



# **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**North Carolina Medical Board**

**February 20, 2026**

**3127 Smoketree Court  
Raleigh, North Carolina**

The North Carolina Medical Board held its scheduled February 2026 meeting at its offices at 3127 Smoketree Court, Raleigh, NC 27604. Anuradha Rao-Patel, M.D., President and Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order on Friday, February 20, 2026, at 8:11 a.m. Board members participating were: Anuradha Rao-Patel, M.D., President and Presiding Officer; Eric R. Bonner, M.D., MBA; J. Nelson Dollar, M.A.; Sharona Y. Johnson, PhD, FNP-BC; Shannon R. Joseph; Gregory S. McCarty, M.D.; Mark A. Newell, M.D., MMM; Anthony R. Plunkett, M.D.; and Robert L. Rich Jr., M.D. Also attending was Bob Ervin, Independent Counsel, who assisted the Board.

### **Presidential Remarks:**

Dr. Rao-Patel 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.

No recusals were noted for the record.

### **HEARINGS**

#### **BASHARAT HUSSAIN, M.D. – ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

The Board was represented by Mr. Todd Brosius. Dr. Hussain was present and represented himself.

Dr. Hussain's application for reinstatement of a North Carolina medical license was denied pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-14(a)(6), (a)(7), and (a)(13). Dr. Hussain requested a formal hearing before the Board.

Following the hearing, the Board found as follows:

1. Dr. Hussain's 2018 felony conviction in Florida on two counts of felony battery constituted a conviction in any court of a crime involving moral turpitude, or the violation of a law involving the practice of medicine, or a conviction of a felony within the meaning of North Carolina General Statute § 90-14(a)(7).
2. Dr. Hussain's 2018 felony conviction in Florida on two counts of felony battery constituted unprofessional conduct, including, the failure to conform to, the standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice, or the ethics of the medical profession, or the committing of any act contrary to honesty, justice, or good morals within the meaning of North Carolina General Statute § 90-14(a)(6).
3. Dr. Hussain's 2018 Final Order executed by the Florida Board of Medicine constituted him having a license revoked, suspended, restricted, or acted against by the licensing authority of any jurisdiction within the meaning of North Carolina General Statute § 90-14(a)(13).

The Board voted to uphold the denial of Dr. Hussain's reinstatement application for a North Carolina medical license.

**JEANE MARIE CASSELBERRY, M.D. – BINGHAM FARMS, MICHIGAN**

The Board was represented by Ms. Bettina Roberts. Dr. Casselberry did not appear, and the matter was heard in absentia.

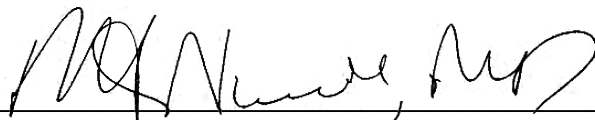
Dr. Casselberry was charged with being unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, drunkenness, excessive use of alcohol, drugs, chemicals, or any other type of material or by reason of any physical or mental abnormality, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(5) and having a license revoked, restricted, or acted against by the licensing authority of any jurisdiction, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(13).

Following the hearing, the Board found as follows:

1. Dr. Casselberry is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, drunkenness, excessive use of alcohol, drugs, chemical, or any other type of material or by reason of any physical or mental abnormality within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(5).
2. The indefinite suspension of Dr. Casselberry's North Dakota medical license constituted having a license revoked, 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. Casselberry's license to practice medicine in North Carolina. Dr. Casselberry shall not apply for reinstatement until such time as she undergoes a neurological examination including MRI imaging of her brain to assess for medical condition(s) that may impact her cognition and ability to practice medicine and the Board has received and reviewed the results of the examination.

This meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m., on February 20, 2026.



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Mark A. Newell, M.D., MMM  
Secretary/Treasurer