduct.

The Board indefinitely suspended Dr. Fink's license, the suspension being immediately stayed upon the condition that Dr. Fink complete a comprehensive assessment within 90 days of the executed final order of the hearing.

**Proposed Settlements**

**MCQUEEN, Fred Douglas, Jr, MD – Hamlet, NC**

The Board was represented by Mr. Patrick Balestrieri. Dr. McQueen was represented by Mr. Alex Hagan.

The Board went into closed session to discuss the proposed Consent Order.

The Board voted to accept the proposed Consent Order.

**BURGESS, Kathy Howard, NP – Hamlet, NC**

The Board was represented by Mr. Patrick Balestrieri. Ms. Burgess was represented by Mr. Jeremy Falcone.

The Board went into closed session to discuss the proposed Consent Order.

The Board voted to accept the proposed Consent Order.

**Adjournment:**

This meeting was adjourned at 11:04 am, Thursday, December 13, 2018.



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Venkata Jonnalagadda, MD  
Secretary/Treasurer