

## **EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES**

March 11, 2020

1203 Front Street Raleigh, North Carolina Emergency Session Minutes of the North Carolina Medical Board (NCMB) Meeting held March 11, 2020.

The March 11, 2020 meeting of the North Carolina Medical Board was held via conference call. Bryant A Murphy, MD, President, called the meeting to order. Board members in attendance were: Bryant A. Murphy, MD, President; Venkata R. Jonnalagadda, MD, President-Elect; John W. Rusher, MD, Secretary/Treasurer; Ralph A. Walker, JD; Shawn P. Parker, JD; Joshua D. Malcolm, JD; Damian F. McHugh, MD; and Devdutta G. Sangvai, MD; Michaux R. Kilpatrick, MD; Varnell D. McDonald-Fletcher, EdD, PA-C and Jerri L. Patterson, NP.

## PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS

Dr. Murphy reminded 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 conflicts were reported.

The Board held an emergency meeting via telephone conference in order to review and approve a rule that would allow a physician or PA with no disciplinary history with the Board, who inactivated his or her NC medical license within the past 24 months to quickly obtain a temporary license. The Board discussed the period of time for which the rule would apply and the proposed rule was modified slightly to state that the physician or PA would be entitled to practice for whichever period is shorter: 90 days or 30 days from the point at which the state of emergency in North Carolina is declared over.

Joshua D. Malcom, JD made a motion to adopt the rule with the discussed modification. The motion was seconded by Varnell D. McDonald-Fletcher, EdD, PA-C. The Board unanimously voted to approve the rule.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Medical Board adjourned at 8:58 a.m. on March 11, 2020.

John W. Rusher, MD; Secretary/Treasurer