

The November 2024 Board member retreat and Board meeting was held at the Proximity Hotel in Greensboro, NC on November 11 – 12, 2024. President Chris Sain called the meeting to order at 10 am on November 11 with Board Members Ashley Duggins, Robert J. (Joey) McLaughlin Jr., Wallace Nelson, Chris Sain, and Keith Vance present. Board Member Mischelle Corbin was present via teleconference.

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, Enforcement Manager Cindy Parham and Administrative Assistant Leslie Wilson. Joe Jordan and Cindy Clark of the North Carolina Professionals Health Program, and Jeremy Evans of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture's Food and Drug Safety Division were present as guests.

#### Ethics Statement & Welcome

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

#### Member Training Required by NCGS Chapter 93-B

The meeting began with Chapter 93-B required statutory training led by Mr. Pinyan.

#### North Carolina Professionals Health Program Annual Report

Joe Jordan and Cindy Clark of NCPHP provided a report on NCPHP's services for pharmacists and pharmacy personnel, as well as a report on the Haywood Fund's performance in 2024.

#### Working Lunch.

The group then broke for a working lunch and were joined by NC State Representative Heather Rhyne and former NC State Representative Wayne Sasser. The members and staff discussed general policy with Representatives Rhyne and Sasser.

#### DSCSA Status

Jeremy Evans, Drug Administrator for the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, led a discussion of Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA) compliance for pharmacies, as well as the roles that the Department of Agriculture and Board of Pharmacy should play. Associate Executive Director Ellen Vick and Director of Inspections Krystal Stefanyk led further discussion on resources available to pharmacies and how Board staff could assist with education. Vick and Stefanyk also led a discussion on how Board field staff would approach potential DSCSA compliance issues. After discussion, the Board members

directed staff to produce an FAQ guidance document for pharmacists and pharmacies in North Carolina.

#### Pharmacy Closure Data/Pharmacy Services Data Collection

Director of Licensing Missy Betz reported the numbers for opening and closings for independent and chain pharmacies since 2019. Board members and staff discussed how data in the Board's licensing system can be sorted and reported to monitor pharmacy coverage in North Carolina.

Betz also discussed changes to in-state pharmacy permit applications designed to provide more granular detail on particular services provided by these pharmacies. Such data can be particularly useful during public health emergencies.

#### Licensing Update

Betz reviewed the changes made to the Licensure Gateway landing page and thanked IT Administrator Antoine Pryor for his help. Other updates given were on pharmacy interns registration process, pharmacist-manager changes, numbers for limited service pharmacy permits, and new registrations for dispensing optometrists. Betz concluded that the licensing modules on the website had been highly effective in providing information and instruction to users and had significantly reduced the number of phone calls to Board staff about licensure/registration processes.

#### License by Examination Application Fee

G.S. § 90-85.25 sets forth the fees that the Board may charge for the licenses, permits, and registrations that it issues. The legislature has set the maximum fee for "examination of an applicant for license as a pharmacist" at \$200.00. G.S. § 90-85.25(a)(1). Board rule establishes that the "fees provided for [in that statute] as maximum fees which the Board is entitled to charge and collect are hereby established as the fees for each of the items . . ." 21 NCAC 46.1206. Accordingly, by rule, the Board has elected the \$200.00 maximum fee as the fee for licensure.

For approximately 17 years, the Board has charged less than its authorized examination fee – beginning when the Board ceased requiring a "practical" exam for licensure in addition to the NAPLEX and MPJE.

Board staff recommended resuming the authorized (and adopted) \$200 fee for a license by examination. Among the reasons: (1) In general (and as expected), in the intervening 17 years, the Board's costs of programs has gone up; (2) The Board has incurred costs of maintaining an intern registration program and a Verify program without any corresponding fee being charged; (3) The Board regulates 63% more pharmacists than it did in 2007 (11,444 then; 18,748 now) and the Board's overall regulatory census has almost doubled from 27,766

licensees, registrants, and permittees to 54,270; (4) the Board has not received a fee increase authorization from the General Assembly since 2005.

The Board members agreed that the examination fee should return to the statutorily authorized, and rule endorsed, fee of \$200 beginning January 1, 2025.

#### 2026 District 3/MALTAGON Preparation

Enforcement Manager Cindy Parham reported that the Board is scheduled to host the NABP District 3 meeting and the MALTAGON meeting in 2026. Board staff recommended hosting the meetings back-to-back in mid-September (September 12<sup>th</sup> – September 19<sup>th</sup>).

The Board members discussed hosting duties, agreed to hold the meetings in Asheville pending acceptable venue contracts, and appointed Drs. Sain and Duggins to work with staff on planning the meetings.

#### USP Update/2025 Compounding Summit

Director of Inspections Krystal Stefanyk reviewed the speakers and agenda for the upcoming Compounding Summit, to be held February 25-27 in Chapel Hill. Response to the second summit has been strong, building on last year's success.

#### NABP Beginning Work on an Interstate Practice Credential

Executive Director Campbell summarized initial work that NABP has begun on creating an interstate practice credential that states could recognize (or not) as they deemed appropriate. This latest work builds on creation of the Verify credential and the soon-to-be-launched Uniform Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination. There are no actions for the Board to take at this point. NABP Executive Director Al Carter has appointed Mr. Campbell to the interstate practice credential steering committee.

#### Pharmacy Technicians and Patient Education

President Sain opened a discussion on whether and to what extent there is a role for technicians to play in patient education. The members discussed the matter, but declined to take any action at this point.

The Board recessed for the day.

President Sain called the meeting back to order at 10:00 am on November 12 with Board Members, Ashley Duggins, Robert J. (Joey) McLaughlin Jr., Wallace Nelson, and Keith Vance present. Board member Mischelle Corbin was available via teleconference.

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, Enforcement Manager Cindy Parham, and Administrative Assistant Leslie Wilson.

Attending as guests were Dr. J. Andrew Bowman, Lindsey Davis, Dani Anastasovites, and Emily Gobbo.

#### 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 September meeting minutes for review prior to the meeting. Mr. McLaughlin moved to approve both sets of minutes. Dr. Vance seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Financial Reports

##### Monthly Financial Reports

Executive Director Jay Campbell presented the monthly financial reports. The members received the report prior to this meeting. The members reviewed and had no questions.

#### FY 2023-2024 Financial Audit Approved by Budget & Finance Committee

The annual financial audit report was received in early October, in time for inclusion in the Chapter 93B Annual Report due on October 31. At the September Board meeting, the members delegated to the Budget & Finance Committee the responsibility and authority to review and, if appropriate, accept the FY2023-24 Audited Financial Report on behalf of the full Board.

The Budget and Finance Committee convened on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 to receive and review the report. The Board's auditors at Bernard Robinson & Company reviewed the report with the members. The auditors reported a clean audit. The Committee voted to accept the report as presented. The report was included in the Board's Chapter 93B FY2022-23 Annual Report filed on October 24, 2024.

Dr. Vance moved to ratify the Budget & Finance Committee's decision to approve the Financial Report. Mr. McLaughlin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## Licensing Report

### 2025 Renewal Season

Director of Licensing Missy Betz provided a briefing on the 2025 license/permit/registration renewal season, noting that the process has been smooth and that renewal numbers are tracking those of previous years.

### Investigative Report (Stefanyk)

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

### Reports Filed

#### Chapter 93B Report

N.C.G.S. Chapter 93-B, which governs occupational licensing boards, requires each board to submit an annual report by October 31 of each year. The required contents of the report are set forth in detail by the statute, and are composed primarily of various data on licensees, registrants, and permittees. It must also include audited financial reports for the preceding year. Board staff filed the report with all required agencies and other entities on October 24, 2024.

Mr. Campbell thanked the staff for their diligence in compiling the annual report.

#### SL 2024-45 Report

SL 2024-45 Report requires occupational licensing boards to provide certain data to legislative research agencies when contacted. Mr. Campbell filed the report on the Board's behalf on October 24, 2024.

### Legislative Report

#### S.L. 2024-53, Disaster Recovery Act of 2024 Part II

The General Assembly passed, and Governor Cooper signed into law, two disaster recovery bills. Part II contains two provisions relevant to the Board. First, Part II extends Governor Cooper's declared state of emergency through March 1, 2025. This means that each of the waivers that the Board has put into place remain in effect unless the Board chooses to end any of them sooner. Second, the statute authorizes, but does not require occupational licensing boards to "delay the renewal dates of employment-related certifications issued by the agency pursuant to its statutes for residents of the effective area" if the board "due to the impact of

Hurricane Helene in the affected area, it is in the public interest, including the public health, safety, and welfare . . . of the affected area.” On or before March 1, 2025, each board shall report to two legislative committee on its use of this flexibility.

Board staff does not recommend any delay in license, registration, or permit renewal. The Pharmacy Practice Act already allows renewal as late as March 1 without penalty. And the emergency declaration expires that day. The members agreed with that recommendation.

### Rulemaking Report (Campbell)

Rulemakings Completed: Proposed Amendments to 21 NCAC 46.1401 & .1415

Amendments to Rule .1401 replace the “satellite” provisions with a requirement for a separate pharmacy permit for dispensing areas that are not located at the same address or on a contiguous health-system campus or that dispense drugs for a patient’s use outside of the health care facility.

Amendments to Rule .1415 would allow an emergency department to dispense a drug quantity that is sufficient to bridge the patient to community (or other) pharmacy care, up to a seven-day supply. Other amendments remove outdated language.

The Board held a public hearing on the proposed amendments at the beginning of the July meeting. The comment period remained open through August 14, 2024. The Board adopted the rules as published on September 17, 2024. At its October 30, 2024 meeting, the Rules Review Commission approved the amendments with non-substantive technical corrections.

The rules became effective on November 1, 2024.

### Board Election for Northeast and Central Districts

Board of Pharmacy elections began on November 1, 2024. Two district seats are up for election this year, the Northeastern District position presently held by Wallace Nelson, and the Central District position presently held by Ashley Duggins. The winners of this election will begin their terms on May 1, 2025.

Seven (7) candidates are running for the Northeastern District seat and eight (8) candidates are running for the Central District seat.

All actively licensed pharmacists living in North Carolina at the time of the election are eligible to vote, regardless of the district in which they reside. Candidate photos and biographies are on the Board website, and the voting tile is active and accessible to all eligible pharmacists as they renew their licenses.

Mr. Campbell thanked Kristin Moore for her usual impeccable work on the election and its process.

### **Consent Agenda**

#### Consent Orders

#### Staff Issued Letters of Warnings:

Walgreens Pharmacy (Permit #12223)  
RPh Sarah Walker (License #19730)  
RPh Samia Abdelrahim (License #31035)

The following items were approved.

#### Reciprocity Candidates

License Number	First Name	Last Name	License Type	License Status	Licensed Date	Licensure Method
33456	Chandria	Mitchell	Pharmacist	Active	2024-09-19	Reciprocity
33459	Jake	Brassard	Pharmacist	Active	2024-09-20	Reciprocity
33460	Mary	Cherveney	Pharmacist	Active	2024-09-20	Reciprocity
33461	Michelle	Nettles	Pharmacist	Active	2024-09-20	Reciprocity
33467	Keith	Lim	Pharmacist	Active	2024-09-23	Reciprocity
33465	Brittany	Combs	Pharmacist	Active	2024-09-23	Reciprocity
33468	Tram Anh	Nguyen	Pharmacist	Active	2024-09-23	Reciprocity
33466	Deja	Johnson	Pharmacist	Active	2024-09-23	Reciprocity
33469	Anita	Patel	Pharmacist	Active	2024-09-23	Reciprocity
33470	Tracy	Arietta	Pharmacist	Active	2024-09-24	Reciprocity
33472	Taylor	Coston	Pharmacist	Active	2024-09-24	Reciprocity
33473	Brianna	Martinez	Pharmacist	Active	2024-09-24	Reciprocity
33481	Crystal	Coff	Pharmacist	Active	2024-09-30	Reciprocity

33482	Erin	Copi	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-01	Reciprocity
33484	Emily	Bodensch atz	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-01	Reciprocity
33485	Grace	Gana	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-01	Reciprocity
33486	Melisa	George	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-02	Reciprocity
33487	Tomasz	Oszczypal a	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-02	Reciprocity
33497	Adam	Carey	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-08	Reciprocity
33496	Jessica	Pahng	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-08	Reciprocity
33499	Kathleen	Ballard	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-10	Reciprocity
33502	Yakov	Ratner	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-11	Reciprocity
33501	Lauren	Grimes	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-11	Reciprocity
33505	Desean	Martin	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-14	Reciprocity
33507	Bridget	Gonzalez	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-15	Reciprocity
33509	Christop her	Cook	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-15	Reciprocity
33506	Kelli	Dellinger	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-15	Reciprocity
33512	Katarzyn a	Malkowic z	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-16	Reciprocity
33510	Lien	Hansman	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-16	Reciprocity
33511	Craig	Jones	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-16	Reciprocity
33515	Justin	Oliver	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-18	Reciprocity
33516	Gretchen	Schnarr	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-18	Reciprocity
33514	Midori	Tran	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-18	Reciprocity
33521	Raina	Lad	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-21	Reciprocity
33520	Johnson	Ching	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-21	Reciprocity
33523	James	Hou	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-21	Reciprocity



33525	Amy	Greer	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-22	Reciprocity
33526	Jennie	McNellis	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-22	Reciprocity
33524	Rosie	Chester	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-22	Reciprocity
33530	Tamara	Idlibi	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-23	Reciprocity
33531	Andrew	Hatt	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-23	Reciprocity
33528	Charles	McClure	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-23	Reciprocity
33534	Samantha	Rodriguez	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-25	Reciprocity
33540	Krystal	Lewis	Pharmacist	Active	2024-10-31	Reciprocity
33544	Thomas	Michaels	Pharmacist	Active	2024-11-04	Reciprocity
33545	Robert	Wood	Pharmacist	Active	2024-11-04	Reciprocity
33543	Michelle	Crucin	Pharmacist	Active	2024-11-04	Reciprocity
33542	Bart	Anderson	Pharmacist	Active	2024-11-04	Reciprocity
33549	Raleigh	Provenza	Pharmacist	Active	2024-11-05	Reciprocity
33548	Adam	Creel	Pharmacist	Active	2024-11-05	Reciprocity
33547	Yezenia	Casillas	Pharmacist	Active	2024-11-05	Reciprocity
33552	Ashley	Costello	Pharmacist	Active	2024-11-06	Reciprocity
33554	Katie	Anna	Pharmacist	Active	2024-11-11	Reciprocity
33555	Stephen	Dew	Pharmacist	Active	2024-11-12	Reciprocity

### CPP Candidates

License Number	First Name	Last Name	License Type	License Status	Licensed Date
700548	Dominique	Gignac	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2024-09-23
700549	Tara	Huston	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2024-09-24

700550	Julie	Pruitt	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2024-09-24
700551	Rowan	Spence	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2024-09-24
700552	Madeline	Wright	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2024-09-25
700553	Colleen	Johnson	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2024-10-04
700554	Hannah	Morley	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2024-10-08
700555	Nason	Wise	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2024-10-10
700556	Xuan	Nguyen	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2024-10-14
700557	Jordan	Krumanocker	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2024-10-15
700558	Bobby	Poplin	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2024-10-31
700559	Zachary	Stevenson	Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner	Active	2024-11-06

Increase in Pharmacist: Technician Ratio

License Number	License Type	Process Type	Status	Complete Date	PT Ratio
03140	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	18-Sep-24	1:5
11675	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	19-Sep-24	1:5
14895	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	19-Sep-24	1:4
13518	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	20-Sep-24	1:5
12245	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	20-Sep-24	1:5
12695	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	30-Sep-24	1:5
10917	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	04-Oct-24	1:5
08496	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	09-Oct-24	1:4

09452	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	10-Oct-24	1:3
13746	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	25-Oct-24	1:4
10867	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	25-Oct-24	1:5
13871	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	05-Nov-24	1:3
11804	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	07-Nov-24	1:5
15534	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	07-Nov-24	1:3
13471	Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change	Complete	08-Nov-24	1:5

Mr. Campbell asked that public record reflect that Board members recused themselves from cases over which they had presided as pre-hearing officer. Mr. Nelson moved to approve the consent agenda and was seconded by Dr. Duggins. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion from Dr. Vance, seconded by Ms. Corbin, 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 Mr. Nelson, seconded by Dr. Duggins, passed unanimously, President Sain stated that the Board summarily suspended Pharmacist License 17110 issued to Ruthann Thomas and Technician Registration No. 80052 issued to Dakayla Gibbs-Blanchard. Thomas, however, was not served due to involuntary surrender of the license.

Dr. Vance moved to adjourn. Dr. Duggins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Chris Sain, President

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Mischelle Corbin

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Dr. Ashley Duggins

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Robert J. McLaughlin, Jr.

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Wallace Nelson

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Dr. Keith Vance