

President Chris Sain called the meeting to order at 10 am with Board Members Mischelle Corbin, Ashley Duggins, Wallace Nelson, and Keith Vance in attendance.

In attendance with the Board were Executive Director Jay Campbell, Board Counsel Clint Pinyan, Associate Executive Director Ellen Vick, Accounting Manager JP Brown, Director of Investigations Gray Fullwood, Director of Inspections Krystal Stefanyk, Director of Licensing Missy Betz, Director of Operations Kristin Moore, Enforcement Manager Cindy Parham, Information Technology Administrator Antoine Pryor, Senior Investigator/Inspector Christie Cutbush, Investigator/Inspector Kristy Edmondson, and Administrative Assistant Leslie Wilson.

Present as visitors were Joey McLaughlin, Joey Williford, Robin Williford, Charlie Williford, Suzanne Williford, Laura Williford, Christine Heath, Karen Crislak, Keith Hersey, Jill Brown, Robert Brown Jr., Elizabeth Brown, Marie Brown, Robert Brown, Bill Long, Tom Smart, Thomas Williford, Freda Nelson, John Norris, Brittany Griffin, Latrise Holt, Jessica Myers, Mary Long, and Melinda Long Travis.

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 May 2024 meeting minutes for review prior to the meeting. Ms. Corbin moved to approve and Mr. Nelson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of Pharmacists Continuously Licensed for 60 Years

Every year the Board recognizes pharmacists who have been continuously licensed in North Carolina for 60 years. In attendance were Robert Brown, Thomas Williford, Thomas Smart and William Long. Each recipient regaled the Board with their memories of their storied careers in pharmacy.

Below is the complete list of honorees.

License Number	Licensed Date	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
04682	1964-03-04	Robert	Michael	Brown
04724	1964-03-04	Thomas	Alton	Williford
04717	1964-03-04	Thomas	Elijah	Smart
04700	1964-03-04	Dempsey	Craig	Hill

04742	1964-07-02	Kenneth	Pearshing	Hardin Jr.
04743	1964-07-02	Morris	Edwards	Hedgepeth
04745	1964-07-02	Joseph		Jarman
04748	1964-07-02	William	Ray	Long

The Board thanked them all for their dedication and service to the state of North Carolina.

The Board then took a short break and reconvened at 10:40 am.

Committee Appointments (*President Sain*)

President Sain made the following committee and other assignments for FY 2024-25:

Budget and Finance

Mischelle Corbin, Joey McLaughlin, Chris Sain

Durable Medical Equipment

Mischelle Corbin, Chris Sain,

Kimberly Lynn (medical equipment), Wade Dahlberg (medical oxygen) Ed Dressen (rehabilitation equipment)

Haywood Fund

Mischelle Corbin, Joey McLaughlin, Wallace Nelson

Working Conditions

Ashley Duggins (chair), Joey McLaughlin, Keith Vance

Health-System Rules Review

Wallace Nelson, Chris Sain

Patient Counseling Rule Review

Ashley Duggins, Keith Vance

Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory

Mischelle Corbin, Wallace Nelson, Keith Vance

NCPHP Board of Directors

Chris Sain, Mischelle Corbin

CPP Advisory Committee Liaison

Wallace Nelson

Evaluation of North Carolina Ethics Commission Biennial Review Letters

Each year Board members file a statement of economic interest. North Carolina Ethics Commission staff review each SEI and provide an evaluation to the Board. Under the State Government Ethics Act, each evaluation is to be reviewed by the Board.

The Ethics Commission has supplied evaluations for Mr. Nelson, Ms. Corbin, and Dr. Duggins. The Ethics Commission identified no actual conflict of interest affecting Board service for any of the three. The Ethics Commission identified potential conflicts of interest for the pharmacists on the Board.

Nelson and Duggins. As in all previous years, the Ethics Commission makes note when an occupational licensing board member practices the profession that the board regulates. As such, the members must be sensitive to the potential conflicts of interest on which they are trained every two years.

Corbin. The Ethics Commission found no potential conflicts of interest.

Mr. Campbell encouraged to ask any questions concerning State Ethics Act compliance of himself or Mr. Pinyan. He appreciated the Board members' knowledge of, and sensitivity to, these matters.

Financial Reports

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

Investigations and Inspections Report (Stefanyk)

Ms. Stefanyk presented the investigations report and current caseload. She also announced the promotion of Christie Cutbush to Senior Investigator/Inspector.

Legislative Update

The legislature is currently in the short session. Few changes have occurred since the last meeting in May.

Rulemaking

Rulemakings in Progress:

Proposed Amendment To 21 NCAC 46 .1401 - Hospitals: Other Health Facilities - Registration And Permits

Amendment To 21 NCAC 46 .1415 - Hospitals: Other Health Facilities -
Medication In Health Care Facility Emergency Departments

A public hearing was held earlier this morning. One member of the public presented comments, and board staff have received one written comment. The comment period remains open through August 14, 2024.

For Action by the Board:

Proposed Amendment to 21 NCAC 46.2504 Patient Counseling

On March 13, 2024, the Board published proposed amendments to 21 NCAC 46.2504 Patient Counseling for notice and comment. The Board held a public hearing on the proposed amendments at 9:30 am, May 21, 2024. The comment period remained open through June 14, 2024.

Mr. Campbell noted for the record that rules pertaining to patient counseling are required by federal law for a state to receive federal funding for Medicaid.

The principal purpose of the amendment is to clarify the rule. The existing rule addresses patient history information requirements, drug utilization reviews, offers to counsel and counseling in a non-chronological and circuitous fashion. The amended rule would address these topics in a sequential work-flow order. It further would clarify how the rule operates, and may differ, in different practice settings. Substantively, the amendment would provide for initial general counseling to take place through recorded technological means, in cases where that is appropriate.

The Board received no verbal comments on the proposed amendments at the May 21, 2024 public hearing. The Board received no written comments during the comment period. Mr. Nelson moved to accept the rule as written and was seconded by Dr. Duggins. The motion passed with no dissenting votes. Dr. Vance thanked Mr. Campbell and Mr. Pinyan for taking their ideas and outlaying them in clear and concise terms.

Committee Reports

Health-System Rules Review – *Nelson, Sain* (members); *Campbell, Pinyan, Stefanyk, Betz* (staff). The Committee convened its working group during the Board's June workday. The committee approved updates the guidance FAQs concerning automated dispensing devices and auxiliary medication inventories. The updated FAQs have been posted to the Board's website.

The Committee continued detailed discussion of the validating technician authority found in Board Rule. 1418 and continues to work toward recommendations to the full Board on validating technician qualifications and authority.

Consideration of NCBOP 2025 Calendar of Meetings and Events

Kristin Moore has prepared a proposed calendar of meetings for 2025. The proposed calendar retains the current meeting cadence – second Tuesday of January, March, May, July, and October for Board business meetings, with two exceptions. The May 2025 meeting is calendared one week later – May 20 – to avoid a conflict with the NABP Annual Meeting and September meeting is moved to September 16 due to NABP District 3 meeting.

Prehearing Conference days schedule for the second Monday of January, February, March, April, June, July, September, October, and November. PHC day is scheduled for May 19 to avoid a conflict with the NABP Annual Meeting and is also moved to September 15 due to NABP District 3 meeting.

Board committee workdays are scheduled for the second Tuesday of February, April, June, and October. Dr. Vance moved to approve the calendar and Dr. Duggins seconded. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Designate Member to Attend the NABP Member Forum, December 4-5, Chicago, IL

Mr. Nelson expressed an interest in attending and will confirm with Mr. Campbell by the end of the week.

NABP District 3 Annual Meeting, August 11-13, Mobile, AL

MALTAGON Annual Meeting, September 8-11, Rogers, AR

Any member not registered for MALTAGON and/or District 3 and wishes to attend, contact Cindy Parham or Leslie Wilson.

Consent Agenda

The following items were approved with a motion by Dr. Vance, seconded by Ms. Corbin, with no dissenting votes.

Staff Issued Letters of Warning: Pharmacist Christopher Maceri, License #32733 and Technician Christin Hall, Registration #51986

Staff Issued Letter of Warning: Pharmacist Lisa Beth Ezzell-Weeks, License #13469

Staff Issued Letter of Warning: Pharmacy Express Scripts, Permit #13697

Staff Issued Letter of Warning: Pharmacist Danielle Tully, License #30190

Reciprocity Candidates

License Number	First Name	Last Name	License Type	License Status	Licensed Date	Licensure Method
33015	James	McKinney	Pharmacist	Active	2024-05-22	Reciprocity
33014	Matthew	Beachnau	Pharmacist	Active	2024-05-22	Reciprocity
33017	Luke	Earls	Pharmacist	Active	2024-05-23	Reciprocity
33016	Emily	Bowers	Pharmacist	Active	2024-05-23	Reciprocity
33021	Shelly	Seerattan	Pharmacist	Active	2024-05-24	Reciprocity
33019	Megan	Wright	Pharmacist	Active	2024-05-24	Reciprocity
33020	Amira	Khater	Pharmacist	Active	2024-05-24	Reciprocity
33022	Jessica	Karthan	Pharmacist	Active	2024-05-28	Reciprocity
33023	Eric	Schaefer	Pharmacist	Active	2024-05-28	Reciprocity
33025	Jasmine	Gronek	Pharmacist	Active	2024-05-29	Reciprocity
33026	Laura	Liles	Pharmacist	Active	2024-05-29	Reciprocity
33024	Shaneka	Baylor	Pharmacist	Active	2024-05-29	Reciprocity
33028	Donyelle	Madison	Pharmacist	Active	2024-05-30	Reciprocity
33027	Cole	Smith	Pharmacist	Active	2024-05-30	Reciprocity
33030	William	Markle	Pharmacist	Active	2024-05-31	Reciprocity
33031	Bethany	Godwin	Pharmacist	Active	2024-05-31	Reciprocity
32989	Jan	Killham	Pharmacist	Active	2024-05-31	Reciprocity
33033	Jamie	Parks-Foster	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-03	Reciprocity

33037	Farwa	Syed	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-03	Reciprocity
33034	Matthew	Richardson	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-03	Reciprocity
33036	Nathaniel	Weller	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-03	Reciprocity
33035	Danielle	Schuyler	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-03	Reciprocity
33032	Sarah	Lancaster	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-03	Reciprocity
33038	Abigail	Reigh	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-04	Reciprocity
33043	Sarah	Wong	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-06	Reciprocity
33042	Jennifer	Wilson	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-06	Reciprocity
33041	Jade	Nanan	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-06	Reciprocity
33044	Erin	Harrell	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-07	Reciprocity
33046	Shereen	Sarwat	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-07	Reciprocity
33045	Colby	Osborne	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-07	Reciprocity
33050	Teri	Bruster	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-18	Reciprocity
33058	Kristen	Schwartz	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-18	Reciprocity
33059	Taylor	Toomey	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-18	Reciprocity
33052	Anna	Funderburk	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-18	Reciprocity
33055	Chae Yeong	Jang	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-18	Reciprocity
33057	Vrunda	Patel	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-18	Reciprocity
33060	Kaylee	Whitenack	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-18	Reciprocity
33054	Sabrina	Harris	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-18	Reciprocity
33053	Andrew	Golding	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-18	Reciprocity
33056	Allison	Kump	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-18	Reciprocity
33051	Dorothy	Fox	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-18	Reciprocity

33061	Savannah	Yuk	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-18	Reciprocity
33049	Neda	Abu-Gharbiyeh	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-18	Reciprocity
33072	Richard	Brown	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-20	Reciprocity
33071	Bailey	Agee	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-20	Reciprocity
33073	Christian	Pitcock	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-20	Reciprocity
33075	Thomy	Singh	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-20	Reciprocity
33074	Monica	Sawiris	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-20	Reciprocity
33069	Elizabeth	Cintron	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-20	Reciprocity
33070	Rick	Heckert	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-20	Reciprocity
33085	Jenna	Dowler	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-24	Reciprocity
33088	David	Carbonell	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-24	Reciprocity
33091	Patricia	Uber	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-25	Reciprocity
33089	Zhubo	Cai	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-25	Reciprocity
33090	Justin	Samuel	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-25	Reciprocity
33096	Hannah	Peters	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-26	Reciprocity
33095	Yolanda	Garcia	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-26	Reciprocity
33109	Lorenzo	Torres	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-26	Reciprocity
33097	Jessi	Shelton	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-26	Reciprocity
33111	Holly	Westerkamp	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-27	Reciprocity
33122	Broderick	Moore	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-27	Reciprocity
33123	Jessica	Tranchina	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-27	Reciprocity
33110	Victoria	Phan	Pharmacist	Active	2024-06-27	Reciprocity
33134	Benjamin	Lee	Pharmacist	Active	2024-07-01	Reciprocity

33130	Michael	Arnold	Pharmacist	Active	2024-07-01	Reciprocity
33135	Haley	Bond	Pharmacist	Active	2024-07-01	Reciprocity
33136	Brandon	Montz	Pharmacist	Active	2024-07-02	Reciprocity
33154	Gaurav	Gupta	Pharmacist	Active	2024-07-03	Reciprocity
33139	Steven	Fruehwald	Pharmacist	Active	2024-07-03	Reciprocity
33138	Jeffrey	Bouman	Pharmacist	Active	2024-07-03	Reciprocity
33137	Nadia	BouFawaz	Pharmacist	Active	2024-07-03	Reciprocity
33140	Andrea	Licata	Pharmacist	Active	2024-07-03	Reciprocity
33155	Darren	Hamilton	Pharmacist	Active	2024-07-05	Reciprocity
33159	Abby	McCurry	Pharmacist	Active	2024-07-08	Reciprocity
33158	Andrew	King	Pharmacist	Active	2024-07-08	Reciprocity
33162	Kirsten	Smith	Pharmacist	Active	2024-07-08	Reciprocity
33156	Grace	Bringhurst	Pharmacist	Active	2024-07-08	Reciprocity
33169	Edwin Puakyiene	Douchebe	Pharmacist	Active	2024-07-08	Reciprocity
33160	Cindy	Pham	Pharmacist	Active	2024-07-08	Reciprocity
33161	Stephen	Rubano	Pharmacist	Active	2024-07-08	Reciprocity
33157	Jocelyn	Edwards	Pharmacist	Active	2024-07-08	Reciprocity
33171	Sowmya	Madduri	Pharmacist	Active	2024-07-09	Reciprocity
33170	Tori	Hashimura	Pharmacist	Active	2024-07-09	Reciprocity

CPP Candidates

License Number	First Name	Last Name	License Type	License Status	Licensed Date
700533	Glenda	Carlton	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2024-05-23

700534	Anne	Clay	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2024-05-24
700535	Tabitha	Dillinger	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2024-06-04
700536	Stacey	Cutrell	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2024-06-20
700537	Olivia	Buckoski	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2024-06-27
700538	Anthony	Degelorm	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2024-07-02
700539	Charles	Stoner	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2024-07-08
700540	Anna	Hale	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2024-07-08
700541	Kaitlyn	Queen	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2024-07-08

Increase in Pharmacist : Technician Ratio

License Number	License Type	Process Type	Status	Complete Date	PT Ratio
14897	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	24-May-24	1:5
10191	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	28-May-24	1:3
10008	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	28-May-24	1:5
10600	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	03-Jun-24	1:4
07100	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	05-Jun-24	1:4
12269	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	06-Jun-24	1:5
15249	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	07-Jun-24	1:5
13079	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	10-Jun-24	1:4
09019	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	17-Jun-24	1:5
12419	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	17-Jun-24	1:5
13242	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	24-Jun-24	1:3
15124	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	02-Jul-24	1:5

11254	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	03-Jul-24	1:3
13791	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	08-Jul-24	1:5
12947	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	08-Jul-24	1:3

On a motion from Ms. Corbin, seconded by Dr. Vance, passed unanimously, the Board moved into closed session to discuss possible summary suspensions.

When open session resumed on a motion from Mr. Nelson, seconded by Dr. Duggins, passed unanimously, President Sain stated that the Board summarily suspended Technician Registration No. 73418 issued to Thomas Pruitt, Technician Registration No. 58013 issued to Jordan Eller, Technician Registration No. 21698 issued to Amanda Rogers, and Technician Registration No. 80797 issued to Sarah Williams.

The Board then broke for lunch and reconvened at 1:04 pm.

Hearings

Disciplinary Matter, Pharmacist License #17392, Keith Hersey
Pharmacy License #14206, JJ Bug LLC d/b/a/ Hersey Pharmacy (*Pinyan*)

Ms. Corbin presided over a pre-hearing conference on this matter and therefore recused herself from participation in the full board hearing. Dr. Bowman was not present but the Board did have a four person quorum.

The hearing is a continuation of proceedings begun at the Board's May 2024 meeting. It involves disciplinary matters for Keith Hersey, RPh and his pharmacy, JJ Bug LLC d/b/a Hersey Pharmacy. Mr. Keith Bishop represented both.

The Board heard testimony by Mr. Hersey and Board Enforcement Manager Cindy Parham.

At the close of evidence, Board counsel and counsel for Mr. Hersey provided closing arguments.

The Board moved into closed session to deliberate.

Upon returning to open session, President Sain delivered the Board's decision to revoke the license of Keith Hersey's license to practice pharmacy JJ Bug LLC d/b/a Hersey Pharmacy's permit. The Board was individually polled and all voted for this order.

Dr. Duggins moved to adjourn. Mr. Nelson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Chris Sain, President

Mischelle Corbin, Vice President

Dr. Ashley Duggins

Dr. Andy Bowman

Wallace Nelson

Dr. Keith Vance