

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

The Mid Pines Club  
Southern Pines, North Carolina  
March 19-21, 1976

The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina met at The Mid Pines Club, Southern Pines, North Carolina, March 19-21, 1976 for the purpose of interviewing applicants for license by endorsement of credentials and conducting other business.

Drs. Vernon W. Taylor, Jr., President, Charles B. Wilkerson, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer, David S. Citron, Bryant L. Galusha, J. Jerome Pence, Jr., Frank Edmondson, and E. Wilson Staub were present. Also present were Bryant D. Paris, Jr., Executive Secretary, Ms. B. Joe Cooke, Mrs. Diane Freeman and Lee Denney, Investigator.

Friday, March 19  
5:00 p.m.

The Board convened for business and reviewing credentials of applicants for license by endorsement of credentials.

RE: National Certifying Examination for Physician's Assistants -- The Executive Secretary presented a letter from the Federation of State Medical Boards regarding a resolution approved at the Federation meeting on February 1, 1976 that the Federation of State Medical Boards urge state medical boards which regulate Physician's Assistants to formulate rules and regulations which would permit acceptance of the examination of the National Commission on Certification of Physician's Assistants in their respective states.

ACTION: Dr. Edmondson moved that the Board get more information about this national certifying examination from the secretary of the Federation of State Medical Boards in that the North Carolina Board is in favor of maintaining its standard of having assistants to physicians complete approved programs before being approved as assistants; and information also be requested from the directors of the North Carolina physician's assistants programs regarding this examination, especially with reference to applicants who have not completed an approved physician's assistant program and would want to take this examination in lieu of having completed an approved program. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Joseph Porres, Philippines -- The Executive Secretary reported on Dr. Porres' request for consideration for license by endorsement of credentials. Dr. Porres is a foreign medical graduate and does not hold the FLEX examination or certification from an American specialty board for the practice of medicine.

ACTION: Dr. Citron moved that Dr. Porres not be approved for license by endorsement as he is not eligible since he does not have the FLEX examination, but he may apply to take the FLEX in North Carolina, if he so desires, for licensure. Seconded by Dr. Edmondson and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Nathan Kessler, St. Petersburg, Florida -- Board reviewed credentials Dr. Kessler had supplied in his application to take the FLEX examination for licensure in North Carolina. Dr. Kessler has not had his photograph certified by the dean of his medical school since that school has ceased to exist, and the former dean could not be located, nor could he supply certification of his graduation.

ACTION: Dr. Citron moved that Dr. Kessler be allowed to take the FLEX with the credentials that are on file that he has submitted. Seconded by Dr. Wilkerson and duly passed.

RE: License by endorsement of credentials -- completion of form by applicants. Board discussed problems involved for some foreign medical graduates in having the license by endorsement application form completed by their medical schools.

ACTION: The Board instructed the Executive Secretary and staff to stress to all foreign medical graduates that the Board expected the form to be completed, and if it was not, the Board would have to review it on an individual basis.

RE: Dr. William J. Wheeler, Wilmington, N.C. -- Dr. Galusha moved that if Dr. Wheeler is convicted of the charges against him for fraudulent Medicare claims, the proper procedures be instituted to prefer charges against him and he be so notified in writing and he will be given a hearing on such charges that will be presented against him. Seconded by Dr. Staub and duly passed unanimously.



RE: Applicants for license by endorsement -- malpractice problems. The Board discussed the apparent increase in the number of applicants for licensure in North Carolina who appeared before the Board and who, upon questioning, have had or are having malpractice suits filed against them.

ACTION: Dr. Edmondson moved that the Board clarify all instances in which physicians who are applying for licensure in North Carolina have been involved in malpractice litigation, settled or unsettled. Seconded by Dr. Wilkerson and discussion followed regarding the probable increase in paperwork, investigations, etc.

Addendum to motion: The physician himself shall be asked to forward to the Board all information regarding his case or cases, including depositions, legal actions, settlements out of court, etc., and the Board shall contact the president of the state or county medical society where he was practicing when the suit was filed regarding his professional competence and standing in the community.

Addendum to motion accepted by Dr. Edmondson, question called and motion duly passed.

Meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 20.

Saturday, March 20  
9:00 a.m.

RE: Applicants for license by endorsement of credentials -- Physicians who appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials, were interviewed individually by the Board and approved for licensure this date:

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| Roy M. Arkin            | John I. Hollenbeck   | Morris A. Pollock      |
| Gerard A. Armorer       | Yune-Gill Jeong      | Sarojini Vinayak       |
| Michael S. Broder       | John W. Johnson      | Rajguru                |
| John J. Brown*          | J. Alfred Jones, III | Thomas F. Robinson     |
| Salahuddin S. Bibi      | Frank W. Kilpatrick  | Peter B. Ruy           |
| Daljit S. Caberwal      | Young-Cue Kim        | Mary Jane Stern        |
| Terry V. Carle          | Frank E. Long*       | Walton L. Stringer     |
| Stephen V. Chiavetta    | Hugh McGrath, Jr.    | Luis M. Suarez         |
| Robert A. Clark         | David E. Miller*     | John F. Tannehill      |
| Frank G. Edmiston       | James Monroe         | James L. Tatum*        |
| Julian H. Ethridge      | Daniel F. Moorer     | Donald H. Tilson, Jr.  |
| Phillip C. Galle*       | David B. Olin        | Richard S. Vaughn*     |
| John R. Gambill         | Gary G. Otsuji*      | William C. Welch       |
| Arthur Garson, Jr.*     | Suresh J. Penkar     | Robert G. Wickiewicz*  |
| Donald B. Goodman, Jr.* | William B. Pittman*  | Donald M. Willson, Jr. |
| Lynn H. Harrison, Jr.   |                      | Kent T. Woodward       |

Physicians who appeared at previous Board meetings applying for license by endorsement of credentials and completed credentials after that meeting date and were approved for licensure this date:

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| Robert Irving Cutcher | Robert W. Long    | Thulmon Mills |
| Joseph S. Dickstein   | Lawrence C. Manni | John R. Ramey |

Physicians who appeared applying for license by endorsement with incomplete credentials and were held until later Board meetings for approval:

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| Dennis M. Briddell | Milton D. Harris | Peter H. Obesso   |
| Ralph R. Cook      | George W. Hess   | Harold D. Ocamb   |
| William L. Giles   | Edwin A. Larson  | Edward J. Shahady |

\* Indicates applicant who appeared before the Executive Secretary for his personal interview applying for license by endorsement of credentials and was approved by the Board on this date for licensure.

Dr. Janet Elizabeth Dacie, Winston-Salem, N.C. appeared applying for registration as a visiting professor at Bowman Gray School of Medicine, and was approved for same this date.

Dr. Riazuddin, Euclid, Ohio appeared applying for a special limited license for practice in North Carolina, limited to practice in state mental institutions only, and was approved for same this date.

RE: N. C. Cooperative Health Information System, Policy Advisory Committee -- Executive Secretary reported to the Board that he had been asked by the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Human Resources to serve on the Policy Advisory Committee for a period of two years, and asked the Board's ideas on his participating in this.

ACTION: Dr. Wilkerson moved that the Executive Secretary accept the invitation to be a member of the Committee. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.



RE: Audit, 1974-75 fiscal year -- Dr. Wilkerson reported on the audit from the North Carolina State Auditor's office, and the fact that all funds were accounted for and the Board's financial condition is stable. ACTION: Dr. Wilkerson moved that the Board accept the audit as presented. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: January, 1977 Board meeting -- Dr. Galusha moved that the meeting be held at the Pinehurst Hotel, January 21-23, 1977. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: March, 1977 Board meeting -- Dr. Galusha moved that the staff, in conjunction with Dr. Staub, investigate Pine Needles for the March, 1977 meeting, and if that is not suitable, report back to the Board at its next meeting, and the 1977 meeting be held March 18-20. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

Meeting adjourned until 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 20  
2:00 p.m.

RE: License by endorsement -- application form. The Board discussed adding another question to the application form for physicians applying for license by endorsement of credentials to answer: "Have you ever had a civil action filed against you? If so, where, when, why, etc." The Board instructed the Executive Secretary to discuss this matter with the Board's attorney prior to adding the question to the application form.

RE: Registered nurses performing medical acts -- Applications:

RE: Dr. James G. Jones, Greenville, N.C. -- Application complete for Robert Neal Yow, and approved by subcommittee.

RE: Dr. James H. Peedin, Jr., Burgaw, N.C. -- Application complete for Katie O. Gilbert, and approved by subcommittee.

ACTION: Dr. Pence moved that the Board approve the actions taken by the subcommittee in approving the applications for registered nurses performing medical acts. Seconded by Dr. Edmondson and duly passed.

RE: Certified nurse midwives -- Program and applications: Dr. Pence, Chairman of the Subcommittee for the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Nursing, discussed the pilot training program being developed in Shelby, N.C. for the Certified Nurse Midwife. Dr. Pence advised the Board that the certified nurse midwife is a separate category from the family or pediatric nurse practitioner, and will be governed by separate policies and protocols. The nurse midwives will be approved only for in-hospital work, not in clinic-type situations.

RE: Dr. Charles Hendricks, Chapel Hill, N.C. -- Application complete for Lynette Russell and Sandra Reginie for use as a nurse midwife, and approved by the subcommittee.

ACTION: Dr. Pence moved that the Board approve the actions taken by the subcommittee in approving the applications for certified nurse midwives. Seconded by Dr. Edmondson and duly passed.

RE: Neurosurgical Nurse Practitioner -- The Board discussed general information that had been received regarding the neurosurgical nurse practitioner program being developed at Wake Forest University and received this as information.

RE: Assistants to Physicians -- applications:

RE: Dr. Donald R. Coffman, Norlina, N.C. -- Application complete for Earle S. Maloway. Dr. Citron moved that Mr. Coffman be approved for use as an assistant to a physician. Duly seconded and passed.

RE: Dr. Victor J. Keranen, Fayetteville, N.C. -- Application complete for Sidney P. Wolinsky. Dr. Pence moved that Mr. Wolinsky be approved for use as an assistant to a physician. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Raymond D. Kornegay, Raleigh, N.C. -- Application incomplete for Joseph H. Theriault. Mr. Theriault is not a graduate of an approved Physician's Assistant program. Dr. Galusha moved that Mr. Theriault not be approved for use as an assistant to a physician as he is not a graduate of an approved physician's assistant program, and he be so advised by letter. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.



Assistants to Physicians, cont'd

RE: Dr. Michael D. McCall, Morganton, N.C. -- Application addendum for Christopher D. Kern to be used as an assistant to a physician in Dr. McCall's private practice in addition to his already being approved as an assistant in Dr. McCall's work at Broughton Hospital. Dr. Edmondson moved that Mr. McCall be approved for use as an assistant to a physician in Dr. McCall's private practice. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Lawrence K. Thompson, Durham, N.C. -- Application incomplete for Ronald Denton, lacking one letter of recommendation. Dr. Edmondson moved Mr. Denton be approved for use as an assistant to a physician if and when his credentials are completed satisfactory to the Executive Secretary. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. William R. Thornhill, Ahoskie, N.C. -- Application complete for Melvin Lou Gaston. Dr. Edmondson moved that Mr. Gaston be approved for use as an assistant to a physician. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Robert H. Dovenmuehle, Greensboro, N.C. -- Application complete for Warren Lee. Dr. Citron moved that Mr. Lee not be approved for use as an assistant to a physician as his training is not sufficient to prepare him for the job for which the description is furnished. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

RE: Dr. J. Leonard Goldner, Durham, N.C. -- Application complete for Landis Hackney. Dr. Taylor moved that Mr. Hackney be approved for use as an assistant to a physician. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. J. Leonard Goldner, Durham, N.C. -- Application complete for Paul C. Hendrix. Dr. Pence moved that Mr. Hendrix be approved for use as an assistant to a physician if and when the letter of recommendation from Dr. James R. Urbaniak is signed by the physician himself. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

RE: Dr. William A. Davis, Charlotte, N.C. -- Application complete for John B. Derrick. Dr. Wilkerson moved that Mr. Derrick be approved for use as an assistant to a physician. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Paul A. Fleming, Raleigh, N.C. -- Application complete for Steven W. Miller. Dr. Wilkerson moved that Mr. Miller not be approved for use as an assistant to a physician until Dr. Fleming has clarified what "examination of post-operative patients in the emergency room" entails, and also documentation, i.e., signature, of "board certified local gynecologist" if he is to be a back-up physician for Mr. Miller. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Assistants to physicians and registered nurses performing medical acts -- Additions to drug formulary.

Following review of submitted requested changes and additions to the drug formulary from various physicians, Dr. Pence moved that approval of any additions to the existing formulary be delayed until the subcommittee sets a firm policy regarding the drugs to be included and reworks the formulary to include only generic names of drugs, and a letter be sent stating that the Board is presently working on expanding the formulary, but also at the present time the Board is considering deletions of some of the drugs already on the existing formulary. Those drugs which will absolutely not be included in the formulary are as follows:

Phenothiazines: i.e., thorazine, stelazine, etc.

Antidepressants: i.e., elavil, triavil, tofranil, sinequan, pertofrane, etc.

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Certain antibiotics: i.e., chloromycetin, clindamycin, etc.

Seconded by Dr. Wilkerson and duly passed.

Meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Sunday, March 21.

Sunday, March 21

9:00 a.m.

Dr. Citron was absent from the Sunday portion of the Board meeting.

RE: Conversion -- limited to full licenses. The following physicians have applied for conversion of their geographically limited license to a full license: Ahmed A. H. El Naga and Faustino C. Guinto, Jr. Dr. Edmondson moved that if all credentials are in order, the above physicians be approved for conversion of their limited license. Seconded by Dr. Wilkerson and duly passed.

RE: Biennial Registration -- Reinstatement. The following physicians have had their licenses suspended for failure to register as required by N.C. G.S. 90-15. They have now registered: David M. Goodner, Robert J. Shofer, Wallace D. Brown.



Reinstatement, cont'd.

Dr. Staub moved that if all fees and penalties have been paid, the listed physicians' licenses be duly registered. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Office lease agreement -- The Board discussed office arrangements and State government regulations and requirements for leased space for state agencies and offices. Dr. Wilkerson moved that the Board have the Executive Secretary continue to work with the Board's attorneys and contact the N. C. Medical Society to try to effect an agreement to let the Board remain where they are now, and/or work out whatever would be in the best interests of the Board regarding obtaining office space for rent. Seconded by Edmondson and duly passed.

RE: Office of Emergency Medical Services -- Mr. Chris Gentile of the Office of Emergency Medical Services of the Department of Human Resources appeared to discuss with the Board the operations of the various technicians delivering emergency medical services under his office's control and their various functions and levels of certification. These technicians include the emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician-IV, the the mobile intensive care technician. Mr. Gentile also reviewed for the Board the position of the mobile intensive care nurse, who would act in the absence of a physician to give orders to the various emergency medical technicians. Following this discussion with Mr. Gentile, the Board took the following actions:

Mobile Intensive Care Technicians -- Applications: Dr. Galusha, following review of the applications, moved that the two applications submitted for approval of the MICT be approved. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

Emergency Medical Technicians IV -- Following review of the applications submitted, Dr. Staub moved that the applications be approved as submitted with exceptions noted on the four applications of Thomas Clark, Thomas Dolby, George L. Ferrell, Jr., and Kent Taylor. Seconded by Dr. Edmondson and duly passed.

Mobile Intensive Care Nurse -- Following discussion of the applications submitted, Dr. Wilkerson moved that the Board table any action on the mobile intensive care nurse until the June Board meeting and ask Mr. Gentile to see what his office can do regarding developing some means of certification for the mobile intensive care nurse, or developing criteria or specific ideas for training and quality control of this nurse. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed on vote of 4 members for and one abstaining.

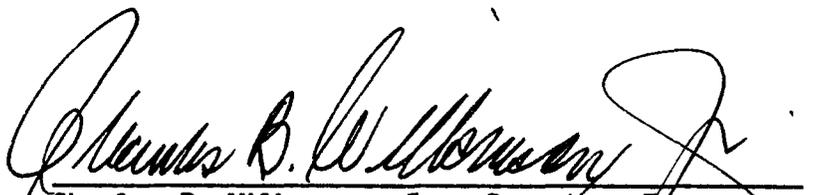
Mr. Gentile was so advised of the Board's action, and also advised that in lieu of specified additional training, an individual could challenge an examination developed by his office, and approved by the Board, and could be certified as a MICN if this person passes, without going through another training program, at least for the present time.

RE: Written examination -- problems in administration. Executive Secretary discussed with the Board the problems encountered recently in preparing for the upcoming examination (FLEX) for licensure, which is mainly a larger number of applicants for the examination than the Board has space to accomodate and adequately examine.

ACTION: Dr. Edmondson moved that the Board's attorneys review the situation completely, talk with the people at the FLEX headquarters, and make a report to the Board at the next meeting. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: License by endorsement of credentials -- interviews. Dr. Pence moved that the actions of the two groups of Board members and the action recommended by the Executive Secretary in interviewing applicants for license by endorsement of credentials be approved by the full Board. Seconded by Dr. Wilkerson and duly passed.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Dr. Edmondson moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed. Meeting adjourned.

  
 Charles B. Wilkerson, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer  
 Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North  
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