

# Georgia Composite Medical Board

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Dear Ms. Roberts:

The Georgia Composite Medical Board has concluded its review of your complaint against the above named individual. When deciding the disposition of complaints, the Board has several options under the law that includes public or private actions.

The Board must follow the state's Administrative Procedure Act in order to publicly sanction a licensee of the Board for a violation of the Medical Practice Act or Board rules. This requires the investigation of facts and production of evidence in an environment that is similar to a criminal prosecution. Accordingly, the Board has a burden of proof and must meet this burden in order to proceed. This is simply to explain that the decision not to prosecute with the intent to pursue a public disciplinary action is based on legal considerations of meeting this burden of proof, not necessarily whether the complaint is legitimate or whether there has been a bad result.

The Official Code of Georgia also authorizes the Board to take any number of confidential actions to include private letters of concern, appearance before the Board, private reprimands, and treatment or counseling. Please see, e.g., O.C.G.A. 43-34-8(b)(1)(K) which provides: The Board may take any one or more of the following actions....

“Condition the penalty, or withhold formal disposition, which actions shall be kept confidential, unless there is a public order upon the applicant, licensee, certificate holder, or permit holder's submission to the care, counseling, or treatment by physicians or other professional persons, which may be provided pursuant to Code Section 43-34-5.1, and the completion of such care, counseling, or treatment, as directed by the board;”

After a careful and thorough review of the investigative file, the Board has voted to close this matter and there is no public information that may be provided to you.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention for investigation and review.

Sincerely,

**Jonathan McGehee**  
Interim Executive Director