

President Ashley Duggins called the meeting to order at 10 am. Due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, the meeting was convened by teleconference. Board Members Ashley Duggins, Keith Vance, Andy Bowman, Wallace Nelson, Mischelle Corbin and Bill Mixon were in attendance. Members of the public also attended the meeting via teleconference.

Ethics Statement & Welcome

President Duggins read the Ethics Statement regarding conflicts of interest and/or appearances of conflicts of interest of any Board member. No conflicts were noted by Board members.

Consideration of April 2021 Meeting Minutes

The members received the April 20, 2021 meeting minutes for review prior to this meeting. It was moved by Mr. Mixon, seconded by Ms. Corbin, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Selection of Board Officers

Each May, the Board selects its officers for the coming year. Dr. Bowman nominated Mr. Mixon for President. On a motion from Dr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Nelson with no dissenting votes, the nominations were closed. By unanimous vote (Mr. Mixon abstaining), Mr. Mixon was elected as Board President for 2021-2022.

Dr. Duggins nominated Mr. Nelson as Vice-President. With no other nominees, on a motion from Dr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Mixon with no dissenting votes, the nominations were closed. By unanimous vote (Mr. Nelson abstaining), Mr. Nelson was elected Board Vice-President for 2021-2022.

Mr. Mixon then assumed his duties as Board President. Mr. Campbell commended Dr. Duggins for a terrific job as Board President the past year.

Board Committee and Individual Appointments. Mr. Mixon elected to hold committee and individual appointments to the June 15, 2021 meeting. He asked that all members let him know which committees they would like to serve on for the coming year.

DME Committee Member Appointments

The North Carolina Board of Pharmacy Device & Medical Equipment (DME) Sub-Committee members will be appointed at the June 15, 2021 Board meeting. The seats for Medical Oxygen Supplier and Rehabilitation Technology Supplier want to continue serving, and the Board will consider their re-nomination. The seat for Medical Equipment Supplier

will be vacant, and Board members are specifically seeking candidates to serve as this representative. The seat is open to any Person-in-Charge of an active DME permit that is located in North Carolina and that provides Medical Equipment.

Anyone interested in serving on the subcommittee as the Medical Equipment Supplier representative that meets the requirements should submit an interest letter and CV to Enforcement Specialist Cindy Parham by email at cparham@ncbop.org. The deadline for submission is 5pm on June 4, 2021.

Rulemaking Update

Repeal of 21 NCAC 46.1417, Remote Medication Order Processing Services; Amendment to 21 NCAC 46.1816, Procedures for Centralized Processing of Prescription Orders

Comment period is open through 10 am, July 20, 2021. Staff are monitoring.

Adoption of 21 NCAC 46.1616, Limited Service Permits; Amendments to 21 NCAC 46.1317, .1703, .1706, and .2502

Comment period is also open through 10 am, July 20, 2021. Staff are monitoring.

Proposed Amendment to 21 NCAC 46.2801, Compounding Rule

Comment period is open through 10 am, June 15, 2021. Public hearing will occur at the Board's June 15, 2021 meeting. Staff are monitoring.

Committee Progress Reports

Telepharmacy Committee – *Vance, Bowman, Nelson* (members); *Campbell, Pinyan* (staff)

Notice-and-comment rulemaking underway on remote medication order entry authority. Committee has decided to take up consideration of direct-to-patient dispensing technology next. Staff are gathering background information and materials.

Limited Service Permit Revision Committee – *Mixon, Nelson* (members); *Campbell, Stefanyk, Bissell, Pinyan* (staff)

Charged to recommend amendments to Rule .1606 to eliminate in-person permit meeting requirement; consider development of on-line educational materials focused on pharmacist-manager responsibilities; consider whether and how review of such

materials should be a mandatory prerequisite for issuance of a new permit and/or a pharmacist-manager change for an existing permit. Deadline: June 15, 2021 Board meeting. Committee has met to discuss ideas and planning.

Permit Meeting/Pharmacist Manager Education Committee – *Duggins, Vance* (members); *Betz, Watson, Kohler, Stefanyk* (staff)

Charged to recommend to the full Board a system for registering and tracking pharmacy students who are eligible to serve as pharmacy interns in North Carolina. Deadline: July 20, 2021 meeting. Committee staff met with South Carolina Board of Pharmacy Executive Director Traci Collier to discuss the intern registration program there. Committee staff met with representatives of the four North Carolina-based schools of pharmacy to discuss a potential intern registration system and what type of enrollment documentation could be provided to students (and then to the Board) to prove eligibility. May Update: Committee staff have gathered information needed to frame the full committee's discussion, and are compiling that information to support a full committee discussion in the coming weeks.

Intern Registration System Committee – *Vance, Bowman* (members); *Betz, Campbell, Pinyan* (staff)

Charged to recommend to the full Board a system for registering and tracking pharmacy students who are eligible to serve as pharmacy interns in North Carolina. Deadline: July 20, 2021 meeting. Committee staff are gathering information needed to frame the full committee's discussion. Committee is in the process of scheduling a meeting for late June 2021.

The Board took a 15-minute break and reconvened at 11:00 am.

Legislative Report (*Campbell; Pinyan*)

H96 Allow Pharmacists to Administer Injectable Drugs. A version of this bill passed the House on May 11 and referred to the Senate Rules Committee. Current version creates a new paragraph with a potentially vast, and highly labor intensive, implementation requirement. The Board asked Mr. Campbell to write a letter to sponsors expressing support for expansion of pharmacist administration authority, but noting some concerns about practical implementation.

S575 Pharmacists Improve Public Health Needs. The Senate Health Care Committee approved a revised version that scaled the original bill back in significant ways. Immunization authority to administer all ACIP-recommended pediatric vaccines to patients age six or older by prescription remains. Ability to prescribe and dispense medications scaled back to tobacco cessation medications, orally administered

hormonal contraceptives, prenatal vitamins, and “controlled substances” for the prevention of HIV, including “controlled substances” prescribed for post-exposure prophylaxis. Ability to prescribe based on CLIA-waived test diagnosis eliminated. This version passed the Senate and has been referred to House Rules Committee.

H178, Access to Prescription Drug Cost Information. May Update: Scheduled for committee hearing on May 11. A new version, requiring implementation by January 1, 2023, passed the House on May 11 and had been referred to Senate Rules Committee.

H395/S226, Amend HIE Mandatory Participation and Enforcement. May Update: House Committee on Health voted out a substitute on May 4. Substitute extends pharmacy deadline to connect to state HIE Network to January 1, 2023. Passed the House on May 5, referred to Senate Rules Committee.

H.683, Prescription Drug Disposal. Referred to House Committee on Health on April 27. Scheduled for committee hearing on May 11. Passed House on May 11, referred to Senate Rules Committee. The Board asked that Mr. Campbell write a letter to the sponsors supporting the aims of the bill, commending the bill’s sensitivity to implementation costs, and seeking a slight clarification on the means by which the bill contemplates providing disposal information to patients.

H196/S.L. 2021-3, Modifications to COVID-19 Relief Legislation. Long-Acting Injectable Rulemaking Committee has met and produced a discussion draft of an implementing rule. Committee staff is seeking input on that draft from Medical and Nursing Board Staff.

H93, Require Opioid Antagonist Education with Opioid Prescriptions. Bill passed the House on April 29. Referred to Senate Committee on Rules and Operations.

H29, Verification of Immigration Status. No change.

S257, Promote Pricing Transparency for Patients and Establish Standards and Criteria for the Regulation And Licensure of Pharmacy Benefits Managers Providing Services for Health Benefit Plans in North Carolina. Reported favorably by Senate Health Care Committee. Referred to Senate Committee on Commerce and Insurance on April 28.

S345 An Act to Adjust the Supervision Arrangement of Physician Assistants and to Make Various Changes to the Licensure of Physician Assistants. Board staff engaged in significant discussion with the North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants, North Carolina Medical Society, and Representative Sasser. Bill as filed passed the

Senate unanimously on May 5. Representative Sasser indicates further negotiation will occur in the House process.

S373 Expand Voluntary Health Care Services. No change.

S515 Health Care Heroes Conscience Protection Act. No change.

S545 Universal Licensure Recognition Act. No change.

H862, Improve Access to Patient Care. Referred to the House Committee on Health on May 5, 2021. Contains a fee provision and is therefore not subject to the crossover deadline. The Board asked Mr. Campbell to send a letter supporting broadening ability of pharmacists to enter into collaborative agreements with physicians as a public health enhancement measure.

H.683, Prescription Drug Disposal. Referred to House Committee on Health on April 27..

H896 Fair and Equitable Reimbursement for Pharmacists. Filed May 5, 2021.

H817, Allow Pharmacists to Dispense Contraceptives. Referred to House Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations on May 5.

H.691, Allow Pharmacists to Distribute Certain Medications. Referred to House Committee on Health on April 27.

H780, End of Life Option Act. Referred to House Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations on May 4.

Dr. Bowman voiced his concern about technicians who have qualified to administer vaccines under the federal PREP Act declarations not being able to fully deploy during the fall to assist with, for example, the flu vaccination campaign. He also expressed concern that, without a state law change, once the pandemic public health emergency is rescinded, these technicians will no longer be able to administer vaccines at all. Mr. Campbell briefed the members on communications concerning these needs and, at the Board's direction, will send another letter to the appropriate legislators to reiterate this concern and need.

The Board then took a break and reconvened at 12:25 pm.

Financials

April Financial Report

JP Brown, Accounting Manager, presented the April 2021 financial report to the Board. The proposed FY2021-22 Budget will be presented at the June 2021 Meeting.

Investigative Report

Docket Report

Josh Kohler, Director of Investigations, presented the investigations report and current caseload.

Mr. Campbell proposed to resume in-person meetings at the July 20th meeting and the Board agreed.

NABP Annual Meeting Recap

Mr. Campbell gave a brief overview of the NABP Annual Meeting and said that next year's event would be in Phoenix, Arizona. He added that his service with the NABP Executive Committee was gratifying and only possible through the support of the Board and staff. He asked the Board to email him by June 4 with any requests to join any of the NABP task forces in 2021-22.

NABP District III Annual Meeting, October 3-6, 2021, Hilton Head, South Carolina

Mr. Campbell noted the dates of the District 3 meeting and that more information would be provided later. Board members should register with Cindy Parham or Leslie Wilson.

Consent Agenda

The following items were approved.

Prehearing Conference

Consent Orders

Reciprocity Candidates

License Number	First Name	Last Name	License Status	Licensed Date
30340	Anne	Njapa Sandjong	Active	4/22/2021
30338	Samuel	Gadzichowski	Active	4/22/2021
30337	Lesley	Alexis	Active	4/22/2021
30339	Kevin	Marshall	Active	4/22/2021
30341	Mark	Wyche	Active	4/22/2021
30347	Nirav	Patel	Active	4/29/2021
30349	Katarina	Raabe	Active	4/29/2021
30351	Shari	Schwarzwald	Active	4/29/2021
30346	Allen	Nichol	Active	4/29/2021
30350	Scott	Schierloh	Active	4/29/2021
30345	Jennifer	Bach	Active	4/29/2021
30348	Niyati	Patel	Active	4/29/2021
30360	Rosina Grace	Mesumbe	Active	5/6/2021
30359	Alyssa	Lopus	Active	5/6/2021
30363	Brittany	Williams	Active	5/6/2021
30356	Danay	Davis	Active	5/6/2021
30354	Vanessa	Bass	Active	5/6/2021
30362	Joshua	Talley	Active	5/6/2021
30358	Yannis	Koukounas	Active	5/6/2021
30357	Seth	Garner	Active	5/6/2021
30355	Raisa	Choudhury	Active	5/6/2021

30361	Matthew	Morin	Active	5/6/2021
30372	Chad	Palumbo	Active	5/13/2021
30371	Iryna	Klein	Active	5/13/2021
30373	Maria	Peluso	Active	5/13/2021
30344	Heather	Thomas	Active	5/13/2021
30370	Deirdre	Kaan	Active	5/13/2021
30368	Emily	Gallogly	Active	5/13/2021
30367	Jacqueline	Dela-Pena	Active	5/13/2021
30369	Gregory	Holley	Active	5/13/2021

CPP Candidates

License Number	First Name	Last Name	Licensed Date
700287	Safaa	Aref	4/29/2021
700292	Anna	Connolly	4/29/2021
700293	Amy	Stewart	4/29/2021
700291	Austin	Ulrich	4/29/2021
700288	Zachary	Klick	4/29/2021
700289	Christan	Holt	4/29/2021
700290	H Andrew	Wilsey	4/29/2021

Increase in Pharmacist to Technicians Ratio

License Number	Pharmacy Name	Process Type	Complete Date
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13593	Walgreens	PT Ratio Change 1:3	4/22/2021
11366	Lumberton Drug West	PT Ratio Change 1:4	4/22/2021
7937	Wal-Mart	PT Ratio Change 1:4	4/27/2021
8003	Wal-Mart	PT Ratio Change 1:4	4/27/2021
10812	CVS	PT Ratio Change 1:3	4/28/2021
13746	Moose Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change 1:3	4/28/2021
13480	Walgreens	PT Ratio Change 1:4	4/29/2021
10306	Wal-Mart	PT Ratio Change 1:4	4/29/2021
10568	CVS	PT Ratio Change 1:4	4/30/2021
9313	Wal-Mart	PT Ratio Change 1:4	5/1/2021
12487	Walgreens	PT Ratio Change 1:4	5/3/2021
13792	Crossroads	PT Ratio Change 1:4	5/3/2021
10285	CVS	PT Ratio Change 1:3	5/3/2021
10841	CVS	PT Ratio Change	5/3/2021
14067	CVS	PT Ratio Change 1:3	5/4/2021
13661	Walgreens	PT Ratio Change 1:3	5/6/2021
7989	Wal-Mart	PT Ratio Change 1:4	5/6/2021
13419	Publix	PT Ratio Change 1:3	5/6/2021
13991	Oakridge	PT Ratio Change 1:4	5/6/2021
12293	Walgreens	PT Ratio Change 1:4	5/6/2021
7993	Wal-Mart	PT Ratio Change 1:4	5/7/2021
10718	CVS	PT Ratio Change 1:4	5/7/2021

13688	Walgreens	PT Ratio Change 1:4	5/12/2021
14488	Roan Mountain	PT Ratio Change 1:3	5/12/2021
10241	CVS	PT Ratio Change 1:4	5/13/2021
13609	Walgreens	PT Ratio Change 1:4	5/13/2021
13668	Walgreens	PT Ratio Change 1:4	5/14/2021
12291	Walgreens	PT Ratio Change 1:4	5/14/2021
12238	Walgreens	PT Ratio Change 1:4	5/14/2021
13662	Walgreens	PT Ratio Change 1:3	5/17/2021

Closed Session

Mr. Pyror noted there were no comments from the public posted online. On a motion from Dr. Bowman, seconded by Dr. Vance with no dissenting votes, the Board moved into closed session to discuss possible summary suspensions.

When open session resumed on a motion from Dr. Vance, seconded by Mr. Mixon with no dissenting votes, President Mixon stated that the Board summarily suspended Technician Registration No. 14975 issued to Donielle Johnson. Mr. Nelson then moved to adjourn. Mr. Mixon 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