

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD  
1203 Front Street  
Raleigh, NC 27609

**AGENDA**  
February 21-22, 2019

**I. HEARINGS\***

**MCKENZIE, WAYLAND WILSON, SR., MD – Greensboro, NC**

Board Attorney: Marcus Jimison  
Respondent's Attorney: Joseph T. Carruthers

Dr. McKenzie was charged with unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) for departure from or failing to conform to the standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in the diagnosis, treatment and overall care of six patients.

**RAINES, LAWRENCE MERIAL, III, MD – Cary, NC**

Board Attorney: Brian Blankenship  
Respondent: Pro Se

Dr. Raines was charged with 1) failing to respond, within a reasonable period of time and in a reasonable manner, to inquiries from the Board concerning any matter affecting his license to practice medicine by failing to submit a written response to the Board within 45 days from the date of a written request by Board staff within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(14), 2) failing to respond within a reasonable period of time and in a reasonable manner, to inquiries from the Board concerning any matter affecting his license to practice medicine by failing to produce Patient A's medical records, as required by the Board's Orders to Produce mailed to Dr. Raines on July 10, 2017 and September 14, 2017 within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(14), and 3) failing to respond within a reasonable period of time and in a reasonable manner, to inquiries from the Board concerning any matter affecting his license to practice medicine by failing to appear at the Board's offices on May 18, 2018, as required by the Board's February 9, 2018 Order to Appear within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(14).

**NELSON, PAULA MARIA, MD – Maryland and Georgia**

Board Attorney: Patrick Balestrieri  
Respondent: Pro Se

Dr. Nelson was charged with having her license to practice medicine or the authority to practice medicine revoked and suspended by the licensing authority of another jurisdiction within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(13).

**II. PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS\***

**DHOOPATI, VIJAY RAMARAJU, MD – Roxboro, NC**

Board Attorney: Brian Blankenship  
Respondent's Attorney: Meredith Hubbard

**TORRES, RAFAEL GUILLERMO, MD – Raleigh and Wilson, NC**

Board Attorney: Marcus Jimison  
Respondent's Attorney: Alan M. Schneider

### **III. CLOSED SESSION MATTERS\*\***

Investigative Report – Closed Session [closed 2] [closed 3]

\*Disciplinary hearings are open to the public; however, certain portions may be closed to prevent the disclosure of information that is non-public pursuant to Sections 90-8, 90-14, 90-16, or 90-21 and 90-22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

#### **\*\*Notes on Closed Session**

- (1) Closed portions are to investigate, examine, or determine the character and other qualifications of applicants for professional licenses or certificates while meeting with respect to individual applicants for such licenses or certificates.
- (2) Closed portions are to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to Sections 90-8, 90-14, 90-16, or 90-21 and 90-22 of the North Carolina General Statutes and not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.
- (3) Closed portions are to consult with the Board's attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the Board.
- (4) Closed portions are to take disciplinary action against persons holding licenses or certificates while meeting with respect to individual holders of such licenses or certificates.
- (5) Closed portions are to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.