

President William (Bill) Mixon called the meeting to order at 10 am. Board Members Ashley Duggins, Keith Vance, Andy Bowman, Wallace Nelson, Mischelle Corbin and Bill Mixon were in attendance. Also present were Executive Director Jay Campbell, Board Counsel Clint Pinyan, Associate Executive Director Ellen Vick, Director of Investigations Josh Kohler, Director of Inspections Krystal Stefanyk, Information Technology Administrator Antoine Pryor, Accounting Manager JP Brown, Administrative Assistant Leslie Wilson and Director of Operations Kristin Moore. Present as visitors were Laura Churns, Shane Garrettson, Katherine Horowitz, Betty Kobia, Judy Kutchman, Joseph Lavino, Steven Lincoln, Josh McDuffie, Kate McNeill, Troy, McNeill, Melissa Maas, Synclair Massey, Richard Palombo, Jeenu Philip, John Roccio and Ken Song. Members of the public also attended the meeting via teleconference.

Ethics Statement & Welcome

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

Public Hearings

Repeal of 21 NCAC 46 .1417, Remote Medication Order Processing Services, and Amendment to 21 NCAC 46.1816, Procedures for Centralized Processing of Prescription Orders

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

No member of the public spoke concerning the proposed adoption of new rule 21 NCAC 46.1616. A number of speakers presented comments on the proposed amendment of 21 NCAC 46.1816. Among them -- Richard Palombo, Jeenu Philip, Joseph Levino, Laura Churns, Steven Lincoln, Josh McDuffie, and Troy McNeill. Tara Palyok, Nickollete Pappos-Elledge, and Therese Twomey spoke via teleconference.

Consideration of June 2021 Meeting Minutes

The members received the June 15, 2021 meeting minutes for review prior to the meeting. Dr. Bowman moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Corbin seconded. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Technician:Pharmacist Ratio Request

Request for 5:1 Technician:Pharmacist Ratio, Walgreens, Pharmacy Permit #12401
(*Katherine Horowitz, Pharmacist Manager*)

After receiving documents and testimony, the members discussed the matter thoroughly and voted to deny the request. The members noted that Walgreens does not allow the pharmacist-manager to determine the number of pharmacist and technician hours needed to provide pharmacy services. Accordingly, granting the ratio request would not actually empower the pharmacist-manager to set technician staffing levels and could, in fact, hinder the pharmacist-manager's ability to obtain needed pharmacist staffing.

The Board took a break for lunch and reconvened at 1:15 pm.

Report and Recommendations of the Pharmacy Intern Registration Committee (*Bowman, Vance, Corbin – members; Campbell, Betz, Pinyan – staff*)

The Pharmacy Intern Registration Committee was formed at the February 2021 retreat and charged to recommend whether and how the Board should implement a system for registering “pharmacy interns” under existing statutory authority. The Committee recommended that the Board undertake rulemaking and other measures (e.g., staff training, IT development, outreach to the regulated community) necessary to implement a pharmacy intern registration system that would be operative by August 1, 2022. The Committee also recommended that this system also replace the current, paper-based method of logging and verifying non-curricular experiential hours with an integrated, online method. By consensus, the Board members accepted the Committee's recommendations and charged the Committee to begin preparing implementing rules and to work with the Board's IT vendors on an on-line registration system.

Rulemaking

Update: Proposed Temporary Rule to Implement S.L. 2021-3's Long-Acting Injectable Administration Authority for Pharmacists

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

The public notice and comment period for both rules has ended. Mr. Campbell suggested that the members take the comments under advisement. Staff will prepare a memorandum collecting and summarizing all comments for the members. The Telepharmacy and LSP

Committees will convene to review to discuss all comments, and will make recommendations to the full Board. Dr. Bowman moved to accept staff recommendation. Mr. Nelson seconded. and was seconded by Mr. Nelson. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Committee Progress Reports

Telepharmacy Committee – *Vance, Bowman, Nelson* (members); *Campbell, Pinyan* (staff) The committee convened on Thursday, June 10, 2021 to begin work review and consideration of direct-to-patient dispensing technologies.

Permit Meeting/Pharmacist Manager Education Committee – *Duggins, Vance* (members); *Betz, Watson, Kohler, Stefanyk* (staff) Committee staff preparing scripts for educational videos. Campbell and Pinyan working on draft rule amendments to implement committee recommendations accepted by the Board at the June meeting.

Working Conditions Committee – *Vance, Duggins, Bowman* (members); *Campbell, Vick, Pinyan* (staff). Members Vance and Duggins, and staff Vick all appointed to the NABP Task Force on Workplace Safety and Well-Being.

Legislative Report (*Campbell; Pinyan*)

Mr. Campbell reported on all bills impacting pharmacy regulation. H96 continues to evolve, and is almost certain to pass in some form. Mr. Campbell is monitoring and will keep the Board updated.

Financial Report (*Brown*)

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

Inspections and Investigative Report

Docket Report (*Kohler*). Josh Kohler, Director of Investigations, presented the investigations report and current caseload.

Overview of Board Investigations and Inspections Policies and Procedure (*Vick*) Ellen Vick, Associate Executive Director, presented an overview of the Investigations and Inspections various roles, duties and policies.

The Board then took a short break and reconvened at 3:30 pm.

Revised Board Meeting and PHC Schedule (*Moore*)

The Board reviewed and approved an updated Meeting and PHC schedule.

Candidate Interest Sessions for the Upcoming Northern and Western District Member Elections (*Moore, Campbell*)

The next Board of Pharmacy elections are scheduled to begin November 1, 2021. Two positions on the Board will be filled, the Western District seat presently held by William Mixon and the Northern District seat presently held by Keith Vance. The first Candidate Interest Session will be August 5th in Asheville and the second at the Chapel Hill office on August 12.

NABP District III Annual Meeting, October 3-6, 2021, Hilton Head, South Carolina (*Parham*)

Registration for District III Annual meeting is available online. The Board should see Cindy Parham or Leslie Wilson with any questions.

MALTAGON – October 17-20, 2021, The Lodge at Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores, AL

Mr. Campbell noted the dates and site of MALTAGON. Board members should register with Cindy Parham or Leslie Wilson.

Board Member Retreat, Nov.7-9, 2020 Chapel Hill, NC (*Campbell, Wilson*)

The Board Member Retreat will be at the Carolina Inn with a Sunday, Nov. 7th arrival. Please email Mr. Campbell with suggested topics. Rep. Wayne Sasser will be in attendance on one of these days. Ms. Moore has arranged for the Board portrait to be taken during the retreat.

Consent Agenda

The following items were approved.

Prehearing Conference
Staff Issued Letters of Warning

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Consent Orders

Reciprocity Candidates

30419	Brittany	Galop	6/17/2021
30420	Marcus	Radz	6/17/2021
30421	Micaela	Scott	6/17/2021
30425	Amanda	Wolfe	6/17/2021
30422	An	Tang	6/17/2021
30417	Adrienne	Bundrick	6/17/2021
30418	Emily	Chheng	6/17/2021
30424	Kari	Wilkins	6/17/2021
30423	Donna	Truoccolo	6/17/2021
30435	Erin	Catchings	6/24/2021
30438	Minh	Hoang	6/24/2021
30439	Mary	Leatherwood	6/24/2021
30436	Devon	Coffey	6/24/2021
30437	Paul	Hammeke	6/24/2021
30466	Lara	Rajic	7/1/2021
30469	John	Tessarzik	7/1/2021
30459	Amber	Benitez	7/1/2021
30462	Sara	Dehkharghani	7/1/2021
30463	Joseph	Kirven	7/1/2021
30465	Catherine	Nguyen	7/1/2021

30461	Cassandra	Carter	7/1/2021
30468	Sherwyn	Tenia	7/1/2021
30467	Joanna	Szaro	7/1/2021
30464	Jordan	Ng	7/1/2021
30460	Kaitlin	Carlson	7/1/2021
30515	John	Puskar	7/8/2021
30513	Stella	Kemogne Takam	7/8/2021
30512	Gage	Boardingham	7/8/2021
30514	Keena	Patel	7/8/2021
30511	Sonya	Anderson	7/8/2021
30510	Matthew	Andersen	7/8/2021

CPP Candidates

License Number	First Name	Last Name	Licensed Date
700301	Wintana	Stefanos	6/21/2021
700302	Joshua	Jones	6/21/2021
700300	Araceli	Leon	6/21/2021
700303	James	Baker	6/24/2021
700305	Nicole	Dunn	7/2/2021
700304	Elizabeth	Breden	7/2/2021

Increase in Pharmacist to Technicians Ratio

License Number	Pharmacy	Process Type	Complete Date
5099	Moose Professional	PT Ratio Change 1-4	6/17/2021
11961	Harris Teeter	PT Ratio Change 1-4	6/17/2021
7949	Wal-Mart	PT Ratio Change 1-4	6/17/2021
14570	Marley Drug	PT Ratio Change 1-4	6/17/2021
7977	Wal-Mart	PT Ratio Change 1-4	6/18/2021
11935	Harris Teeter	PT Ratio Change 1-4	6/18/2021
12651	Therapeutic Solutions Home Infusion	PT Ratio Change 1-4	6/23/2021
9354	Wal-Mart	PT Ratio Change 1-4	6/23/2021
13573	Walgreens	PT Ratio Change 1-3	6/23/2021
11892	Harris Teeter	PT Ratio Change 1-4	6/24/2021
11936	Harris Teeter	PT Ratio Change 1-4	6/28/2021
13587	Walgreens	PT Ratio Change 1-4	6/28/2021
13693	Walgreens	PT Ratio Change 1-4	6/28/2021
7988	Wal-Mart	PT Ratio Change 1-4	6/29/2021
3140	WakeMed Outpatient	PT Ratio Change 1-4	7/1/2021
12315	Walgreens	PT Ratio Change 1-4	7/1/2021
12399	Walgreens	PT Ratio Change 1-4	7/2/2021
14470	Guiton's Drug Store	PT Ratio Change 1-3	7/6/2021

Closed Session

On a motion from Mr. Mixon, seconded by Ms. Corbin with no dissenting votes, the Board moved into closed session to discuss possible summary suspensions.

When open session resumed on a motion from Dr. Bowman, seconded by Ms. Corbin with no dissenting votes, President Mixon stated that the Board summarily suspended DME Permit No. 02242 issued to Atlantic Brace. Dr. Bowman then moved to adjourn. Dr. Duggins 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