

President Chris Sain called the meeting to order at 10:09 am with Board Members Mischelle Corbin, Ashley Duggins, Robert J. (Joey) McLaughlin Jr., Wallace Nelson, and Keith Vance present.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Jay Campbell, Board Counsel Clint Pinyan, Associate Executive Director Ellen Vick, Director of Inspections Krystal Stefanyk, Director of Investigations Gray Fullwood, Director of Licensing Missy Betz, Director of Operations Kristin Moore, Director of Finance and Human Resources Rhonda Jones, Information Technology Administrator Antoine Pryor, Accounting Manager JP Brown, Senior Investigator/Inspector Christie Cutbush, Investigator/Inspector Brent Slaughter, and Administrative Assistant Leslie Wilson. Kristy Carter, Heather Hughes, and Jay Barefoot were present as guests.

Ethics Statement & Welcome

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

Consideration of Meeting Minutes

The members received the January meeting minutes and the February special meeting minutes for review prior to the meeting. Mr. McLaughlin moved to approve both sets of minutes. Ms. Corbin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Certification of Election Results (*Campbell, Moore*)

Director of Operations Kristin Moore reported that the 2024-2025 NC Board of Pharmacy elections for the Central and Northeastern positions concluded on March 1, 2025. Of the 13,443 pharmacists eligible to vote, 2,120 (or roughly 15.8%) cast votes between November 1, 2024 and March 1, 2025.

Operation of §G.S. 163-111 is as follows in elections, like those for Board seats, where one candidate is to be elected to the position:

- Multiply the total number of votes cast for the position by 0.3 to determine a 30% vote threshold.
- If only one candidate receives 30% or more of the votes cast for the position, that candidate is deemed to have a “substantial plurality” and is the winner of the election.
- If more than one candidate receives 30% or more of the votes cast for the position, then the candidate with the highest vote total is the winner of the election.
- If no candidate receives 30% or more of the votes cast for the position, then the candidate receiving the highest vote total is declared the winner of the election unless the candidate receiving the second highest vote total asks for a run-off. If a run-off election among the

two highest vote recipients is held, the candidate receiving the highest vote total in the run-off election is the winner.

Mr. Campbell read the election results from the Central District.

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Vote Count</u>	<u>Vote Percentage</u>
Marshal Carter	181	9.0%
Ashley Duggins	962	47.7%
Andrew Froy	67	3.3%
LaQuoia Johnson	313	15.5%
Vy Nguyen	117	5.8%
Aaron Shaver	150	7.4%
Ethan Smith	56	2.8%
Noble Thomas	170	8.4%

Dr. Duggins was the only candidate to receive over 30% of the total votes cast, thereby garnering a substantial plurality. She is the winner of the Central District election.

Mr. Campbell read the election results from the Northeastern District.

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Vote Count</u>	<u>Vote Percentage</u>
James (Jay) Owen Barefoot	245	12.1%
Kelsey Carter	137	6.8%
Michael Hoffler	251	12.4%
M. Lindsey Hedgepeth Kennedy	158	7.8%
Wallace Nelson	686	33.8%
Jeff Reichard	498	24.6%
Irv Trust	53	2.6%

Mr. Wallace was the only candidate to receive over 30% of the total votes cast, thereby garnering a substantial plurality. He is the winner of the Northeastern District election.

Mr. Campbell thanked Kristin Moore and Antoine Pryor for their good and hard work running the election, and he thanked the candidates for their interest and participation. President Sain also thanked the candidates for their involvement.

On a motion from Dr. Vance, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, with no dissenting votes, the Board certified the Central and Northeastern District election results as presented. Having run in the election, Dr. Duggins and Mr. Wallace abstained from the vote.

Mr. Campbell reminded the Board that their SEIs were due to the Ethics Commission by April 15, 2025. He will email reminders.

Financial Reports

January Financial Report (*Brown*)

February Financial Report (*Brown*)

JP Brown presented the monthly financial reports. The members received the report prior to this meeting. The members reviewed and had no questions.

Mr. Campbell added that the Budget and Finance Committee convened during the February committee workday. Staff provided the Committee with a mid-FY 2024- 25 update and discussed the process and timing for FY2025-26 budget preparation. The Budget and Finance Committee will convene during the April committee workday to review a proposed FY2025-26 budget and make recommendations for the full Board's consideration at the May business meeting.

Licensing Report

2025 Renewal Update (*Betz*)

Director of Licensing Missy Betz reported on the 2025 renewal season. Renewal has ended for all licensees and registrants (Pharmacist, Technician, Dispensing Physician, PA, NP, and CPP) For those that did not renew, their license/registration status has been moved to inactive status (effective 3/2/2025) and they have all been emailed a notice letting them know of the change in status. Ms. Betz noted that there have been several Pharmacist and Technician Reinstatement applications submitted since 3/2/2025.

The permittees (Pharmacy and DME) may still complete a late renewal during the month of March, with a late fee. Currently 97% of Pharmacies have renewed and 92% of DMEs.

Mr. Campbell noted that every year Ms. Betz identifies any speed bumps in the renewal process and works to smooth them over. Her attention to renewal procedure was particularly evident this year. The renewal process was remarkably smooth (even when measured against what has under Ms. Betz' watch been smooth processes each year).

Demonstration of Provisional Permit Number Process for Change of Ownership Transactions (*Betz, Campbell*)

Mr. Campbell and Ms. Betz demonstrated a change to the current permit licensing process for change of ownership transactions. As discussed during the November 2024 retreat, some applicants for a change of ownership permit complain that they can only begin the process of obtaining a new DEA number and squaring away provider status with government and private payors once they have received a new permit number. The

current change-of-ownership permitting processes do not assign the new permit number until the application has been cleared by staff and the ownership transaction has closed.

As directed by the Board at the retreat, staff has created a process under which the permit number may be assigned in provisional status once staff has cleared the application. Upon transaction closing, the permit number would move automatically to permanent status. Assigning the actual permit number in provisional status should allow pharmacies to begin DEA number and provider status processes prior to the transaction close, minimizing the risk that the pharmacy has substantial “down time” awaiting completion of these tasks.

Ms. Betz walked the members through the process as it will operate through the Board’s Licensing Gateway. Upon launch, Board staff will publish an FAQ explaining the improved process and providing step-by-step instruction for applicants.

Investigations and Inspections Report

Investigative Statistics (*Stefanyk, Parham*)

Director of Inspections Krystal Stefanyk presented the investigations report and current caseload.

Board of Pharmacy Compounding Summit Recap (*Stefanyk*)

Krystal Stefanyk, Director of Inspections, reported on the success of the 2025 Compounding Summit. Among the many notable take-aways: (1) Attendance this year exceeded last year’s (excellent) attendance by about 50% -- over 260. (2) 24 state boards of pharmacy sent staff. (3) The sessions covered an extremely broad range of compounding topics. (4) Director Stefanyk’s leadership and execution were superb. (5) IT Administrator Antoine Pryor and Licensing and Operations Assistant Leslie Wilson provided excellent planning and logistics. (6) The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy provided terrific (and much needed) publicity and CE-accrediting services. Planning is already underway for the third edition of the Compounding Summit in 2026.

Legislative Report (*Pinyan, Campbell*)

The 2025-26 legislative session is underway. Mr. Pinyan and Mr. Campbell provided the members with updates on various filed bills that impact pharmacy practice regulation.

Rulemaking Report (*Pinyan, Campbell*)

For Action by the Board: None

Rulemakings in Progress: None

Rulemakings Completed: None

Decennial Rule Review Process (*Pinyan, Campbell*)

As Mr. Pinyan has discussed at the January Board meeting, the time for the Board to complete its decennial rule review under the North Carolina Administrative Procedure Act is approaching. Mr. Pinyan discussed the timeline and process. Mr. Campbell asked the Board to appoint a two-member committee to work with Mr. Pinyan and Mr. Campbell to complete the initial “necessary/unnecessary” designations of Board rules. Mr. McLaughlin and Dr. Duggins offered to serve on this committee. President Sain appointed them to do so.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance - *Corbin, McLaughlin, Sain* (members); *Jones* (staff)

Mr. Campbell noted that the Budget and Finance update had been covered earlier during the Financial Report.

Health-System Rules Review - *Nelson, Sain* (members); *Campbell, Pinyan, Stefanyk* (staff)

The Committee convened during the February committee workday. Stella Bailey, program manager for NC DHHS’ drug control unit, was a guest. Stella engaged the group in discussion about two potential changes to DCU rules that greatly impact pharmacy practice: (1) controlled substance destruction requirements when a long-term care pharmacy receives CS returns from a LTCF that it serves; and (2) LTCF controlled substance emergency kit requirements. The Committee continued its discussion of potential rule amendment recommendations for validating technicians in health-system pharmacies.

NABP Annual Meeting, May 13-16, 2025 Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Mr. Campbell reminded the Board to register for the annual meeting. Leslie Wilson is standing by to provide any needed assistance.

SEIs Due to Ethics Commission By April 15, 2025

Mr. Campbell noted that SEIs due date was mentioned earlier but reminded the Board again.

APhA Institute on Substance Use Disorders, May 28-31, Salt Lake City, UT

Deadline for scholarship applications is April 8th. Mr. Campbell asked the Board to inform him of any interest in attending.

Consent AgendaConsent Orders

The following items were approved.

Staff Issued Letters of Warnings

Medical Arts Pharmacy (Pharmacy Permit #02741), Charles White (Pharmacist License #05363), Thomas Harrell (Pharmacist License #25064), Victoria Schulte (Pharmacist License #29682), Payton Kelly (Pharmacist License #30194)

Consent Orders

Consent Order Reinstating License with Conditions-Gregory Scott Chandler, Pharmacist License #12559

Modification of Consent Order of Discipline-Joseph Julius Bonkowski, Pharmacist License #23556

Consent Order Reinstating License with Conditions-Warren Carter Long, Pharmacist License #27407

Modification of Consent Order of Discipline-Bartel Locker deBruyne, Pharmacist License #16010

Reciprocity Candidates

License Number	First Name	Last Name	License Type	License Status	Licensed Date	Licensure Method
33633	David	Mastropietro	Pharmacist	Active	2025-01-15	Reciprocity
33632	Jessica	DeRoche	Pharmacist	Active	2025-01-15	Reciprocity
33634	Shavonda	Wright	Pharmacist	Active	2025-01-15	Reciprocity

33636	Esther	Tzai	Pharmacist	Active	2025-01-16	Reciprocity
33638	Elizabeth	Lee	Pharmacist	Active	2025-01-17	Reciprocity
33637	Thomas	Peightal	Pharmacist	Active	2025-01-17	Reciprocity
33639	Hayden	Clifford	Pharmacist	Active	2025-01-22	Reciprocity
33640	Nikki	Alexander	Pharmacist	Active	2025-01-22	Reciprocity
33641	Crystal	Harrison	Pharmacist	Active	2025-01-23	Reciprocity
33643	Erin	Drees	Pharmacist	Active	2025-01-27	Reciprocity
33644	San	Williams	Pharmacist	Active	2025-01-27	Reciprocity
33645	Jennifer	Grizenko	Pharmacist	Active	2025-01-29	Reciprocity
33646	Anca	Selagea	Pharmacist	Active	2025-01-29	Reciprocity
33647	Ryan	Collins	Pharmacist	Active	2025-01-29	Reciprocity
33649	Crystal	Maguire	Pharmacist	Active	2025-01-31	Reciprocity
33652	Rachel	Robb	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-03	Reciprocity
33650	Woodly	Domond	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-03	Reciprocity
33651	Hannah	El Mehalawy	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-03	Reciprocity
33655	Rayya	Hunter	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-04	Reciprocity
33653	Midhuna	Joseph	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-04	Reciprocity
33656	Liza	Atwater	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-05	Reciprocity
33659	Abigail	George	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-10	Reciprocity
33660	Kristen	Copenhagen	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-11	Reciprocity
33661	Jonna	Peryer	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-11	Reciprocity
33662	Stephanie	Gonzales	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-17	Reciprocity
33663	Kayla	Wongittilin	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-17	Reciprocity

33667	Andrew	Swanner	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-20	Reciprocity
33666	Carly	Huggins	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-20	Reciprocity
33669	Rebecca	Arritt	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-24	Reciprocity
33672	Kathleen	Palmer	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-25	Reciprocity
33671	Dennis	Eyler	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-25	Reciprocity
33674	Kristi	Wilmot	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-26	Reciprocity
33673	Derek	Stephenson	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-26	Reciprocity
33675	Irma	Kountz	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-27	Reciprocity
33677	Domia	Taher	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-27	Reciprocity
33676	Reinaldo	Montoto	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-27	Reciprocity
33679	Leleyna	Martinez-Garcia	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-28	Reciprocity
33678	Michelle	Kaneski	Pharmacist	Active	2025-02-28	Reciprocity
33683	Cody	Biller	Pharmacist	Active	2025-03-04	Reciprocity
33681	David	Patel	Pharmacist	Active	2025-03-04	Reciprocity
33680	Melandy	English	Pharmacist	Active	2025-03-04	Reciprocity
33684	Brennan	Luke	Pharmacist	Active	2025-03-04	Reciprocity
33685	Dorothy	Szczerba	Pharmacist	Active	2025-03-05	Reciprocity
33687	Courtney	DeLeon	Pharmacist	Active	2025-03-06	Reciprocity
33688	Mckinney	Nikolaus	Pharmacist	Active	2025-03-06	Reciprocity
33690	Brian	Williams	Pharmacist	Active	2025-03-10	Reciprocity
33689	Rachelle	Dickerson	Pharmacist	Active	2025-03-10	Reciprocity
33692	Anjali	Udhwani	Pharmacist	Active	2025-03-11	Reciprocity

33691	Chondel 1	Bullock	Pharmacist	Active	2025-03-11	Reciprocity
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CPP Candidates

License Number	First Name	Last Name	License Type	License Status	Licensed Date
700568	Haley	Simkins	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2025-02-06
700569	Lauren April	Cauthen	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2025-02-13
700570	Mina	Wolfe	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2025-02-18

Increase in Pharmacist: Technician Ratio

Permit Number	Permit Type	Process Type	Status	Complete Date	PT Ratio
02325	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	16-Jan-25	1:4
08023	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	16-Jan-25	1:4
13833	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	24-Jan-25	1:4
15519	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	27-Jan-25	1:4
04198	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	31-Jan-25	1:4
10942	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	05-Feb-25	1:4
07968	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	10-Feb-25	1:4
15693	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	17-Feb-25	1:5
11037	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	18-Feb-25	1:3
12523	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	25-Feb-25	1:5
14157	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	05-Mar-25	1:4
09440	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	07-Mar-25	1:4

08081	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	10-Mar-25	1:5
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Mr. Campbell asked that public record reflect that Board members recused themselves from cases over which they had presided as pre-hearing officer. Ms. Corbin moved to approve the consent agenda and was seconded by Dr. Vance. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion from Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Wallace, passed unanimously, the Board moved into closed session to discuss possible summary suspensions. Mr. Campbell noted that after closed session, there would not be any more items on the agenda.

When open session resumed on a motion from Ms. Corbin, seconded by Dr. Duggins, passed unanimously, President Sain stated that the Board summarily suspended Technician Registration No. 54120 issued to Christopher Davis, Technician Registration No. 78921 issued to Tori Gibson, Technician Registration No. 78629 issued to Billy Cartwright, and Pharmacist License No. 32802 issued to Hayden Tarver.

Ms. Corbin moved to adjourn. Dr. Duggins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris Sain, President

Mischelle Corbin

Dr. Ashley Duggins

Robert J. McLaughlin, Jr.

Wallace Nelson

Dr. Keith Vance