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**TELECONFERENCE MEETING TO CONSIDER  
RESPONDENT'S REQUEST FOR REHEARING  
IN THE MATTER OF THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES  
AGAINST RUBEN ALTMAN, M.D., RESPONDENT,  
FILE NO. 02-11-509**

**7:30 a.m. Thursday, July 11, 2013**

This meeting is being held by teleconference because an in-person meeting is impractical due to the timely nature of the agenda item.

**OPEN MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Greg Holversten, D.O., chair  
Hamed Tewfik, M.D., vice chair  
Michael Thompson, D.O., secretary  
Robert Bender, M.D.  
Frank Bognanno  
Diane Clark  
Allison Schoenfelder, M.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mark Bowden, Executive Director  
Kent Nebel, Director of Legal Affairs  
John Olds, M.D., Medical Advisor

Greg Hoversten, D.O., chair, called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m., and a roll call was taken to establish a quorum. On a motion by Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., and a second by Diane Clark, the Board voted to meet in a closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(f) for the purpose of discussing the decision to be rendered in the Respondent's Request for Rehearing in the Matter of the Statement of Charges against Ruben Altman, M.D., Respondent, File No. 02-11-509. Hoversten, Hamed Tewfik, M.D., Michael Thompson, D.O., Robert Bender, M.D., Frank Bognanno, Diane Clark and Schoenfelder all voted "aye" in favor of the motion.

At 7:43 a.m., the Board met in open session. The Board did not vote on Respondent's Request for Rehearing in the Matter of the Statement of Charges against Ruben Altman, M.D., Respondent, File No. 02-11-509. However, the Board did agree to allow Dr. Altman to attend an alternative program for physicians with behavioral problems in the workplace. Dr. Altman had proposed the alternative program because there were no openings in the program of the Board's first choice within the 90-day deadline to complete the program.

The teleconference was adjourned at 7:44 a.m.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Mark Bowden, Executive Director.