

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OF NORTH CAROLINA

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina
January 17th, 1949

The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina met at the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina, January 17th, 1949, for consideration of licensure by endorsement of credentials and other business.

The board convened at 10 o'clock A. M. and the meeting was called to order by Dr. Thomas Leslie Lee, President. Drs. Charles W. Armstrong, M. D. Bonner, R. B. McKnight, Paul G. Parker, M. A. Pittman, Ivan Procter, Secretary-Treasurer, and Mrs. Louise J. McNeill, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, were present.

The agenda for the meeting was discussed and the members of the board studied the credentials of applicants for licensure by endorsement.

The secretary made the following report with reference to recommendations of the auditor:

A fire insurance policy in the amount of \$500.00 had been taken on office furniture and equipment; that a floater policy in the amount of \$400.00 was already in force on the Audograph Dictating Machine; that \$5,000.00 was taken from the account in the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company and deposited in the Security National Bank on December 29th, 1948, for the purpose of security on account of the Federal Insurance limit.

IN RE: Dr. Wiley Royster Young, Angier, North Carolina. Dr. Paul G. Parker reported to the board that in his opinion Dr. Young was doing satisfactorily; that he had attended two county medical society meetings and that he stated he was making a living.

IN RE: Dr. John S. Stone, Leaksville, North Carolina. Dr. M. D. Bonner advised the board that Dr. Stone had not complied with the direction of the Board of Medical Examiners of October 20th, 1947, that he report to him every thirty days. The board directed the secretary to write to Dr. Stone that unless he complied with the ruling of the Board of Medical Examiners within thirty days, he would be directed to reappear to show cause why his license should not be revoked.

The board directed the secretary to report all infractions of the Medical Practice Act to the Board of Censors of the State Medical Society.

The Minutes of the October 25th, 1948 meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners were read.

At the October 25th, 1948 meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners the board resolved that the secretary write the Surgeon General to ascertain if it was customary for an officer to do a part time practice and also write the secretary of the Cumberland County Medical Society as to the society's attitude towards Dr. Garrett E. Deane being licensed under the above circumstances, which direction was not executed.

At the October 25th, 1948 meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners the board directed that the secretary and Attorney John H. Anderson draw a suitable resolution with reference to the proposal of the Legislative Commission for all examining Boards. This direction was not executed as Attorney Anderson advised by letter under date of October 28th, 1948 against any expression or resolution with reference to this subject at this time.



Dr. Charles W. Armstrong moved that the secretary write the Surgeon General as to the policy of a full time employee of the armed services doing a private practice. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

The board directed that a suitable resolution be drawn with respect to the proposal to set up a general licensing board through the legislature.

The Minutes of the October, 1948 meeting were approved as corrected.

Attorney John H. Anderson presented and discussed the proposals of the Legislative Commission for establishing a general licensing board through the Legislature, which were as follows:

1. That a General Licensing Board be established in North Carolina, to be known as the North Carolina General Licensing Board, said board to consist of six members, three of whom to be appointed by the Governor as follows: one for a term of one year; one for a term of two years; and one for a term of three years, and thereafter each member to be appointed for a term of three years. The other three members to consist of the Attorney General, the State Health Officer, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The members of the Board to receive no salary other than a per diem to the three appointed members.
2. That a State Director of Licensing Boards be appointed by the Governor to serve for a term of four years, at a salary to be fixed by the Governor. The Director to be chairman of the North Carolina General Licensing Board, and to be provided adequate quarters and clerical help to enable him to perform the functions of his office.
3. All expenditures by the regular licensing boards should be approved by the General Licensing Board, which may require the submission of budgets by the regular boards prior to each operating year.
4. Annual audits of the regular boards should be made by the State Auditing Department, and reports made to the General Licensing Board.
5. Surplus funds of the regular boards should be paid into the State General Fund.
6. The General Licensing Board should be authorized to require the regular boards to furnish it with such records and information as it may deem necessary for the proper supervision and regulation of said boards.
7. The General Licensing Board should have the authority to require the regular boards to submit to it proposed examinations for its approval, and said General Licensing Board should have the authority to prescribe times and places for examinations.
8. Upon certification by the regular licensing boards the General Licensing Board should issue all licenses. In the event any applicant should fail to pass an examination given by a regular board, upon petition of said applicant to the General Licensing Board within thirty days after notification of failure to pass, the General Licensing Board should have the authority to review same and, if requested, afford a hearing to the applicant and, upon such review or hearing, the General Licensing Board should have the authority to grant or deny license to such applicant.
9. The right and authority now vested in the regular licensing boards to suspend or revoke licenses should be transferred to and vested in the General Licensing Board. The regular licensing boards should make investigations and conduct hearings on complaints and charges against licensees and report their proceedings and recommendations to the General Licensing Board for its action.



10. Upon revocation or suspension of license by the General Licensing Board, the licensee should have the right, within thirty days after notification of such revocation or suspension, to appeal to the Superior Court of the County of the licensee. Upon such notice of appeal to the General Licensing Board should transmit the records pertaining to such appeal to said Superior Court, where trial de novo should be had.

11. Any person aggrieved by the action of any regular board should have the right of review and determination thereof by the General Licensing Board, under such rules and regulations as the General Licensing board may prescribe.

12. All regular boards should be supervised and regulated by the General Licensing Board, and for such purpose the General Licensing Board should have the authority to prescribe such rules and regulations that it may deem necessary.

13. It should be the duty of the General Licensing Board to continue the study of the manner, methods, practices and laws in and under which the regular licensing boards function, and to recommend legislation with respect thereto, which the General Licensing Board find to be in the public interest and welfare.

Senate Bill #5 introduced in the 1949 General Assembly was presented and discussed by Attorney Anderson. The said bill was as follows:

"A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE 18 OF CHAPTER 143 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, REQUIRING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE BOARDS TO BE SUBMITTED BIENNIALY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

"The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. Article 18 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is hereby amended by adding a new section immediately following G. S. 143-198, to be numbered G. S. 145-198.1, to read as follows:

"G. S. 143-198.1. In addition to the requirements hereinbefore made in this article, upon the convening of each regular session of the General Assembly, and within 15 days thereof, there shall be filed with the Principal Clerk of the Senate and the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives by every agency and administrative board of the State of North Carolina, created by statute and authorized to exercise regulatory, administrative or quasi-judicial functions, a copy of all general administrative rules and regulations or rules of practice and procedure, the violation of which would constitute a crime, formulated or adopted by such agency or administrative board for the performance of its functions or for the exercise of its authority. Sufficient additional copies shall be filed so as to furnish each member of the General Assembly one copy thereof. All such rules and regulations so filed shall remain in effect unless and until amended, revoked or otherwise modified by the General Assembly. Any regulation amended, revoked or otherwise modified by the General Assembly shall not thereafter be re-adopted or enforced by any such agency or administrative board, except as authorized by the General Assembly.

SEC. 2. Every agency and administrative board of the State of North Carolina referred to in Section 1 of this Act shall file copies of all such rules and regulations required thereby with the Principal Clerk of the Senate and the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives of the 1949 General Assembly within 15 days from and after the ratification of this Act.

SEC. 3. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.



Mr. Anderson stated he could see no objection to this bill due to the fact that the Board of Medical Examiners had no regulations, the violation of which would constitute a crime; that such regulations were set by law.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Medical Examiners:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Medical Examiners would think it unwise and detrimental to the citizens of the State of North Carolina to have any legislation passed that would withdraw from the Board of Medical Examiners the right and authority to pass upon the qualifications of applicants for medical licensure or its authority to pass upon suspension and revocation of such license.

Applicants for licensure by endorsement of credentials were interviewed and twenty-six physicians were granted license as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEDICAL COLLEGE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Balsley, Robert Eugene	Univ. Virginia	Charlottesville, Va
Bensen, Vladimir Basil	New York Medical College	Rocky Mount, N.C.
Billig, Otto	University Vienna	Nashville, Tenn.
Craig, Louis Aleck, Jr.	Johns Hopkins Univ.	Boston, Mass.
Crane, George William, Jr.	Northwestern Univ.	Durham, N. C.
Dortch, Hugh, Jr.	Duke University	Durham, N.C.
Gray, Maston Lewis	Med. Coll. Virginia	Elizabeth City, NC
Harrington, Lee, Jr.	Temple University	Winston-Salem, NC
Luongo, Romeo	Univ. Pittsburgh	Philadelphia, Pa.
Magee, David Miller Pomfret	Univ. Pennsylvania	Morganton, N. C.
Manwaring, John Hamilton	Stanford University	Durham, N. C.
McRae, Marvin Everett	Med. Coll. Virginia	Greensboro, N. C.
Owsley, Lawrence Hayes	Emory University	Opelika, Ala.
Packer, Lawrence LeRoy, Jr.	Temple University	Laurel Hill, N.C.
Pinney, Charles Tannert	University Michigan	Newton, N. C.
Pleasants, Edward Newton	Med. Coll. Virginia	Raleigh, N. C.
Rogers, Seymour Shulman	New York University	Greensboro, N. C.
Swinburne, Mary Grace	Woman's Med. Coll.	Fayetteville, N.C.
Thornhill, George Tudor, Jr.	Duke University	Statesville, N. C.
Tuten, Harry Lane	Med. Coll. South Carolina	Charlotte, N. C.
Verdone, George Frederick	New York Medical College	N. Wilkesboro, N.C.
Vollmer, Donald Henry	College Med. Evan.	Asheville, N. C.
Walden, Burt Marcus Noland (Ltd)	Tulane University	Landrum, S. C.
Wallace, Karl Kenneth (Limited)	Med. Coll. Virginia	Norfolk, Va.
Webb, Bailey D.	Duke University	Oxford, N. C.
Wilson, John Knox	Jefferson Med. Coll.	Greensboro, N. C.

Dr. Otto Billig, graduate of the University of Vienna in 1937, who has been in the United States for ten years, appeared before the Board of Medical Examiners requesting licensure to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina for the purpose of going to Highland Hospital, Asheville. Dr. Billig stated that he had been in Durham, Asheville, and Nashville, Tenn; that he is at present assistant professor of Psychiatry and in charge of the outpatient clinic at Vanderbilt University Hospital. He was licensed by written examination to practice medicine in the State of Tennessee in 1947 and Dr. Billig stated that he is a diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry. Dr. Richard S. Lyman and Dr. W. C. Davison of Duke University and Dr. R. Charman Carroll have written letters to the board on behalf of Dr. Billig. Dr. Billig was requested to furnish the Board of Medical Examiners with a photostatic copy of certificate of the American Board of Psychiatry.

Dr. M. A. Pittman moved that Dr. Otto Billig be granted medical license in the State of North Carolina pending satisfactory completion of his credentials. This motion was duly seconded and unanimously passed.



Dr. Romeo Luongo of Philadelphia, Pa. appeared before the Board of Medical Examiners to request medical licensure by endorsement of credentials. He stated that he had practiced in Philadelphia for twenty years and wished to move to the south on account of the climate. The board directed that Dr. Luongo be issued medical license pending additional satisfactory letters of recommendation and a photostatic copy of certificate of the American Board of Otolaryngology.

Dr. George Frederick Verdone reported that he was ill and unable to appear before the board with reference to his application for medical licensure by endorsement. Dr. J. B. Watt of Charlotte requested the secretary by telegram to allow Dr. Verdone to interview members of the board individually when his condition permitted. Dr. Verdone's credentials were found to be in order.

Dr. R. B. McKnight moved that Dr. George Frederick Verdone be licensed, provided he get the approval of at least four members of the board. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Karl Kenneth Wallace of Norfolk, Va. appeared before the Board of Medical Examiners with reference to application for medical licensure by endorsement. He stated on his application as follows: "My practice in the State of North Carolina will be limited exclusively to consultant in the Department of Radiology at Roanoke-Chowan Hospital, Ahoskie, N. C."

Dr. Ivan Procter moved that Dr. Karl Kenneth Wallace be given medical license limited to consultant in the Department of Radiology at Roanoke-Chowan Hospital, Ahoskie, N. C. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Burt Marcus Noland Walden appeared before the board and advised that he resided in a borderline South Carolina town and desired to practice medicine across the border in North Carolina; that he did not plan to abandon his present practice and move to North Carolina.

Dr. R. B. McKnight moved that Dr. Burt Marcus Noland Walden be granted a limited license to practice in Henderson, Polk, and Rutherford Counties, which counties border the South Carolina line. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

The following statistics for the year 1948 were presented to the board:

Total number applicants granted license		270
By reciprocity	157	
By written examination	113	
Written examination failure		0
Applicants rejected for licensure Grace B graduate		1
Applicants rejected for licensure by written examination - Graduates foreign medical schools		2
Hearings		6
Narcotic	4	
Physician convicted felony in Federal Court	2 (same case)	
Physicians placed on probation for drug addiction	3	
Physicians surrendered narcotic stamp	3	
License Revoked		2
Convicted felony Federal Court	1	
Judgment - license revoked for period 3 years, sentence suspended after 1 year		
Drug addiction - Judgment suspended	1	



License Restored

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License revoked for narcotic addiction, restored and physician placed on pro- bation	1
License revoked for conviction felony, in Superior Court	1

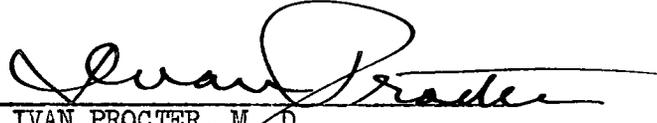
The audit by John F. Prescott, Certified Public Accountant, for the year 1948 was presented to the board. The president appointed Dr. Charles W. Armstrong, Chairman, Dr. M. D. Bonner, and Dr. Paul G. Parker to serve as the Finance Committee. Dr. Charles W. Armstrong, Chairman, recommended that the Board of Medical Examiners accept the audit submitted.

Dr. R. B. McKnight moved that the audit for the year 1948 be accepted by the Board of Medical Examiners as recommended by Dr. Charles W. Armstrong, Chairman, on behalf of the Finance Committee.

Due to a conflict in hotel reservations, the date for the written examinations was changed to June 23-25th, the same to be held at the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, N. C.

The meeting was adjourned.

SIGNED


IVAN PROCTER, M. D.
Secretary-Treasurer



