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# North Carolina Medical Board

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The Honorable Elaine Marshall, Secretary of State (via email to pubs@sosnc.gov)

The Honorable Joshua Stein, Attorney General (via email to mlovell@ncdoj.gov)

The Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee (via email to harrison.moore@ncleg.net)

### Dear All:

The North Carolina Medical Board (NCMB) is filing this report in compliance with North Carolina General Statutes § 93B-2.

### (a) Annual reports required; contents; open to inspection.

### (1) The address of the board, and the names of its members and officers.

The NCMB is located at 1203 Front Street, Raleigh, NC 27609. Its mailing address is: P.O. Box 20007, Raleigh NC 27619.

The following persons are current members of the Medical Board:

Timothy E. Lietz, MD, President Bryant. A Murphy, MD, Secretary-Treasurer Shawn P. Parker, public member Venkata R. Jonnalagadda, MD A. Wayne Holloman, public member Jerri L. Patterson, NP Eleanor Greene, MD, Past President Barbara E. Walker, DO, President-Elect Michaux Kilpatrick, MD Debra A. Bolick, MD John Rusher, MD, Ralph A. Walker, JD, public member Vernon McDonald-Fletcher, PA

### (1a) The total number of licensees supervised by the Board as of 26 September 2018:

License/Certification Type	Count
Physician (MD/DO)	38,904
Physician Assistant	7,274
Nurse Practitioners*	8,043
Resident Training License	3,254
Licensed Perfusionist	173
Anesthesiologist Assistant	41
Polysomnographic Technologists	1,074
Total Licensees	58,763

<sup>\*</sup>NPs are regulated jointly by the Board of Nursing and the NCMB.

**(2)** The number of persons who applied to the board for examination: Not Applicable (N/A). Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 90-10.1, the NCMB accepts licensing examinations administered by: the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) or its successor; the United States Medical

Licensing Examination (USMLE) or its successor; or the Federation Licensing Examination (FLEX) or its successor. The NCMB may also administer or accept other State Board licensing examinations or other examinations the Board deems equivalent to the examinations described in subdivisions (1) through (3) of N.C.Gen.Stat.§ 90-10.1, pursuant to rules adopted by the Board.

- (3) The number of persons who were refused examination: N/A.
- (4) The number who took the examination: N/A.
- (5) The number to whom initial licenses were issued:

In 2017, NCMB issued:

License/Certification Type	Count
Physician Licenses	2,504
Medical Doctors (MDs)	2,230
Doctors of Osteopathy (DOs)	274
Resident Training Licenses	898
Physician Assistants (PAs)	734
Licensed Perfusionists	12
Anesthesiologist Assistants	5

The NCMB maintains a registry of polysomnographic technicians ("sleep techs"), but does not license them. In 2017, the NCMB registered 1,074 sleep techs in North Carolina.

- (5a). The number who failed the examination: Not applicable.
- (6) The number who applied for license or approval by reciprocity or comity: N/A.
- (7) The number who were granted licenses or approvals by reciprocity or comity: N/A.
  - (7a) The number of official complaints received involving licensed and unlicensed activities: The Board received 2,372 complaints in 2017
  - (7b) The number of disciplinary actions taken against licensees, or other actions taken against non-licensees, including injunctive relief: The Medical Board took 476 prejudicial actions\* against licensees or Nurse Practitioners in 2017. Please note that some individuals had more than one action for the year.

- **(8) The number of licenses suspended or revoked:** 19 licenses were suspended, while 5 licenses were revoked.
- (9) The number of licenses terminated for any reason other than failure to pay a required renewal: In 2017, the NC Medical Board suspended 19 licensees; 10 licenses were surrendered; 5

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<sup>\*</sup>prejudicial action includes: revocation, suspension, surrender or mandatory of a license, loss of privileges afforded by that license, probation, limitation or restriction of license or of license privileges, public letters of concern and private letters of concern and/or fines

license revocations; 3 non-practice agreements; 2 licenses made inactive in lieu of other action; 1 summary suspension; and 1 annulment.

- (10) The substance of any anticipated request by the occupational licensing board to the General Assembly to amend statutes related to the occupational licensing board: Modernize the Medical Practice Act language; codify rules or existing practices; make technical changes; and improve protection against professional sexual misconduct.
- (11) The substance of any anticipated change in the rules adopted by the occupational licensing board or the substance of any anticipated adoption of new rules by the occupational licensing board: Promulgate rules to improve enforcement of 2017 S.T.O.P. Act. Please see the accompanying memo regarding rules for addressing opioid epidemic; physician assistant licensure; and registration and physician licensure.

### (b) Financial report.

A financial report that includes the source and amount of all funds credited to the Medical Board and the purpose and amount of all funds disbursed by the Medical Board during the previous 12-month period accompanies this letter. This Independent Auditors' Report was created by Koonce, Wooten & Haywood, LLP, CPAs, and is titled: "North Carolina Medical Board Financial Statements October 31, 2017 and 2016".

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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cc: NCMB files