

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

# North Carolina Medical Board

**September 11, 2019** 

1203 Front Street Raleigh, North Carolina

# Minutes of the Open sessions of the North Carolina Medical Board Special Meeting held September 11, 2019.

The September 11, 2019 special meeting of the North Carolina Medical Board was held at via teleconference at the offices of the Board at 1203 Front Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27609. The meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m., Wednesday, September 11, 2019, by Barbara E. Walker, DO, President. Other Board members in attendance were: Bryant A. Murphy, MD; Venkata R. Jonnalagadda, MD; Timothy E. Lietz, MD; Christine M. Khandelwal, DO; Michaux R. Kilpatrick, MD; John W. Rusher, MD; Ms. Jerri L. Patterson, NP; Mr. Shawn P. Parker; Mr. A. Wayne Holloman; and Judge Ralph A. Walker. Absent were: Debra A. Bolick, MD and Ms. Varnell McDonald-Fletcher, PA-C. Board Staff attending were: Mr. Brian Blankenship, Ms. Judie Clark, Ms. Jessica Glendenning, Mr. David Henderson, Ms. Carren Mackiewicz, Mr. Thomas Mansfield, Ms. Jenny Olmstead, and Mr. Marshall Tucker.

Dr. Walker commenced the meeting by reading from the State Government Ethics Act, the "ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder." No conflicts were reported.

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, 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.

A confidential matter was discussed.

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

Mr. Henderson gave a brief update on the sale of the Board's office building located at 1203 Front Street. He will email the Board Members later today with attachments, including a letter of intent to purchase the building. This matter will be discussed in more detail at next week's Executive Committee meeting and all Board Members were encouraged to attend.

Dr. Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:24 a.m., September 11, 2019.

Venkata R. Jonnalagadda, M.D. Secretary/Treasurer



### **BOARD HEARING MINUTES**

# North Carolina Medical Board

October 17, 2019

1203 Front Street Raleigh, North Carolina The North Carolina Medical Board held its regularly scheduled October 2019 meeting at the Board's office located at 1203 Front Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. Barbara E. Walker, D.O., President and Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order on Thursday, October 17, 2019, at 8:05 a.m. Board members participating were: Michaux R. Kilpatrick, M.D.; Timothy E. Lietz, M.D.; Varnell McDonald-Fletcher, P.A.; Bryant A. Murphy, M.D.; Ralph A. Walker, J.D.; Mr. A. Wayne Holloman; Christine M. Khandelwal, D.O. 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**

#### NICKE, ROBERT JOHN, MD - ALABAMA

The Board was represented by Mr. D. Todd Brosius. Dr. Nicke did not appear.

Dr. Nicke 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).

Following the hearing, the Board found that the actions taken by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners constituted Dr. Nicke 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 revoke Dr. Nicke's license to practice medicine effective the date the final order is executed.

#### PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS

WHITE, ANNE LITTON, MD - WINSTON-SALEM, NC

The Board was represented by Mr. Brian Blankenship. Dr. White was represented by Mr. Dan Blue, Jr. and Mr. David B. Freedman, who did not appear but agreed in advance to allow the proposed consent order to be presented ex parte.

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 voted to accept the proposed Consent Order.

#### **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.

One closed session matter was presented by Mr. D. Todd Brosius. A written report regarding the matter was presented for the Board's review. The Board adopted the recommendation to approve the written report. The specifics of this report are not included because this action is not public information.

The Board returned to open session.

#### **Adjournment:**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m., Thursday, October 17, 2019.

Venkata Jonnalagadda, MD

Secretary/Treasurer