

President William (Bill) Mixon called the special meeting to order at 4 pm. Due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, the meeting was convened by teleconference. Board Members Ashley Duggins, Keith Vance, Andy Bowman, Mischelle Corbin and Bill Mixon were in attendance. Board member Wallace Nelson was unable to attend. Members of the public and Board staff also attended the meeting via teleconference.

Ethics Statement & Welcome

President Mixon read the Ethics Statement regarding conflicts of interest. No conflicts were noted by Board members.

Mr. Campbell reminded the Board that on August 19, 2021 Governor Cooper signed S.L. 2021-110, which expands practice authority for certain pharmacists by allowing them to initiate certain drug therapies – including hormonal contraceptives. However, these new authorities will not be implemented until State Health Director Dr. Betsy Tilson issues standing orders to do so.

Mr. Campbell noted that Dr. Tilson was working diligently with a broad range of stakeholders to produce the standing orders, and that the standing order for hormonal contraceptives was certain to include a training requirement for pharmacists to use it.

The S.L. 2021-110 Implementation Committee (Corbin, Duggins, Vance) concluded that the Board could facilitate rapid training of qualified pharmacists to exercise this authority when implemented. It invited the North Carolina Association of Pharmacists (NCAP) to submit a proposal for a uniform, North Carolina-specific training course on the exercise of hormonal contraceptive authority under the new statute and standing orders. NCAP submitted a proposal to provide training of up to 6,000 North Carolina pharmacists over a one-year period. NCAP proposed to build the on-line course for approximately \$4,300 and to provide the training to pharmacists at a cost to the Board of \$45 per pharmacist – less than half the cost of other, non-North Carolina-specific hormonal contraceptive training courses.

The S.L. 2021-110 Implementation Committee reviewed the proposal and recommends its adoption by the Board.

The Budget and Finance Committee (Corbin, Duggins, Nelson) likewise reviewed the proposal and recommends its adoption by the Board. Although Member Wallace was unable to attend the meeting, he asked that Mr. Campbell convey his support of the proposal to the full Board.

After discussion, Ms. Corbin moved to accept NCAP's proposal and authorize Board staff to enter into a contract. Dr. Duggins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion from Dr. Bowman, seconded by Dr. Vance, passed unanimously, the Board moved into closed session to discuss summary suspensions. Mr. Campbell noted that after closed session, there would not be any more items on the agenda and meeting would be adjourned.

When open session resumed on a motion from Ms. Corbin, seconded by Mr. Mixon, passed unanimously, President Mixon stated that the Board had summarily suspended Pharmacist License No. 14959 issued to Carl Andrew Wood and Pharmacy Permit No. 14566 issued to Vax Van. President Mixon authorized Mr. Campbell to sign the suspension orders on his behalf.

Dr. Bowman then moved to adjourn. Dr. Duggins seconded. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

William A. Mixon, President

Dr. Andy Bowman

Mischelle Corbin

Dr. Ashley Duggins

Wallace Nelson

Dr. Keith Vance