



## Agenda

**Friday, October 17, 2025, 8:00 a.m.**

Location: North Carolina Medical Board  
3127 Smoketree Court, Raleigh, NC 27604

### **I. HEARINGS\***

---

#### **BENJAMIN ELLISON PUSSEY, D.O. – LEICESTER, NC**

Board Attorney: Gary “Adam” Moyers

Respondent Attorney: Pro Se

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

#### **BRICE THOMAS SMITH, M.D. – DURHAM, NC**

Board Attorney: Bettina J. Roberts

Respondent Attorney: Nicholas Dowgul

Dr. Smith was charged with unprofessional conduct, including, but not limited to, a departure from, or the failure to conform to the standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6).

---

\*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.