

North Carolina Medical Board
License Committee
May 2012

William Walker, MD, Chair, Pamela Blizzard, Eleanor Greene, MD

Open Session

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Pending Applications Over One Year Old - Cooke

Issue: Staff has been requested to report to the Committee every meeting the number of pending applications that are more than 1 year old. Currently we have 36. Of those, 3 have open investigations in other states and their NCMB application is on hold. Staff will review and confirm that the other 33 have not submitted all application materials and mark them "expired" as time permits.

Staff Recommendation: Accept as information

2. CPEP Assessments - Walker

Issue: During the March License Committee report Dr. Walker requested adding to the May License Committee agenda, the topic of "referring/not referring applicants to CPEP without a split Board license interview having been conducted".

Staff Recommendation: Recommendation forthcoming

3. 21 NCAC 32B .2001 Expedited Application for Physician License - Cooke

Issue: The question has been raised as to whether it was the Board's intent that an applicant using the expedited license process has to have "current certification" or "certification or recertification within the past 10 years"? Sections (a) and (b)(7) of the Rule are not in sync.

Staff Recommendation: Amend the rule to appropriately reflect the Board's intent.

SECTION .2000 – EXPEDITED APPLICATION FOR PHYSICIAN LICENSE
21 NCAC 32B .2001 EXPEDITED APPLICATION FOR PHYSICIAN LICENSE

(a) A specialty board-certified physician who has been licensed in at least one other state, the District of Columbia, U.S. territory or Canadian province for at least five years, has been in

active clinical practice the past two years; and who has a clean license application, as defined in Paragraph (c) of this Rule may apply for a license on an expedited basis.

(b) An applicant for an expedited Physician License shall:

- (1) complete the Board's application form, attesting under oath that the information on the application is true and complete, and authorizing the release to the Board of all information pertaining to the application;
- (2) submit documentation of a legal name change, if applicable;
- (3) on the Board's form, submit a photograph taken within the past year, at least two inches by two inches, certified as a true likeness of the applicant by a notary public;
- (4) supply a certified copy of applicant's birth certificate if the applicant was born in the United States or a certified copy of a valid and unexpired US passport. If the applicant does not possess proof of U.S. citizenship, the applicant must provide information about applicant's immigration and work status which the Board will use to verify applicant's ability to work lawfully in the United States;
(Note: there may be some applicants who are not present in the U.S. and who do not plan to practice physically in the U.S. Those applicants shall submit a statement to that effect);
- (5) provide proof that applicant has held an active license to practice medicine in at least one other state, the District of Columbia, U.S. Territory or Canadian province for at least five years immediately preceding this application;
- (6) provide proof of clinical practice providing patient care for an average of 20 hours or more per week, for at least the last two years;
- (7) provide proof of certification or recertification by an ABMS, CCFP, FRCP, FRCS, or AOA approved specialty board within the past 10 years;