

**OPEN MINUTES - N.J. STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS - PG. 1**  
**DISCIPLINARY MATTERS PENDING CONCLUSION - JANUARY 13, 2010**

A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, 25 Market Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Center, Trenton, New Jersey for Disciplinary Matters Pending Conclusion, open to the public. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mendelowitz, Chairperson for Open Disciplinary Matters.

**PRESENT**

Board Members Berkowitz, Cheema, Ciechanowski, Criss, DeGregorio, Lomazow, Mendelowitz, Nussbaum, Paul, Rajput, Scott, Stanley and Walsh.

**EXCUSED**

Board Member Lambert, Reichman, Jordan and Weiss.

**ALSO PRESENT**

Deputy Attorneys General Dick, Flanzman, Gelber, Hafner, Levine, Puteska, Ringler, Silva and Warhaftig; Executive Director William V. Roeder.

**RATIFICATION OF MINUTES**

**THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 9, 2009 BOARD MEETING.**

**HEARINGS, PLEAS, AND APPEARANCES**

**HOWELL, Clifton, MD 25MA04693000**  
**EHRENKRANTZ, Kay D.A.G. - Prosecutor**

An Order to Show Cause, Notice of Hearing, Notice to File an Answer and an Administrative Complaint were filed with the Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") by the Attorney General on December 3, 2010. Dr. Howell's response was received January 4, 2010. The Board scheduled oral argument in the matter for January 13, 2010.

Drs. Iannuzzi and Ciechanowski were recused.

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The parties agreed on an adjournment until the next Board meeting, February 10, 2010 at 10:00 AM and the order in which the doctor has voluntarily surrendered his license.

**THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO ACCEPT THE INTERIM NON DISCIPLINARY ORDER.**

Dr. Nussbaum made the motion and seconded by Dr. Paul. The vote was unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**AHLAWAT, Ranvit, M.D., *pro se* 25MA07472700**  
**RINGLER, Kim D., DAG - Prosecutor**

At the December 9, 2009 meeting, the Board voted to revoke Dr. Ahlawat's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey with no right to reapply for a period of three years. Dr. Ahlawat requested reconsideration of the disciplinary sanction and penalty imposed by the Board.

Mr. Walsh and Dr. Cheema were recused.

**THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO DENY THE MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION.**

**OFF AGENDA**

**I/M/O RAGI, Gangaram, M.D. 25MA05675000**

This matter was before the Board based on an emergent motion from Respondent's counsel to supplement the record.

Dr. Mendelowitz recused from discussion and vote in the matter.

**THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR DELIBERATIONS AND ADVICE OF COUNSEL.**

All parties, except Administrative and Counseling staff, left the room.

Returning to open session, the Board announced the following:

**THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO DENY THE REQUEST TO SUPPLEMENT THE RECORD.**

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**I/M/O ZAHL, Kenneth, MD 25MA05641300**

Dr. Cheema was recused.

**THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR DELIBERATIONS AND ADVICE OF COUNSEL.**

All parties, except Administrative and Counseling staff, left the room.

Returning to open session, the Board announced the following:

**THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO RATIFY DR. MENDELOWITZ' DECISION TO DENY THE REQUEST TO SIGN THE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE BECAUSE THE BOARD DOES NOT HAVE JURISDICTION SINCE THE MATTER IS IN THE APPELLATE DIVISION.**

Ms Criss made the motion and seconded by Mr. Walsh. It was a unanimous vote.

**THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO DENY THE REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION BECAUSE IT LACKED JURISDICTION BECAUSE THE MATTER IS IN THE APPELLATE DIVISION.**

Ms. Criss made the Motion and Mr. Walsh seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul C. Mendelowitz, MD Chairperson  
For Open Disciplinary Minutes

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