

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 on the call. 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 June 2020 Meeting Minutes

The members received the June 16, 2020 meeting minutes. It was moved by Mr. Mixon, seconded by Mrs. Corbin, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

#### Review of Mischelle Corbin SEI Letter

Each year, all Board members file a Statement of Economic Interest, which is evaluated by the North Carolina Ethics Commission of actual or potential conflicts of interest. Each evaluation must be reviewed at a meeting of the Board. President Duggins and Board staff have received an evaluation letter for Mischelle Corbin. The Commission identified no actual conflict of interest affecting Ms. Corbin's service on the Board. The Commission identified one potential conflict of interest – one that does not prohibit Ms. Corbin's service on the Board. The Commission noted that Ms. Corbin serves as an operations contractor for property and casualty insurance company Pebbles Insurance. Because the Board may buy or dispose of real property, the Commission cautions that Ms. Corbin should avoid participation in any matter coming before the Board involving her family's real estate holding or Pebbles Insurance. This potential conflict does not disqualify Ms. Corbin from service in any way. The Ethics Commission simply reminds all members of their duties to identify potential conflicts of interest and recuse where appropriate.

#### COVID-19 Matters

##### *MPJE Testing Status*

Mr. Campbell reported that last week's testing numbers were down but could be an anomaly, particularly given that overall testing numbers are on par with previous years. Licensing Specialist Stacie Mason has stated that license applicants were testing within 30 days of registering, which is encouraging and shows that they are finding slots to test.

*Licensing Report*

Director of Licensing Missy Betz updated the Board on the Licensing Department's workload and efficiency working from home during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Betz noted again that pharmacist licenses by exam were, to this point, slightly lower than previous years but reciprocity applications are maintaining projected numbers, as are technician registration applications. She also reported that permits for pharmacies and DMES were going smoothly.

President Duggins then inquired on progress of the NABP business e-Profile registration requirement. Mr. Campbell reported that NABP had updated their system and seemed to have fixed previous glitches. Board staff are working with NABP to explore potential auto-assignment of business e-Profile numbers and will update the members on progress.

Continuing Discussion of FDA's Final Version of the Compounding Oversight Memorandum of Understanding

Members and staff continued to discuss the terms of the FDA's Compounding Oversight Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Campbell noted that when all permittees obtain a business e-Profile number, that would facilitate the Board's joining the NABP pilot project to collect and report compounding data as required in the MOU. Mr. Campbell suggested it may be good to request feedback in the next few months from the regulatory community concerning our entering in the MOU. In answer to questions from Mr. Mixon, Mr. Campbell said that the MOU was readily available to anyone that wishes to see it and that the Board does have the regulatory authority to enter if and when it decides to do so.

Planning for Southeastern District Board Member Election, November 1, 2020-March 1, 2021

Dr. Bowman holds the Southeastern District position on the Board. His current term runs through April 30, 2021, and he is eligible to run for a second five-year term on the Board. To be eligible to run, the candidate must be a licensed pharmacist residing in the Southeastern District at the time of the election. Candidates who wish to stand for election will be required to submit a petition signed by 10 pharmacists residing in the Southeastern district to the Board office by October 1, 2020. The election will run concurrently with the license renewal period – November 1, 2020 through March 1, 2021. The winner of this election will, after being commissioned by the Governor, begin their term on May 1, 2021. All pharmacists actively licensed by the Board and living in North Carolina at the time of the election will be eligible to vote. Beginning November 1, pharmacists will simply log in to the Board's Licensure Gateway and select from the list of candidates. Mr. Campbell and Kristin Moore will host a virtual question-and-answer session on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 7:00pm. Videoconference details will be posted and emailed to pharmacists in the coming weeks. Per Dr. Bowman's request, Mr. Campbell said he would research the legality of electronic

signatures for the petition during the pandemic and include the answer at the teleconference and on the website.

### Legislative Update

#### *S717/H1053, PED/Military Occupational Licensure*

This bill passed the General Assembly, and Governor Cooper signed it into law. The only change it required for the Board was to update some information on the website. Staff has completed that update and, as required by the new statute, reported it to the Secretary of Military and Veterans' Affairs, Larry Hall.

#### *S773, Universal License Recognition Act*

This bill did not emerge from the Senate Rules Committee prior to adjournment.

### Rulemaking

Dr. Bowman said that in light of the current pandemic, questions were being raised about working remotely post COVID and suggested a virtual meeting for the Telepharmacy Committee. Mr. Campbell agreed. President Duggins suggested a recap for everyone before the meeting occurs.

#### *Section .2000 Rule Amendments (Hearing Procedure) (Clint Pinyan)*

The Rules Review Commission requested some technical changes to the rule amendments. Board Counsel Pinyan made the requested changes. The Rules Review Commission approved the amendments. They will go into effect on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

The temporary rulemaking process for the COVID-19 Drug Preservation Rule, 21 NCAC 46.1819, is complete. Board staff continue to engage with appropriate officials at the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services on this topic. If requested by NC DHHS, Board staff will bring up potential permanent rulemaking at the September meeting.

### Financials

JP Brown, Accounting Manager, presented the June 2020 financial report to the Board. He reminded the Board the annual financial audit is scheduled for August.

### Investigative Statistics

Josh Kohler, Director of Investigations, presented the June 2020 investigations report.

*Ongoing Planning For Eventual Return to Field Work* (Krystal Stefanyk)

Ms. Stefanyk recently participated in a roundtable discussion with approximately eight other Boards of Pharmacy about the eventual return to field work and what that would entail to keep our staff safe. Largely thanks to President Duggins and DHS, she has managed to collect a significant amount of PPE for field investigators. They are keeping an eye on the numbers and seeing when the best time would be to resume field operations. At this time, field staff are approaching in-person work on a case by case basis.

Board Member Retreat Planning, Sept. 20 - 22, 2020, Chapel Hill, NC

The Board Retreat is scheduled to be held at the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill Monday, September 22 – Tuesday, September 23. By acclamation, given the continuing COVID-19 public health emergency, the members agreed to not meet at the Carolina Inn in September and will discuss further options for the retreat at the next meeting

With that the Board took a short break and agreed to reconvene at noon.

NABP District 3 Virtual Meeting, August 12, 2020

The meeting will be a one-day meeting on a Zoom platform. The meeting will focus on required reports and business items in advance of the 2021 NABP Annual Meeting. Mr. Campbell reminded members to register.

Reports to the Board

No one spoke during the Reports to the Board agenda item.

Consent Agenda

The following items were approved.

**Prehearing Conference****Consent Orders****Reciprocity Candidates**

License Number	First Name	Last Name	Licensed Date
29530	Francisca	Guillen-Perdomo	6/18/2020

29529	Catherine	Chu	6/18/2020
29528	Michael	Charen	6/18/2020
29534	Jessica	McKernan	6/18/2020
29532	Joshua	Knebel	6/18/2020
29537	Cortney	Sparkman	6/18/2020
29533	You Jung	Ko	6/18/2020
29531	Melanie	Jaeger	6/18/2020
29535	Autumn	Neff	6/18/2020
29536	Hemakshi	Patel	6/18/2020
29580	John	Thornsberry	6/25/2020
29576	Brandon	McCrea	6/25/2020
29570	Sarah Elizabeth	Davis	6/25/2020
29572	Neha	Giridharan	6/25/2020
29573	Michael	Ifedi	6/25/2020
29579	Melody	Saunders	6/25/2020
29577	Cara	Nys	6/25/2020
29437	Snehal	Doshi	6/25/2020
29571	Chrysten	Eberhard	6/25/2020
29569	Cameron	Czech	6/25/2020
29575	Andrea	Leschak	6/25/2020
29574	Omosude	Kerobo	6/25/2020
29568	Kwame	Awuah	6/25/2020

29578	Nancy	Russo	6/25/2020
29626	Heather	Pol	7/2/2020
29621	Alessandra	Breggia	7/2/2020
29627	Patricia	Sagols	7/2/2020
29622	Ryan	Butler	7/2/2020
29624	Anees	Kanorwala	7/2/2020
29623	Lindsay	Enzor	7/2/2020
29625	Clayton	Miller	7/2/2020
29698	Austin	Ulrich	7/9/2020
29697	Matthew	Rogan	7/9/2020
29695	Benjamin	May	7/9/2020
29694	Shem	Gichuhi	7/9/2020
28985	Wendy	Hamilton	7/9/2020
29696	Shola	Okuwa	7/9/2020
29724	Anastacia	Chetty	7/16/2020
29727	Ali	Ebrahimi	7/16/2020
29728	William	Wright	7/16/2020
29725	Connor	Deri	7/16/2020
29726	Christopher	Dohler	7/16/2020

**CPP Candidates**

License Number	FirstName	Last Name	Licensed Date
700249	Sarah	Murphy	6/30/2020
700250	Holly	McLean	6/30/2020
700251	Kevin	Chen	6/30/2020
700252	Lana	Crona	6/30/2020
700248	Argelia	Goodner	6/30/2020
700253	Seyram	Fudzie	7/7/2020

**Increase in Pharmacist to Technicians Ratio**

Permit Number	Pharmacy	New Ratio	Complete Date
9281	Wal-Mart	PT Ratio Change 1:4	6/17/2020
11665	Cooper's Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change 1:4	6/30/2020
13839	Upstream Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change 1:3	7/1/2020
13438	Publix	PT Ratio Change 1:3	7/2/2020
12412	Walgreens	PT Ratio Change 1:4	7/6/2020
13142	Old Main Pharmacy	PT Ratio Change 1:4	7/13/2020
13133	Publix	PT Ratio Change 1:3	7/20/2020

On a motion from Dr. Bowman, seconded by Ms. Corbin with no dissenting votes, the Board moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Mixon was recused as he was the pre-hearing officer on both cases. Antoine Pryor noted there were no comments posted on public media.

**Closed Session**

On a motion from Dr. Bowman, seconded by President Duggins, with no dissenting votes, the Board moved into closed session to discuss possible summary suspensions.

Open session resumed on a motion from Dr. Bowman, seconded by President Duggins with no dissenting votes. President Duggins stated that the Board summarily suspended Technician Registration No. 01306 issued to Beth Nifong and Technician Registration No. 53423 issued to Tiffany Perez-Roblero.

On a motion from Dr. Vance, seconded by Dr. Bowman with no dissenting votes, the Board adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm.

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Dr. Ashley Duggins, President

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Wallace Nelson

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William A. Mixon

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Mischelle Corbin

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Dr. Andy Bowman

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Dr. Keith Vance