

MINUTES

North Carolina Medical Board

February 21 - 22, 2019

**1203 Front Street
Raleigh, North Carolina**

The North Carolina Medical Board held its regularly scheduled February 2019 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 February 21, 2019, at 8:01a.m. Board members participating were: Shawn P. Parker; Venkata Jonnalagadda, MD; Christine M. Khandelwal, DO; Timothy E. Lietz, MD; Varnell McDonald-Fletcher, PA-C; Bryant A. Murphy, MD; and A. Wayne Holloman. 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.

HEARINGS

MCKENZIE, WAYLAND WILSON, SR., MD – Greensboro, NC

The Board was represented by Mr. Marcus Jimison. Dr. McKenzie was represented by Mr. Joseph T. Carruthers.

Dr. McKenzie was charged with unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) for departure from or failing to conform to the standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in the diagnosis, treatment and overall care of six patients.

Following the hearing, the Board found that Dr. McKenzie committed unprofessional conduct by departing from or failing to conform to the standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in his care of Patients A- F within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6). The board voted to revoke Dr. McKenzie's license the practice medicine effective February 22, 2019.

NELSON, PAULA MARIA, MD – Maryland and Georgia

The Board was represented by Mr. Patrick Balestrieri. Dr. Nelson was not represented and did not appear.

Dr. Nelson was charged with having her license to practice medicine or the authority to practice medicine revoked and suspended by the licensing authority of another jurisdiction within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(13).

Following the hearing, the Board found that the revocation of Dr. Nelson's Maryland medical license by the Maryland State Board of Physicians contained in the February 12, 2018, Final Decision and Order constituted Dr. Nelson having a license to practice medicine or the authority to practice medicine revoked by the licensing authority of another jurisdiction within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(13) and that the suspension of Dr. Nelson's Virginia medical license by the Virginia Board of Medicine contained in the March 15, 2018, Order of Mandatory

Suspension constituted Dr. Nelson having a license to practice medicine or the authority to practice medicine suspended by the licensing authority of another jurisdiction within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(13). The Board voted to revoke Dr. Nelson's license to practice medicine.

PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS

TORRES, RAFAEL GUILLERMO, MD – Raleigh and Wilson, NC

The Board was represented by Mr. Marcus Jimison. Dr. Torres was represented by Mr. Alan Schneider.

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

The Board voted to accept the proposed Consent Order.

DHOOPATI, VIJAY RAMARAJU, MD – Roxboro, NC

The Board was represented by Mr. Brian Blankenship. Dr. Dhoopati was represented by Ms. Meredith Hubbard.

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CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

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.

Two closed session matters 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.

Adjournment:

This meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am, Friday, February 22, 2019.



Venkata Jonnalagadda, MD
Secretary/Treasurer