



Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

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BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS INFORMATION UPDATE

The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners' investigation into the conduct and care furnished by licensed physicians at the Endoscopy Center of Southern Nevada is continuing. The Board's Investigative staff is reviewing, summarizing and categorizing the information it received in response to its subpoenas, and is scheduling and conducting interviews with witnesses.

None of the Board members are privy to any of the investigation materials, details or evidence. When sufficient evidence is compiled, the Investigative Division will present the evidence to one of the Board's Investigative Committees, which will evaluate the evidence and direct staff to carry out any appropriate actions supported by the evidence. The Board has two Investigative Committees, each made up of three Board members, two licensed and practicing physicians and one public member. In this matter, the evidence, when compiled, will be submitted to the Investigative Committee comprised of the Northern Nevada Board members.

Issues of conflict of interest, or perceived conflict of interest or impropriety, of Board members, are being reviewed by the Board staff with the Nevada Attorney General's Office.

To avoid any potential conflicts, or perceived conflicts or the appearance of any impropriety, Southern Nevada physician Board members Javaid Anwar, M.D., Board President, Sohail Anjum, M.D., Board Vice President, and S. Daniel McBride, M.D. have recused themselves from any action, decision or adjudicative function in this matter.

The Board has made a request to the Governor to appoint physicians on special assignment to the Board to hear, review and adjudicate this matter. The Board expects special purpose appointments to the Board by the Governor in the near future.