

MINUTES

North Carolina Medical Board

December 10, 2015

**1203 Front Street
Raleigh, North Carolina**

The North Carolina Medical Board held its regularly scheduled December 2015 meeting at the Board's office located at 1203 Front Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. Pascal O. Udekwu, MD, President, called the meeting to order on Thursday December 10, 2015, at 8:05 a.m. Board members participating were: Pascal O. Udekwu, MD; Cheryl Walker-McGill, MD; Mr. Michael Arnold; Ms. H. Diane Meelheim, FNP; Debra A. Bolick, MD; Barbara Walker, DO; Bryant Murphy, MD; and Ralph A. Walker, LLB. Also attending were Fred Morelock, Independent Legal Counsel to the Board; and Brian L. Blankenship, Deputy General Counsel.

Presidential Remarks:

Dr. Udekwu 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.

Proposed Settlements

MANKIN, Keith Pinkney, MD – Raleigh, NC

The Board was represented by Mr. Brian L. Blankenship. Dr. Mankin was not present, but was represented by Mr. Jerry Allen, who agreed to allow Mr. Blankenship to present the proposed settlement ex parte.

Dr. Udekwu was recused. Immediate Past President, Dr. Walker-McGill presided.

The Board voted to accept proposed Consent Order.

HEARINGS

FOSTER, James William, MD – Tennessee

The Board was represented by Mr. Marcus Jimison. Dr. Foster appeared pro se.

Dr. Foster was charged with conduct constituting a violation of a law involving the practice of medicine within the meaning of N.C. Gen Stat. 90-14(a)(7) and unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen Stat. 90-14(a)(6) relating to his violations of the standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice provided to Patients A through C.

Following the hearing, the Board found that Dr. Foster aided and abetted the unlicensed corporate practice of medicine constituting a violation of a law involving the practice of medicine within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. 90-14(a)(7). The Board further found that Dr. Foster agreed to become a sole shareholder of a professional corporation which enabled it to provide care that departed or failed to conform to standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6). The Board voted to reprimand Dr. Foster's license to practice medicine.

Attorney's Report:

A motion passed to close the session pursuant to N.C. Gen Stat. §143-318.11(a) 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 records within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes and/or to preserve attorney/client privilege.

A written report on 69 pending cases and 32 executed cases was reviewed by the Board. The specifics of these matters are not included as they are non-public. The Board accepted the report as presented. Additionally the Board reviewed information regarding three matters involving outside litigation. The specifics of this report are not included because these matters are not public information.

A motion was passed to return to open session.

Executed Cases - Public Actions:

The following actions were executed since the Board's last regularly scheduled meeting. The Board voted to accept these as information.

Arenas, Gilbert Domingo MD

Public Letter of Concern executed 10/23/2015

Befera, Nicholas Thomas MD

Relief of Consent Order Obligations executed 10/30/2015

Blache, Tonya Lashon

Order Dissolving Consent Order 11/10/2015

Erwin, William Alan MD

Consent Order executed 11/30/2015

Hall, Tana Louise MD

Public Letter of Concern executed 11/17/2015

Haque, Imran Pasha MD

Consent Order executed 11/25/2015

Hylar, James Elmer MD

Consent Order executed 11/5/2015

Lonneman, Kimberly Watson PA

Consent Order executed 11/04/2015

McDonald, Janice Adelaide MD

Relief of Consent Order Obligations executed 10/30/2015

Peacock, Mark Douglas MD

Public Letter of Concern executed 11/25/2015

Pittman, John Carl MD

Consent Order executed 11/20/2015

Pridgen, James Henry MD

Consent Order executed 12/04/2015

Salas, Albert Laurence MD

Public Letter of Concern executed 12/01/15

Schaefer, William Dickson MD

Public Letter of Concern executed 11/04/2015

Taylor, Gerald Bernard MD

Public Letter of Concern executed 11/19/2015

Thombs, Everette Bernard MD

Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing and Scheduling Order executed 11/10/2015

Walton, Richard Green MD

Public Letter of Concern executed 12/03/2015

Weiland, Paul Jerome MD

Public Letter of Concern executed 12/01/2015

Adjournment:

This meeting was adjourned at 5:29 pm, Thursday, December 10, 2015.

Timothy E. Lietz, MD
Secretary/Treasurer