



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Boards of Trustees of the  
Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System and the  
Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

FROM: Thomas G. Causey, Executive Director

DATE: July 29, 2021

SUBJECT: Medical Board

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North Carolina General Statutes dictate that the Boards of Trustees designate a Medical Board for administration of the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina and the Local Governmental Employees' System Disability Retirement program.

The Medical Board has the responsibility to arrange for and pass upon all medical examinations required for administration of the disability benefits and investigate all essential statements and certificates by or on behalf of a member in connection with an application for disability. The Medical Board determines eligibility for benefits and staff administers those decisions.

The current members of the Medical Board are:

Dr. Robert H. Fleming, (General Medicine)  
Dr. Robert Gaddy, (Internal Medicine)  
Dr. Bobby Sellers, (Psychiatry)  
Dr. Nathaniel L. Sparrow, (Ears, Nose and Throat)  
Dr. Stephen N. Lang (Orthopedic)

Dr. Robert H. Fleming has recently informed the Retirement Systems Division that he can no longer serve on the Medical Board and the Medical Board has recommended Dr. William D. Lee to fill the open position. Included is Dr. Lee's CV for your review.

Staff recommends that the Boards appoint Dr. Lee to the Medical Board.