

Minutes of the Open Sessions of the North Carolina Medical Board Special Meeting held September 3, 2020.

The September 3, 2020 emergency meeting of the North Carolina Medical Board was held virtually through MS Teams. The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m., Thursday, September 3, 2020, by Venkata R. Jonnalagadda, MD, President-Elect. Other Board members in attendance were: John W. Rusher, MD; W. Howard Hall, MD; Damian F. McHugh, MD; Christine M. Khandelwal, DO; Michaux R. Kilpatrick, MD; Devdutta G. Sangvai, MD; Ms. Varnell McDonald-Fletcher, PA-C; Ms. Jerri L. Patterson, NP; Mr. Shawn P. Parker; Mr. Joshua Malcolm and Mr. William Brawley. Absent was Bryant A. Murphy, MD. Serving as Independent Counsel were the Honorable Fred Morelock and the Honorable Shannon Joseph. Board Staff attending were: Mr. Brian Blankenship, Mr. Thomas Mansfield, Ms. Carren Mackiewicz, Ms. Jessica Glendenning, and Mr. Patrick Berckmiller.


Dr. Jonnalagadda commenced the meeting by reading from the State Government Ethics Act, the "ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder." No conflicts were reported. Dr. Jonnalagadda then called roll and confirmed a quorum of the board was present on the call.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to close the 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 and 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 and/or to take disciplinary action against persons holding licenses or certificates while meeting with respect to individual holders of such licenses or certificates.

Legal counsel provided confidential and privileged advice regarding a non-public investigative matter. The Board discussed that matter and instructed its attorneys.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to return to open session.

Dr. Jonnalagadda adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m., September 3, 2020.



John Rusher, MD, Secretary/Treasurer