# February 2016 Public Board Actions List

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Via certified mail

February 18, 2016

Paul E.L. Allen, MD

Dear Dr. Allen:

On or about December 16, 2015, pursuant to O.C.G.A §§ 43-1-19(a) (11), 43-34-8(a) (22), and 19-11-9.3, your medical license was suspended after receiving notification from the appropriate public authority that you were non-compliant with the terms of your Child Support Order.

On or about February 12, 2016, the Board received from the appropriate public authority a Notice of Compliance and Request for Release, indicating that you have made satisfactory arrangements to pay the arrearage or are now in compliance with your child support obligation and requesting reinstatement of your license. Based on this information and pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-29, 43-34-8(a) (22), and 19-11-9.3, and Board Rule 360-30-.01, the suspension of your license has been lifted and returned to active status.

Sincerely,

ROBERT JEFFERY
Interim Executive Director

RJ/bdc
CC: Jessica M. Whitley, Esq. (via email)
BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:  

STEPHEN C. AYERS, MD,  
License No. 37472,  
Respondent.

PUBLIC BOARD ORDER TERMINATING PROBATION

WHEREAS, the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") entered a Public Consent Order in the above-styled matter on or about April 1, 2011, Docket No. 20110047, which placed Respondent’s license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia on a period of probation subject to terms and conditions;

WHEREAS, on or about October 8, 2015, Respondent petitioned the Board to terminate probation; the Board obtained additional information which was reviewed by the Board on or about February 4, 2016;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the Respondent has complied with the terms and conditions of probation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby terminates the probation of Respondent’s license. Respondent’s license is returned to unrestricted status and is in good standing.

SO ORDERED, this 20th day of February, 2016.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)

BY:  

ALICE HOUSE, M.D.  
Chairperson

ATTEST:  

ROBERT JEFFERY  
Interim Executive Director
BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

KEVIN MCCOWAN, M.D.
License Number 53781

Respondent

INTERIM PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and Kevin McCowan, M.D. ("Respondent"), the following disposition of this matter is entered pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13(a)(4), as amended.

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia and was licensed at all times relevant to the matters stated herein.

2.

The Board has received information that on or about January 28, 2016, the Respondent was indicted upon felony charges in the Superior Court of Cobb County, Georgia.

3.

For purposes of entering into this Interim Consent Order, Respondent does not contest the findings of fact above. Respondent is not admitting to any of the charges or waiving any right to contest such charges but is agreeing that the Board may enter an interim order based on the findings without the necessity of a hearing. Respondent makes no admission herein and reserves the right to contest allegations against him in any civil, criminal or other proceeding.
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent’s conduct constitutes sufficient grounds for interim action by the Board upon his license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia under O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1 and 34, as amended. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

The Board having considered all the facts and circumstances of this case hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, as follows:

1. Respondent agrees that Respondent’s license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia shall be suspended until resolution of the criminal charges pending against Respondent. During the period of suspension, Respondent shall not practice medicine in the State of Georgia. If Respondent practices medicine in the State of Georgia during the suspension then Respondent’s license shall be subject to revocation, upon substantiation thereof. The Respondent acknowledges and agrees that the Board may show that Respondent’s license is suspended on its data bank and may respond to public inquiries that Respondent’s license is suspended.

2. During the period of suspension, Respondent shall continue to obtain continuing education as required by law and the Rules and Regulations of the Board and shall continue to pay the license renewal fee by and before each expiration date as established by the Board. Failure to obtain the continuing education and pay the license renewal fee shall be grounds for the administrative revocation of Respondent’s license without a hearing as provided by O.C.G.A.
§ 43-1-19(1), with reinstatement within the discretion of the Board. Respondent acknowledges that when considering the reinstatement of an administratively revoked license, the Board has the authority to review an investigative file relating to the Respondent.

3.

Respondent shall notify the Board of the resolution of the criminal charges against Respondent within twenty (20) days of such resolution. Upon notification there has been a resolution to the criminal charges, the Board is authorized to initiate disciplinary proceedings or otherwise resolve this matter. The Board reserves the right to add additional charges if and when disciplinary proceedings are initiated.

4.

This Interim Consent Order shall be considered a public record of the Board and shall be disseminated as such.

5.

Nothing in this Interim Consent Order precludes the Respondent and Board from entering into a final settlement of the above-referenced matter by the surrender of his license or a final consent order between the parties.

6.

Approval of this Interim Consent Order by the Board shall in no way be construed as condoning Respondent’s alleged conduct and shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the lawful rights possessed by the Board or Respondent to finally adjudicate this matter.

7.

Respondent acknowledges that he has read this Interim Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that he has the right to a hearing in this matter and freely,
knowingly, and voluntarily waives that right by entering into this Interim Consent Order. Respondent understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during the Board’s consideration of this Interim Consent Order and that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Interim Consent Order. Respondent further understands that this Interim Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Board. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Order, once approved and docketed, shall constitute a public record, evidencing disciplinary action by the Board that may be disseminated as such. However, if this Interim Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the right of the Board to adjudicate this matter. Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved this 4th day of FEBRUARY, 2016.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)

BY: Alice House, M.D.
President

ATTEST: Robert Jeffrey
Interim Executive Director

CONSENTED TO: Kevin McCowan, M.D.
Respondent

AS TO KEVIN MCCOWAN, M.D.,
Sworn to and subscribed before me this, 1st day of FEBRUARY, 2016.

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: June 3, 2017

#861518
BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:  

NARENDRA NAGAREDDY, M.D.,  
License No. 046703,  
Respondent.

INTERIM PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and Narendra Nagareddy, M.D. ("Respondent"), the following disposition of this matter is entered into pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §50-13-13(a)(4), as amended.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.  

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia and was so licensed at all times relevant to the matters asserted herein. Respondent’s license expires July 31, 2017.

2.  

On or about January 14, 2016, Respondent was arrested in Clayton County, Georgia, and charged with Unlawful Prescribing/Ordering in violation of O.C.G.A. 16-13-43(f). The charge(s) relate to information that on or about February 20, 2014, Respondent allegedly prescribed or ordered the dispensing of a controlled substances which was not while acting in the usual course of professional practice and was not for a legitimate medical purpose, resulting in a patient death. While bond was initially denied, bond was subsequently granted with a condition that Respondent not practice medicine.
3.

On or about January 14, 2016, Respondent executed a Voluntary Surrender of Controlled Substance Privileges regarding schedule II-V controlled substances "as an indication of [his] good faith in desiring to remedy any incorrect or unlawful practices on [his] part".

4.

For the purposes of entering into this Interim Consent Order, Respondent does not contest the findings of fact above. Respondent understands that by doing so, he is not admitting the truth of any of the findings or acknowledging any impropriety, but is agreeing that the Board may enter an interim order based on the findings without the necessity of receiving evidence in support thereof. Respondent makes no admission herein and reserves the right to contest allegations against him in any civil, criminal or other proceedings before another state’s lawful licensing authority.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's current status as the subject of an investigation by law enforcement relative to his conduct of medicine constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of interim action by the Board upon Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia under O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended, O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(a) and the Rules of the Georgia Composite Medical Board. O.C.G.A. 50-13-13 recognizes the validity of consent agreements or orders. Respondent waives any further conclusions of law with respect to this matter.
ORDER

The Board, having considered the particular facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and the Respondent hereby agrees, as follows:

1.

Respondent agrees that Respondent’s license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia shall remain suspended until resolution of the criminal charges pending against Respondent and the conclusion of an administrative hearing in this matter. During the period of suspension, Respondent shall not practice medicine in the State of Georgia. If Respondent practices medicine in the State of Georgia without the prior express written permission of the Board, Respondent’s license shall be subject to revocation, upon substantiation thereof. The Respondent also acknowledges and agrees that the Board shall show that Respondent’s license is suspended on its data bank and may respond to public inquiries that Respondent’s license is suspended.

2.

During the period of suspension, Respondent shall continue to obtain continuing education as required by O.C.G.A. § 43-34-3 and the Rules and Regulations of the Board and shall continue to pay the license renewal fee by and before each expiration date as established by the Board. Failure to obtain the continuing education and pay the license renewal fee shall be grounds for the administrative revocation of Respondent’s license without a hearing as provided by O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(l), with reinstatement within the discretion of the Board. Respondent acknowledges that when considering the reinstatement of an administratively revoked license, the Board has authority to review any investigative file relating to the Respondent.
3.

In the event that Respondent’s criminal bond conditions are lifted or otherwise modified regarding the prohibition on Respondent’s practice of medicine, Respondent may petition the Board in writing to lift or modify the suspension of his license. Any decision shall be in the sole discretion of the Board and the denial of Respondent’s petition shall not constitute a contested case under the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act and Respondent shall not be entitled to a hearing.

4.

The Respondent shall notify the Board of the resolution of the criminal charges against Respondent within twenty (20) days of such resolution. Upon notification there has been a resolution to the criminal charges, the Board shall initiate disciplinary proceedings or otherwise resolve this matter. The Board reserves the right to add additional charges if and when disciplinary proceedings are initiated.

5.

This Interim Consent Order shall be considered a public record of the Board and shall be disseminated as such.

6.

Nothing in this Interim Consent Order precludes the Respondent from subsequently entering into a final settlement of the above-referenced matter by the surrender of his license or a final consent order between the parties.
7.

Approval of this Interim Order by the Board shall in no way be construed as condoning Respondent’s alleged conduct and shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the lawful rights possessed by the Board or Respondent to finally adjudicate this matter.

8.

Respondent acknowledges that he is represented by counsel and that he has read and understands the contents of this Interim Consent Order. Respondent understands that he has the right to a hearing in this matter, and Respondent freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right at this time in accordance with the terms set forth herein by entering into this Interim Consent Order. Respondent further understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during the presentation of this Interim Consent Order and that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Interim Consent Order. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Respondent further understands that this Interim Consent Order shall not prejudice the ability of the Board to finally adjudicate this matter or constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding. Respondent consents to the terms contained herein.

Approved this \(5^{th}\) day of \(FEBRUARY\), 2016.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL) 

BY: \[Signature\]

ALICE HOUSE, M.D.
Chairperson
CONSENTED TO: NARENDRA NAGAREDDY, M.D.
Respondent

[As to Respondent’s signature:] Sworn to and subscribed before me This 2nd day of February, 2016.

[Signature]

Notary Public
EXPIRES Jan. 22, 2017
FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF: * * * * *
IMO F. NDEM, M.D.
License No. 60968, * * * * *
Respondent. * * * * *

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD
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FINAL DECISION

An initial decision was issued by Administrative Law Judge Ronit Walker in the above matter on December 18, 2015, and Respondent was served with the decision on December 21, 2015. Respondent filed a Motion for Reconsideration which was denied by the Administrative Law Judge on January 13, 2016. Neither the Respondent nor the Georgia Composite Medical Board filed an application for review of the initial decision pursuant to O.C.G.A. Sections 50-13-17(a) and 50-13-41(e).

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Findings of Fact entered by the Administrative Law Judge in the initial decision are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Conclusions of Law entered by the Administrative Law Judge in the initial decision are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference herein.
ORDER

The recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge that the medical license of Respondent should be revoked as stated in its initial decision having become the final decision of the Board by operation of law is incorporated by reference and is hereby made the Final Decision of the Board as a matter of law under O.C.G.A. Sections 50-13-17 and 50-13-41.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

ALICE HOUSE, M.D.
Chairperson

(BOARD SEAL)

ROBERT JEFFERY
Interim Executive Director
BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

LONNIE T. SCARBOROUGH, MD,
License No. 22469,
Respondent.

PUBLIC BOARD ORDER TERMINATING PROBATION

WHEREAS, the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") entered a Public Consent Order in the above-styled matter on or about February 3, 2011, Docket No. 10100032, which placed Respondent’s license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia on a period of probation subject to terms and conditions;

WHEREAS, on or about January 5, 2015, Respondent petitioned the Board to terminate probation and in support submitted letters of professional advocacy;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the Respondent has complied with the terms and conditions of probation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby terminates the probation of Respondent’s license. Respondent’s license is returned to unrestricted status and is in good standing.

SO ORDERED, this 10th day of February, 2016.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)

BY:

ALICE HOUSE, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST:

ROBERT JEFFERS
Interim Executive Director