

MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Pinehurst Hotel
Pinehurst, North Carolina
May 6 - 8, 1982

The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina met at the Pinehurst Hotel, Pinehurst, North Carolina, May 6-8, 1982, for the purpose of interviewing applicants for license by endorsement of credentials and conducting other business.

Board members present were: Joyce H. Reynolds, M.D., President; Bruce B. Blackmon, M.D., Secretary; Thomas Edmunds Fitz, M.D.; Louis Todd Kermon, M.D.; Jack A. Koontz, M.D.; A. T. Pagter, Jr., M.D.; and Frank Noble Sullivan, M.D. Staff members present were: Bryant D. Paris, Jr., Executive Secretary; Mrs. Betty Joe Barick, Assistant Executive Secretary; Lee A. Denney and Don Pittman, Investigators; and Sibyl Lamoreaux, Secretary.

The meeting convened Thursday, May 6, 1982, at 3:00 p.m.

May, 1983, Board Meeting

The Board adopted a motion that this meeting be held in Pinehurst, North Carolina, and that it coincide with the meeting of the North Carolina Medical Society.

Reinstatement of Licenses Suspended for Failure to Register Approved by the Board

Robert Henry Reck, M.D.	William Browning Cromer, M.D.
Helen Starke, M.D.	George Edward Maha, M.D.
Jo Allene Horne, M.D.	

Physician Assistant Applications

Physician Assistant Applications Approved by the Board

A. Robert Cordell, M.D., Winston-Salem, NC - John E. Dobbins, PA
Julian T. Sutton, M.D., Scotland Neck, NC - Robert B. Cutler, PA
Francis T. Thomas, M.D., Greenville, NC - Stephen Larry Joyner, PA
Edward Lewis C. Pritchett, M.D., Durham, NC - Robert E. Peoples, PA
Robert Irwin Kohut, M.D., Winston-Salem, NC - Laura Gayle Curtis, PA
A. Robert Cordell, M.D., Winston-Salem, NC - Sidney Wilson Lavender, II, PA
Gustavo Montana, M.D., Chapel Hill, NC - Susan Fondi Wenger, PA
Harriet M. Harman, M.D., Butner, NC - Irving Fredrick Hoffman, PA
Douglas White, M.D., Winston-Salem, NC - Mary Elizabeth Caponera, PA
Frederick W. Glass, M.D., Winston-Salem, NC - Richard Everett Snow, PA
David F. Paulson, M.D., Durham, NC - Daniel T. Vetrosky, PA
John E. Way, M.D., Morehead City, NC - Melvin Lou Gaston, PA

Physician Assistant Applications Approved by the Board if and when Certain Credentials are Submitted or Certain Conditions are Met

Thomas L. Shreeve, M.D., Skyland, NC - Rickey E. Parsons, PA
Arthur Bradsher, M.D., Windsor, NC - John Thomas Hoard, Jr., PA
Henry W. Traylor, M.D., Whiteville, NC - Claude Philip Dufour, PA
Henry W. Traylor, M.D., Whiteville, NC - Shannon E. Dudley Evans, PA
John M. Falletta, M.D., Durham, NC - William Herbert Schultz, PA
Eric Larsen, M.D., Pinehurst, NC - Terry Lee Rinehardt, PA
Jesse F. Williams, M.D., Fayetteville, NC - Nathaniel Johnson, PA
Sewell H. Dixon, M.D., Greensboro, NC - Willard Dennis Jennings, PA

Changes in Physician Assistants' Primary Supervising Physicians Approved by the Board

David B. Marcotte, M.D. - Karen H. Hollingsworth, PA
Spencer G. Feldman, Jr., M.D. - John H. Wharton, PA

C. Clement Lucas, Jr., M.D., Edenton, North Carolina

The Board adopted a motion that the proper procedures be instigated to prefer charges against C. Clement Lucas, Jr., M.D.; that Dr. Lucas be notified in writing concerning these charges; and that he be informed he will be given a hearing on the charges preferred against him.

Interviews for License by Endorsement of Credentials

The following physicians applied for license by endorsement of credentials; were interviewed individually by the Board, a Board member, or by the Executive Secretary; and were approved for licensure on May 8, 1982.

Deirdre Margaret Ahtellik	Anne Colclough Hawes	Maheshkumar Ambalal Patel
Beverly J. Shackelford Adams	Stephen James Hawes, Jr.	John Caleb Pease
Abdullah Al-Mahayiri	Aldene Nelson Hawks, Jr.	Raymond D. Portu
Joselito Sison Almario	Albert Drake Hayes	Norman Bauer Powell
Anthony Ambrose	Arthur Hans Hemmerlein	Edward LeRoy Proctor, Jr.
Gamil Tewfik Arida	David James Henderson	Gordon Raver Randall
James Craig Austin	Leigh Jay Herman	Charles Moxley Rippberger
Walter Kenneth Austin, Jr.	Edwin Thomas Holloway	Michael Leonard Ross
Harold Albert Bailey	Leighton Hossein Javid	John David Ruiz
Elaine Alfreda Beed	Henry Dawson Jefferson, Jr.	Forrest Peter Ryan, Jr.
Robin Francis Beran	Viggo Wilhelm Jensen	Raymond Louis Sattler
Bruce R. Berger	Frank Joseph Johnson, Jr.	James Francis Schaus, Jr.
Garrett Schell Bressler	Robert Charles Kahn	Donald Everett Schmechel
John Darroch Cameron	Robert Alan Kates	Carl Jacob Schmidt
James Joseph Caserio, Jr.	Sally Heh-Sook Kim-Miller	Stephen Barber Schuster
James Ching Hwa Chang	Lawrence Samuel Dlein	Douglas Alexander Shanahan
Therese W.C.Chun	Walter Dennis Kohut	Lois Bryna Shane
Russell Jackson Cox	Otto John Nicholas Kunst	Steven James Stafford
Diane Marshall Crane	John Albert Lang, III	Jeffrey Dean Stillson
Dale Thomas Dreiling	James Emmett Lenz, Jr.	Harold Lewis Tarleton
Thomas Patrick Dunne	Yin-Ming Liu	James Edward Taylor
Richard Keppler Ebken	John Snodgrass Lyle	Carville Joseph Tolson, III
Dean Frederick Effler	George Walter Maxymiv	Stephen David Turker
Helen Jones Ellis	Albert Bordelocque McCreary	Robert McCord Vandemark
Duane Douglas Fitch	Marie Muller McDermott	George Richard Vandembark
Robert Andre Fleury	Homer Curtiss Merrick, Jr.	Robert Louis Vender
Rex Bentley Foster, III	George Andrew Miller, Jr.	Fred Donald Vermeulen
Timothy Edward Frei	Monique Renee Monor	James Jeffrey Vopal
Mario Garza-Gonzales	John Herbert Moore, III	David Hollis Wagner, III
Susan Louise Kraus Gillette	Gerald Garfield Mulvaney	George Marshall Walker, Sr.
Kamlesh Rani Gupta	Harold Payne Overcash	Mark Allan Wineinger
Carroll Fogg Haines, Jr.	Robert Carl Owens	Robert Warren Woodward
Benedict Thomas Harter, Jr.	Michael Wayne Pass	Robert Michael Zukoski

Applicants for License by Examination

The following physicians were licensed to practice medicine upon submission of the required credentials and successfully passing the North Carolina Examination for Licensure (FLEX):

Michael Edward Beasley	John Eugene McMurry, Jr.	George David Zoret
Hormoze Abbass Goudarzi		

Emergency Medical Services Applications Approved by the BoardEMT-I Applications

Burke County: 10, Buncombe County: 1, Lenoir County: 1, Wake County: 20, Wilson County: 8, Vance County: 1, Lincoln County: 3, Stokes County: 1, Surry County: 1, Forsyth County: 14, Mecklenburg County: 14, Davidson County: 1

EMT-P Applications

Durham County: 1

MICN Applications

Yadkin County: 4

Emergency Medical Services

The Board adopted a motion that the application of Robert Coffee, EMT-P, which was given interim approval by the President of the Board, be approved by the full Board. The Board adopted a motion that a proposed draft of a letter be sent to Lincoln County Hospital and accepted a report concerning Guilford County as information.

Hearing on Bee Sting Regulations

Dr. Reynolds reported on this hearing which was held on April 23, 1982, at 1:00 p.m., in Greensboro, North Carolina. She also reported on a letter which she received from Claude Frazier, M.D. The Board adopted a motion that the Bee Sting Training Program Regulations be approved. The Board adopted a further motion that approval of individuals who administer this treatment be on an annual basis.

FLEX Cost Increase

The Executive Secretary informed the Board that there will be a FLEX cost increase of \$160.00 beginning in January, 1983. The Board adopted a motion that the fee charged to applicants for the FLEX examination be increased to \$200 and that negotiations be begun with the legislature to increase the maximum amount which may be charged for this examination to \$500. The Board adopted a further motion that the Board increase the fee charged applicants who wish to take one or two days of the FLEX examination to a figure equaling the cost of the examination plus the cost of administering the examination on the individual days.

Data Request from Palmetto Health Care, Inc.

The Board adopted a motion that this request not be approved.

Corporate Name Edenton-Chowan Radiology, Ltd.

The Board adopted a motion that approval be granted this corporation to use the name Edenton-Chowan Radiology, Ltd.

Rodney C. Lovett, M.D., Boone, North Carolina

The Board adopted a motion that, upon receipt of the proper remuneration, Dr. Lovett be approved to take the FLEX examination in North Carolina as a courtesy candidate.

Marie Jones King, NP, Warrenton, North Carolina

The Board adopted a motion that this application be approved.

St. George's University - Letter from Attorney Bernard Joseph Ferguson

The Executive Secretary reported on a letter from Mr. Ferguson and the Board's response to this letter. The Board adopted a motion that this report be accepted as information.

Steven Eric Anderson, PA, Mount Airy, North Carolina

The Board instructed the staff to hold this hearing during the June, 1982, Board meeting.

Physician Assistant Guidelines

The Board discussed that an orthopaedist, who submits to the Board a written statement indicating he has personally trained a physician assistant in cast application, together with a statement signed by both the physician and the physician assistant indicating the physician assumes responsibility for casts applied by this physician assistant, may have his physician assistant approved by the Board to apply casts. This approval will not include manipulation of displaced fractures and will apply to simple cast application only. The Board adopted a motion that the Guidelines for Physician Assistants be revised as follows: On Page 2, after "Approval may be given for PA's to perform the following acts ONLY UNDER DIRECT PHYSICIAN SUPERVISION (physician present):", add an asterisk followed by a corresponding asterisk under item number 12. After the second asterisk, add the following capitalized information: UPON RECEIPT OF A REQUEST WHICH INCLUDES SPECIFIC INFORMATION FROM A PHYSICIAN, THE BOARD MAY APPROVE VARIATIONS IN SUPERVISION OF THESE MEDICAL ACTS ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS.

C. Landis Hackney, PA, Jacksonville, North Carolina

The Board adopted a motion that a letter be written to Dr. Venters indicating Physician Assistant Hackney may continue to perform the procedures mentioned in Dr. Venters' letter to the Board dated April 15, 1982, provided all fractures requiring cast application are seen and diagnosed by a physician before a cast is applied. The Board adopted a further motion that Dr. Venters be informed the Guidelines for Physician Assistants have been revised; however, each fresh fracture must be seen by a physician prior to cast application by a physician assistant.

Meeting with Deans of North Carolina Medical Schools

Dr. Bondurant, Dr. Christakos, Dr. Janeway, and Dr. O'Brien met with the Board at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Reynolds discussed the following concerns with these physicians.

1. Dr. Reynolds stated that residents were continuing the practice of issuing prescriptions outside the confines of their training programs; she also stated that the Board wished to discourage the residents holding residents' training licenses at Duke from having individual DEA registrations.
2. Dr. Reynolds discussed with the Deans a concern that, perhaps, North Carolina was reaching the point of having too many physicians. Dr. Bondurant suggested that the Board consider raising the minimum score which a physician is required to obtain on the North Carolina examination in order to pass.
3. Dr. Reynolds also conveyed to the Deans the Board's concern with regard to emerging medical schools. Dr. Janeway told the Board that the medical schools, on a national level, were studying this issue. He also informed the Board that ECFMG, in 1984, planned to adopt an examination similar to the VQE.
4. Dr. Reynolds expressed a further concern of the Board's with regard to physician extenders' attempts to become more and more autonomous. Dr. Bondurant mentioned that in the Banner Elk News of July 4, 1981, an advertisement stated, "Get your health care here" and was signed by a registered nurse.

Dr. Reynolds thanked the Deans for attending this meeting.

Physician Extender Proposal Submitted by E. Harvey Estes, Jr., M.D.

Dr. Estes discussed with the Board some problems he identified in the physician extender applications which he reviewed. He proposed forming an advisory group composed of a physician and a physician assistant from each physician assistant training program in North Carolina, two physicians who supervise physician assistants, and two members of NCAPA. He suggested that this group meet prior to meetings of the North Carolina Board of Medical Examiners for the purpose of reviewing applications and making recommendations to the Board. He indicated that this advisory group would be financed by the teaching institutions and that records would be kept. After each meeting of the advisory group, Dr. Estes indicated a member of the group would appear before the Board to make recommendations and to answer questions. Dr. Reynolds thanked Dr. Estes for his efforts in assisting the Board. Dr. Reynolds told Dr. Estes that there were no problems connected with reviewing applications. She stated that the problems existed because physicians failed to understand the responsibilities they were assuming when they signed physician assistant applications. She also said, after the physicians have signed these applications, they frequently fail to implement the supervision they have agreed to provide. Dr. Reynolds further informed Dr. Estes that she did not believe the establishment of another reviewing body would comply with existing legal requirements. She then advised Dr. Estes of the changes the Board had made in Physician Assistant Guidelines during this meeting. Dr. Estes mentioned that physician assistants were not satisfied with the existing twenty-four hour countersigning requirement. Dr. Reynolds indicated that she would prefer an advisory group help the Board with problems after they have occurred rather than help with reviewing applications. Dr. Estes told Dr. Reynolds that he believed physicians should not supervise more than two physician extenders. Dr. Reynolds thanked Dr. Estes for submitting this proposal and for coming in person to discuss the matter with the Board. She told Dr. Estes that the Board wished to devote more time to consideration of the issues involved and will notify Dr. Estes at a later date regarding its decision.

Angela Staab, R.N.

The Board adopted a motion that Ms. Staab not be approved to perform medical acts until she meets the criteria set forth by the Board.

Joint Practice Committee Letter

The Board adopted a motion that the Board supports the concept of establishing joint practice committees in hospitals and endorses the philosophy underlying the establishment of these committees.

Melvin Walter Webb, M.D., Burnsville, North Carolina

The Board's attorney reported that this physician had surrendered his DEA privileges and had agreed to comply with the program outlined in Dr. Gibson's letter to the Board. The Board adopted a motion that this report be accepted as information.

William Browning Cromer, M.D., Dallas, Texas

The Board adopted a motion that the Board's previous action to prefer charges against this physician be implemented.

Letters of Recommendation for Physician Assistants

The Board adopted a motion that letters of recommendation from prospective employers may be accepted as meeting the Board's requirements.

Joe Dean Crawford, M.D., Asheville, North Carolina

The Board reviewed a report that this physician surrendered his license to practice medicine in North Carolina effective April 1, 1982. The Board adopted a motion that this report be accepted as information. The Board adopted a further motion that the Board stands ready to help Dr. Crawford at any time.

Walter Glenn Lewis, M.D., Gibsonville, North Carolina

The Board adopted a motion requesting that this case be remanded back to the Board and that Dr. Lewis take and pass Day 3 of the North Carolina Examination for Licensure (FLEX) before the Board considers allowing him to practice medicine.

James Douglas Medeiros, M.D., Fayetteville, North Carolina

The Board adopted a motion that it consider this physician's notice of appeal as representing a request for a hearing.

June, 1982, Board Meeting

The Board adopted a motion that this meeting begin with dinner at 7:00 p.m., Friday, June 11, 1982, and that, at 8:00 p.m., the Board meet to consider the Investigators' Report.

Ormond Charles Mendes, M.D., Chapel Hill, North Carolina

The Board adopted a motion that this physician's application for license by endorsement of credentials not be approved but that he be offered the opportunity to take the Board's written examination.

David Edelson, M.D., Chicago, Illinois

The Board adopted a motion that this physician's application for license by endorsement of credentials not be approved but that he be offered the opportunity to take the Board's written examination.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be considered by the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.


 Bruce B. Blackmon, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer
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