

# BOARD EMERGENCY HEARING MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2024

3127 Smoketree Court Raleigh, North Carolina

General Session Minutes of the North Carolina Medical Board (NCMB) Meeting held May 3, 2024.

The May 3, 2024 emergency meeting of the North Carolina Medical Board was held virtually through MS Teams. The meeting was called to order at 12:47 p.m., Friday, May 3, 2024, by Christine M. Khandelwal, D.O., MHPE, President. Other Board members in attendance were: Devdutta G. Sangvai, M.D., MBA; Anuradha Rao-Patel, M.D.; Candace A. Bradley, D.O., MBA; W. Howard Hall, M.D.; N. Melinda Hill-Price, M.D., J.D.; Joshua D. Malcolm, J.D.; Mark A. Newell, M.D., MMM; Robert L. Rich, Jr., M.D.; and David P. Sousa, J.D., MBA. Absent were Sharona Y. Johnson, PhD, FNP-BC and Miguel A. Pineiro, PA-C, MHPE. Serving as Independent Counsel was the Honorable Fred Morelock.

Dr. Khandelwal commenced the meeting by reading from the State Government Ethics Act, the "ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder." No conflicts were reported. Dr. Khandelwal then called roll and confirmed a quorum of the board was present on the call.

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 and 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.

Board Attorney Rob Patchett presented a matter requesting the summary suspension of a license to practice medicine. Mr. Patchett and Mr. Morelock provided legal advice to the Board. The Board discussed the matter and considered the advice of counsel.

A motion was made to authorize the Legal Department to summarily suspend a license to practice medicine. The motion was seconded, and after discussion, the motion passed.

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

Dr. Khandelwal adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m., May 3, 2024.

Secretary/Treasurer

anmadha fao-Patet MP



## BOARD HEARING MEETING MINUTES

June 20-21, 2024

3127 Smoketree Court Raleigh, North Carolina

The North Carolina Medical Board held its scheduled June 2024 meeting at its offices at 3127 Smoketree Court, Raleigh, NC. Christine M. Khandelwal, D.O., MHPE, President and Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 8:13 a.m. Board members participating were: Christine M. Khandelwal, D.O., MHPE, Board President and Presiding Officer; Devdutta G. Sangvai, M.D., MBA, J.D.; Anuradha Rao-Patel, M.D.; W. Howard Hall, M.D.; N. Melinda Hill-Price, M.D., J.D.; Sharona Y. Johnson, Ph.D., FNP-BC; Joshua D. Malcolm, J.D.; Robert L. Rich, Jr., M.D.; and David P. Sousa, J.D., MBA. Also attending was Fred Morelock, Independent Counsel who assisted the Board.

#### Presidential Remarks:

Dr. Khandelwal 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**

### IKRAMELAHAI, SASHA MELISSA – Locust Grove, Georgia

The Board was represented by Mr. Gary "Adam" Moyers. Ms. Ikramelahai did not appear, and the matter was heard in absentia.

Ms. Ikramelahai was charged with immoral and dishonorable conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(1), having made false statements or representations to the Board or willfully concealed from the Board material information in connection with an application for a license within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(3), having committed unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6), and by false representations having obtained or attempted to obtain practice, money, or anything or value within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(8.).

Following a hearing, the Board found that:

- 1. Ms. Ikramelahai committed immoral and dishonorable conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(1);
- 2. Ms. Ikramelahai made false statements or representations to the Board or willfully concealed from the Board material information in connection with an application for a license within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(3);
- 3. Ms. Ikramelahai committed unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6); and
- 4. Ms. Ikramelahai by false representations obtained or attempted to obtain practice, money, or anything or value within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(8.).

The Board voted to annul Ms. Ikramelahai's license to practice as a physician assistant in North Carolina.

### MOHOMED, FASIL FERRIS, M.D. – Lumberton, NC

The Board was represented by Mr. Robert Patchett. Dr. Mohomed did not appear, and the matter was heard in absentia.

Dr. Mohomed 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, 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) and unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6).

Following a hearing, the Board found that:

- 1. Dr. Mohomed's conduct, constituted him being 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); and
- 2. Dr. Mohomed committed unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) 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.

The Board voted to indefinitely suspend Dr. Mohomed's license to practice medicine in North Carolina.

## FARRAG, TARIK YAHIA, M.D. – Panama City, Florida

The Board was represented by Mr. Marcus Jimison. Dr. Farrag did not appear.

Mr. Jimison presented communications from Dr. Farrag requesting a continuance of the hearing.

The Board President and Presiding Officer, in consultation with Independent Counsel, granted a continuance of the hearing until the October 2024 hearing session.

#### **SURRINDER, DHAWAN, M.D. – Sanford, North Carolina**

The Board was represented by Ms. Bettina Roberts. Dr. Dhawan was represented by Landon White.

The Board heard presentations by Mr. White and Ms. Roberts regarding Dr. Dhawan's Motion for Relief Pursuant to Rule 60(b).

The Board voted to deny Dr. Dhawan's Motion for Relief Pursuant to Rule 60(b) and proceed with the hearing on the January 26, 2024 Notice of Charges and Allegations.

Dr. Dhawan was charged with failure to comply with a Board Order within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(14) and unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6).

Following a hearing, the Board found that:

1. Dr. Dhawan's failure to submit to a comprehensive examination as specified in the 2023 Consent Order constituted his failure to comply with a Board Order within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(14) and also constituted unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6).

The Board voted to indefinitely suspend Dr. Dhawan's license to practice medicine in North Carolina. Further, Dr. Dhawan shall not apply for reinstatement of his medical license until such time as he submits for a comprehensive examination.

Adjournment:
--------------

This meeting was	adjourned at 8:55 a.m., Friday, June 21, 2024.
	Anuradha Rao-Patel, M.D.
	Secretary/Treasurer