

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

North Carolina Medical Board

February 17-18, 2022

3127 Smoketree Court Raleigh, North Carolina

The North Carolina Medical Board held its regularly scheduled February 2022 meeting at its offices at 3127 Smoketree Court, Raleigh, NC. John R. Rusher, M.D., J.D., President and Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 08:29 a.m.

Board members participating were: Michaux R. Kilpatrick, M.D., Ph.D.; W. Howard Hall, M.D.; William Brawley; Damian F. McHugh, M.D; Christine M. Khandelwal, D.O.; Devdutta G. Sangvai, M.D., M.B.A.; and Joshua Malcolm, J.D. Also attending was The Honorable Fred Morelock, Independent Counsel who assisted the Board.

Presidential Remarks:

Dr. Rusher 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

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

The Board was represented by Mr. Brian Blankenship. Dr. White was represented by Mr. Dudley Witt.

Dr. White was charged with unprofessional conduct, including but not limited to, a departure from, or the failure to conform to the ethics of the medical profession, or the committing of any act contrary to honesty, justice, or good morals, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) and having her 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 a hearing, the Board found that

- 1. Dr. White committed unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) by failing to comply with the provisions in the 2018 Final Order;
- 2. Dr. White committed unprofessional conduct, including but not limited to, a departure from, or the failure to conform to the ethics of the medical profession, or the committing of any act contrary to honesty, justice, or good morals, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) by pleading guilty on March 18, 2021 to the misdemeanor False Statement in Applications for Insurance in case number 20 CR 050792; and
- 3. The Indiana State Medical Licensing Board's 01.27.2020 Final Order Accepting Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order accepting the 12.09.2019 Proposed Settlement Agreement constituted having her 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. White's license to practice medicine and not allow Dr. White to apply for reinstatement of her medical license for a period of two years.

SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS

FOLUKE, ALFRED KWASI, MD - NEW BERN, NC

The Board was represented by Mr. Brian Blankenship. Dr. Foluke was represented by Mr. Timothy Lehan.

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 reject the proposed Consent Order.

Adjournment:

This meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m., Friday, February 18, 2022.

Christine M. Khandelwal, D.O.

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Secretary/Treasurer