

# **BOARD HEARING MINUTES**

# North Carolina Medical Board

**October 15, 2020** 

1203 Front Street Raleigh, North Carolina

The North Carolina Medical Board held its regularly scheduled October 2020 meeting virtually through Microsoft Live. Bryant A. Murphy, M.D., President and Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order on Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 8:01 a.m. Board members participating were: Venkata Jonnalagadda, M.D.; W. Howard Hall, M.D.; Michaux R. Kilpatrick, M.D.; Varnell McDonald-Fletcher, P.A.; Devdutta G. Sangvai, M.D.; Damian F. McHugh, M.D.; and Mr. Joshua Malcolm. Also attending was the Honorable Shannon Joseph, Independent Legal Counsel to the Board.

#### **Presidential Remarks:**

Dr. Murphy 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**

#### AIAD-TOSS, ALBERT SHOCKRY, MD - OHIO

The Board was represented by Mr. Brian Blankenship. Dr. Aiad-Toss did not appear.

Dr. Aiad-Toss was charged with having his license to practice medicine restricted or acted against by the licensing authority of any jurisdiction within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(13).

The Board recognized that Dr. Aiad-Toss and the Board had entered into a pre-hearing stipulation in which, among other things, Dr. Aiad-Toss consented to a hearing by electronic means.

Following the hearing, the Board found that the action taken by the State Medical Board of Ohio constituted Dr. Aiad-Toss having his license to practice medicine restricted or acted against by the licensing authority of any jurisdiction within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(13).

The Board voted to indefinitely suspend Dr. Aiad-Toss' license to practice medicine.

The hearing adjourned at 8.40 a.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:

A motion was made and passed to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m., Thursday, October 15, 2020.

John W. Rusher, MD

Secretary/Treasurer