

ISSUE NUMBER 3: DISCIPLINARY HEARING FOR SAJID S. QAISER, M.D. (DISTRICT 18)

Dr. Nelson informed the Commission that they were to vote on the recommended discipline for District 18 Medical Examiner, Sajid S. Qaiser, M.D. Dr. Nelson advised that Dr. Qaiser had submitted an Election of Rights prior to the meeting indicating that he did not admit to any wrongdoing, but would accept the recommendation of probation in order to dispose of the pending case.

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Following the vote, Brevard County Attorney Shannon Wilson addressed the Commission stating that she had hoped for a shorter period of probation. Ms. Carol Whitmore indicated that she viewed the issues as a systemic problem, and the Commission needed to evaluate that the office was following through with their policies.

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Dr. Qaiser also addressed the Commission to voice his concerns with some of the findings.