

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

The Pinehurst Hotel
Pinehurst, North Carolina

January 20-22, 1978

The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina met at The Pinehurst Hotel, Pinehurst, North Carolina, January 20-22, 1978 for the purpose of interviewing applicants for license by endorsement of credentials and conducting other business.

Drs. E. Wilson Staub, President, Charles B. Wilkerson, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer, Bruce B. Blackmon, David S. Citron, Bryant L. Galusha, J. Jerome Pence, Jr., and Joyce H. Reynolds were present. Also present were Mr. Bryant D. Paris, Jr., Executive Secretary, Mrs. Betty Joe Barick, Assistant Executive Secretary, Mrs. Diane Freeman and Mr. Lee Denney, Investigator.

Friday, January 20
3:30 p.m.

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

RE: Dr. Elizabeth R. Gamble, Raleigh, N.C. -- Request for limited license. Dr. Galusha moved that Dr. Gamble be granted a limited license to work at Dorothea Dix Hospital for a period of six months only, with no extensions. Seconded by Dr. Wilkerson and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Eugene W. Griffin, Durham, N.C. -- Request for limited license. Dr. Blackmon moved that Dr. Griffin be granted a limited license to work at Murdoch Center for a period of six months only, with no extensions. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

RE: Federation of State Medical Boards of the U.S., Inc. -- Dues increase. Dr. Galusha moved that the increase in dues be approved. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

RE: Office of Emergency Medical Services -- letter from Colonel Speed re: Greenville Fire and Rescue Department. The Board reviewed Colonel Speed's letter to Mr. Tony Brannon, Assistant Chief of the Greenville Rescue Department regarding his performance of certain medical acts without proper certification, and received this as information.

RE: North Carolina Board of Pharmacy -- Appointment of subcommittee from Board to meet with subcommittee from N. C. Board of Pharmacy. Executive Secretary and President of the Board were authorized to appoint a subcommittee to meet with the Board of Pharmacy, with the suggestion that this meeting be held on the same date and at the same time as the subcommittee meeting with the Board of Nursing at the next (March, 1978) Board meeting.

RE: Mr. John Mitchener, Pharmacist, Edenton, N.C. -- Board reviewed letter from Mr. Mitchener regarding his questions concerning assistants to physicians writing prescriptions, and Executive Secretary's response to Mr. Mitchener. The Board received Mr. Mitchener's letter as information and approved the Executive Secretary's response to him.

RE: January, 1979 Board meeting -- Dr. Pence moved that the Board meeting be held at The Pinehurst Hotel, Pinehurst, North Carolina, January 19-21, 1979. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed.

RE: Re-designed license certificate -- Following discussion on the draft of the re-designed license certificate, Dr. Blackmon moved that Dr. Galusha and Dr. Citron work with the Executive Secretary and attorney for the Board in drawing up a new certificate, keeping in mind that the Board preferred five of the names being printed with two signatures being affixed each meeting. Seconded by Dr. Wilkerson and duly passed. The Executive Secretary was also instructed to determine the cost difference for printed signatures, blank signature lines and a yearly change in printed signatures as opposed to the present certificate cost.

Meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Saturday, January 21.



Saturday, January 21
9:00 a.m.

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

Jean N. Angelo	Ralph E. Gaskins, Jr.*	Clyde M. Pence*
Leandro C. Area*	Richard S. Goldberg*	James H. Perry*
Ernest W. Arnold, Jr.*	Arnold S. Grandis*	Jeffrey B. Petticrew *
Stephen B. Austin*	Thomas H. Hetrick*	Henry Rothberger
Bradley J. Bergquist*	Frank B. Hodnette, Sr.	James M. Salander*
Bennett Blumenkopf*	Robert T. James	Forrest L. Scharf
Ben P. Bradenham*	Kaup J. Kamath	David K. Shelton, Jr.*
Susan Evans Brown*	Subhash S. Kherdekar	Richard C-H. Shieh
Mark J. Carlson*	John L. Laird*	William V. Singletary, Jr.*
Kenneth C. Copeland*	William A. Lamb*	Joseph E. Sokal
Peter P. Cullen*	Len B. Lastinger*	Richard J. Sterba*
David T. Durack	Frank Lawand	Elizabeth M. Stropnick*
Ralph W. Eichenberger	Kenneth J. Lisberg*	Peter Tallos
Edward A. Fisher*	Louis A. Nassef, Jr.*	Tsal Nan Wei
Mary E. Foscue*	John M. Pascoe*	Park W. Willis, IV*
Theodore D. Fraker, Jr.*	Suresh A. Patel	Richard D. Wilson*

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

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:

Edward Frank Collinson Jean Alexandra Kelly Phillip Irving Lynch, Jr.

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

Richard V. Hodder Charles F. Schnee John Jacob Swihart

Physicians who appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials and were granted temporary license this date:

William E. Sims

Physicians who appeared applying for license by endorsement of credentials and were denied licensure this date -- did not meet requirements of the Board: Everett W. DeLong.

RE: December, 1977 FLEX examination -- Certification of grades: Dr. Pence moved that all applicants who received a FLEX weighted average of 75.0 or higher on the December, 1977 examination and who have met all the requirements of the Board be approved for licensure in the State of North Carolina. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed unanimously. They are as follows:

Jayne A. Ackerman	Ioannis D. Goutos	John W. Neal
David C. H. Acquah	Ronald K. Gray	Gerald A. Neri
Sheheda B. Akhtar	William D. Haithcock, Jr.	Harold A. Nichols
Gildegardo P. Alidon	Robert C. Hartmann, Jr.	Rickie P. Sander
Sardar S. Aziz	Leonard B. Kahn	Ahmed Sayeed
Edmond C. Bloch	Pramod S. Kulkarni	Coridalia W. Scott
Nicolai Chalfa	Veli M. I. Linnoila	John M. Seddon
James R. Edinger	Stanley Lipper	Cornelia D. Sibrack
Stephen C. Farrow	Karen S. McCoy	Kandan Sounderarajah
William H. Gamble	Joseph S. McCracken	Gabriel K. Tanson
Hema N. Ghia	Donald A. Mundy	Walter H. Traub
Avraham Golander	H. N. Nataraja	Dimitrios I. Varelas

RE: Mobile Intensive Care Nurse -- applications: Three applications from Chapel Hill; one from High Point, four from Columbus County; four from northern Surry County. Following review of each application, Dr. Reynolds moved that since all applications are in order, they be approved by the Board. Seconded by Dr. Blackmon and duly passed.



RE: Emergency Medical Technician-IV -- applications: Two applications from Durham County; two from south Orange County; thirteen from Burke County; seven from Stokes County. Dr. Reynolds moved that since all applications are in order, they be approved by the Board. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: License by endorsement -- acceptance of LMCC scores in application for license by endorsement of credentials when the applicant has a license in another state on that basis. The Executive Secretary was instructed to find out what he can about other states' policies regarding acceptance of LMCC (Canadian) scores and certification in consideration for license by endorsement, and get information on how that examination compares with FLEX or National Boards, and present this at the Board meeting in March, with a recommendation as to a definite policy for the Board on accepting the LMCC scores.

Meeting adjourned until 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 21
2:00 p.m.

RE: Conversion -- limited to full license: The following physicians have applied for conversion of their geographically limited license to a full North Carolina license: Joseph Y. Chung, Harvey Huang, Isaac A. Isaiah, and Burt M. Walden. Dr. Citron moved that if all credentials are complete, the above physician's licenses be converted from limited to a full North Carolina license. Seconded by Dr. Reynolds and duly passed.

RE: Biennial Registration -- reinstatement: The following physicians have had their licenses to practice medicine in North Carolina suspended for failure to register as required by North Carolina General Statute 90-15:

Robert E. Cline	Keith S. Hansen	Octavio E. Iglesias
Richard R. Powell	Edward R. White, Jr.	

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

RE: Dr. James Joel Leonard, Lexington, N.C. -- Dr. Leonard had been requested to appear at the January, 1978 Board meeting following his hearing before the Board in December, 1977. His attorney advised that he could not appear at this time due to circumstances beyond his control. Dr. Ackmon moved that Dr. Leonard be ordered to appear before the Board at the March, 1978 meeting. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Jerome L. Schulte, Fresno, California -- Dr. Citron moved that the proper procedures be instituted to prefer charges against Dr. Schulte and he be so notified in writing, and be advised that he will be given a hearing on such charges that will be presented against him. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.

RE: August, 1978 Board meeting -- The Board reviewed the meeting place and problems involved with the accessibility for applicants at Boone, North Carolina and the problems involved in having part of the meeting in Boone and part at Hound Ears. Dr. Galusha moved that the Board meeting be held at The Radisson Plaza Hotel, Charlotte, North Carolina as originally scheduled. Seconded by Dr. Reynolds and duly passed.

RE: Dr. Ludwig Tramer, Morganton, N.C. -- Following review of Dr. Tramer's file, Dr. Staub moved that his postgraduate education be accepted by the Board as meeting the Board's requirements for a license if he passes the FLEX examination. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

RE: March, 1978 meeting -- The members of the joint subcommittee requested that the Board begin their meeting at 2:00 on Friday, March 17, rather than at 3:30 p.m. as usually done, to allow more time for the meeting on the first day, since three of the members will be meeting with the Board of Nursing earlier in the day. Following discussion, the Executive Secretary was instructed to plan for the meeting to begin at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 17.

RE: Dr. Timothy H. Gridley, Fayetteville, N.C. -- Appeared as requested by the Board. He had been granted a limited license in January, 1977, to be reviewed annually by the Board. Dr. Citron moved that Dr. Gridley be granted the privilege of continuing to practice for another year as indicated previously at the January, 1977 meeting. Seconded by Dr. Wilkerson and duly passed.

Meeting adjourned until 8:30 a.m., Sunday, January 22.



Sunday, January 22
8:30 a.m.

RE: Registered nurses performing medical acts: subcommittee report. Dr. Citron, Chairman of the joint subcommittee of the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Nursing reported on the meeting held Friday morning. One item discussed at this meeting was the suggestion that the Board of Medical Examiners write a letter to the Joint Practice Committee about the problem the subcommittee is encountering with nurses who have received only three months training and want to perform medical acts for which they are not trained. The problem arises when the nurse has not had a core curriculum of training as a registered nurse to perform medical acts before they begin to specialize. The subcommittee would like for the Board to write the Joint Practice Committee that it is the Board's desire for all nurses performing medical acts to have the same basic curriculum before they are allowed to specialize. Dr. Wilkerson moved that such a letter be written by the Board. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and discussion followed. Amendment to motion: Dr. Reynolds be appointed to speak for the Board at meetings of the Joint Practice Committee and express the feelings of the Board on this matter. Amendment accepted by Dr. Wilkerson and Dr. Galusha, and motion duly passed.

Also considered in the meeting was the addition of the following wording to the application form for registered nurses performing medical acts:

"If the applicant consults with the supervising physician on each patient regarding the treatment plan, no standing orders are necessary. If this is not done on each patient, describe in standing orders."

Dr. Citron moved that the Board accept the wording as recommended by the subcommittee, to be added to the application form. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

Also discussed was the registered nurse with a master's degree who wishes to obtain certification as a nurse practitioner. She can take additional courses, with advanced standing in the nurse practitioner program, and could then be granted a certificate as a nurse practitioner upon successful completion of the program. However, if a person with a master's degree in nursing is on the nursing school faculty, he would have to take the additional training at some institution other than the one where she is a faculty member. The Board received this as information.

The subcommittee discussed the possibility of increasing the fee for application for registered nurses performing medical acts, and the possibility of requiring some form of continuing education in the future to remain registered.

Applications for registered nurses performing medical acts:

The following applications were submitted to the subcommittee, reviewed and approved (all complete):

Dr. Nina Page, Raleigh, N.C. -- Sharon K. Davis (FNP)
Dr. Marjorie O. Strawn, Lenoir, N.C. -- Peggy H. McDowell (PNP)
Dr. Eldora H. Terrell, High Point, N.C. -- Frances M. Wicker (FNP)
Dr. Murdock R. McKeithen, Laurinburg, N.C. -- Ella M.C. McNeill (FPNP)
Dr. Ernest H. Brown, Jr., Lumberton, N.C. -- Linda T. May (CNM)

The following applications were submitted to the subcommittee with credentials incomplete and were approved if and when they were completed satisfactory to the Executive Secretary of the Board of Medical Examiners:

Dr. Franklin D. White, Siler City, N.C. -- Dorothy G. Efird (GNP)
Dr. Michael J. Dugan, Siler City, N.C. -- Gayle M. Griffin (GNP)
Dr. Fred McQueen, Hamlet, N.C. -- Cheryl Rachels (FNP)
Dr. Marion H. Bertling, High Point, N.C. -- request for additional medical acts to be approved by subcommittee. Not approved by subcommittee since those privileges requested were not within the scope of the medical acts to be performed by a family planning nurse practitioner. Not approved by Board.

Dr. Carolyn B. McCormick, St. Pauls, N.C. -- Marguerite J. Miller, FNP. Subcommittee reviewed letter from Dr. McCormick objecting to having to sign all chart entires, specifically within the 48-72 hour time period. The subcommittee felt she should be asked to appear, with her nurse practitioner, to discuss the situation with the subcommittee. Dr. Citron moved that this recommendation be approved by the Board, and she be invited to the next subcommittee meeting, with Ms. Miller, and she be requested to bring a number of charts with her for review by the subcommittee. Seconded by Dr. Pence and duly passed.



RE: Physicians' Health and Effectiveness Committee, N. C. Medical Society -- Dr. Theodore R. Clark, Chairman of the Committee, met with the Board to discuss the functions and progress the new Committee was making and will be performing in the future. Dr. Clark told the Board that for this committee to be effective, it will have to function on a local level as well as a state-wide level, and therefore they are planning for each Councillor in each district of the Medical Society to appoint one or more physicians from his district to serve with the committee as needed. The committee will use monitors and therapists to work with each physician and an intevenor will act as a liaison officer between the patient and the monitor and therapist.

Dr. Clark said that presently there would be three ways for a physician to become involved with the Committee: seek the Committee's help himself; be referred by someone on the hospital staff or someone on the hospital staff ask the Committee for help with a particular physician; be referred by the Board or the Board ask the Committee for help. President of the Board thanked Dr. Clark for hising to the Board meeting and discussing the new Committee with the Board members, and expressed the Board's interest in helping the Committee and in asking the Committee for help in the future.

RE: Assistants to physicians -- applications:

All of the following applications for assistants to physicians were considered individually by the Board, and upon motions duly made, seconded and passed, were approved for each physician and assistant to physician:

Dr. Michael Malinozsky, Franklin, N.C. -- Phillip A. Contino
 Dr. Jerry L. Norton, Morganton, N.C. -- Gerald E. Manning, II
 Dr. Herbert A. Saltzman, Durham, N.C. -- Delmer Shelton
 Dr. Albert R. Hartness, Mocksville, N.C. -- Alice W. Dewhurst
 Dr. Byron K. Cole, Durham, N.C. -- Donald C. McCaskill
 Dr. John L. Bond, North Wilkesboro, N.C. -- Gary G. Nichols

Dr. Ernest W. Furguson, Plymouth, N.C. -- amendment to original application of additional medical acts for Craig Bruno. Approved.

Dr. Richard E. Matthews, Rockingham, N.C. -- application for Gary Henry, including changes and additions since it was originally submitted in late December, 1977. Approved; Dr. Matthews to be advised that Mr. Henry cannot function unless one of the supervising or back-up physicians specified in the application can be contacted by Mr. Henry when necessary.

Dr. Edward G. Bond, Edenton, N.C. -- applications for Doyce Emmert and Gary M. Trube. Dr. Bond is replacing Dr. Richard Hardin, who was the supervising physician, and is requesting additional approval for Mr. Emmert and Mr. Trube to function as assistants to physicians at the Chowan Medical Center as well as at Chowan Hospital, with all medical acts and functions to remain the same as in the original application submitted by Dr. Hardin. Approved.

Dr. Lawrence Silverberg, Charlotte, N.C. -- application concerning Wesley L. Flinn, Jr. approved if and when credentials are submitted satisfactory to the Executive Secretary.

Dr. Robert Yowell, Durham, N.C. -- application concerning Marion Cole approved if and when credentials are submitted satisfactory to the Executive Secretary.

Dr. Larry S. Kilby, North Wilkesboro, N.C. -- application concerning Donald J. Huggard approved if and when signature of back-up physician is supplied, and if there is none, he be sent the usual letter about his assistant not functioning in any manner when Dr. Kilby is out of town, away from the office, etc.

Dr. Donald H. Lomax, Salisbury, N.C. -- request for Vernon Bernhardt to be able to order and administer I.V. solutions for correction of fluid and electrolyte imbalance, to be included as an addition to medical acts and functions submitted in original application of January, 1977. Request denied due to its vagueness, and Dr. Lomax to be requested to supply specific standing orders for the use of I.V. solutions by his assistant.

RE: Dr. James P. Green, Henderson, N.C. -- application concerning Ralph H. Lloyd withdrawn.



Assistants to physicians: applications, cont'd.

RE: Mr. Michael Moore, Assistant to physician -- Board reviewed letter from Mr. Moore, Assistant to Physician for G. Norman Boyer, M.D. Mr. Moore had questions concerning the prescribing of controlled substances by assistants for hospitalized patients; certification of assistants by the National Commission on Certification of Physician's Assistants; and questions regarding standing orders, with a request that those he included with his letter be included in his file. Dr. Citron moved that Mr. Moore be advised as follows: he does not have to use his assigned number for writing orders on in-patients because the hospital should have that number on file and the number is intended only to identify him to the pharmacists and outside suppliers of medications; it is not permissible for him to prescribe controlled substances on in-patients under standing orders, and when standing orders include controlled substances, the physician must initiate those orders, to be followed by the assistant, nurses, etc., with the order for any controlled substance coming from the physician, never from the assistant with subsequent approval by the physician; in the hospital, assistants may prescribe those psychotropic drugs which are not controlled if they are included in the standing orders submitted to and approved by the Board. Seconded by Dr. Reynolds and duly passed.

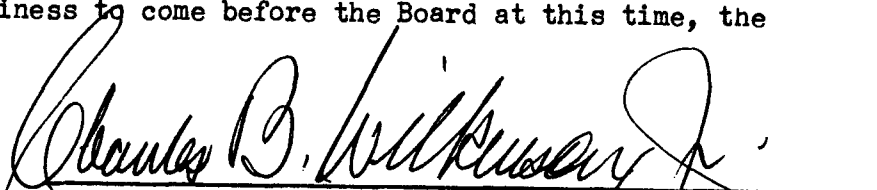
The Executive Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Moore and Dr. Boyer that the standing orders submitted for inclusion in his file are not being reviewed by the Board at this time since they are similar in kind to those submitted by Dr. Susan Gustke at Dorothea Dix Hospital and once they are reviewed and approved by the Board for Dr. Gustke, the Board will consider reviewing a subsequent edition of similar standing orders for other state institutions.

RE: Assistants to Physicians -- Proposed memorandum of understanding from Dr. Harvey Estes: Dr. Citron presented the changes, additions and corrections made by Dr. Reynolds and himself as requested by the Board at the December, 1977 meeting. The Board reviewed these and requested that they be incorporated in a copy of the proposal and that a copy be circulated to each member prior to the next Board meeting for their review, and it be discussed again at the next meeting. Particular points to be discussed at that time would include moonlighting physicians, particularly residents, who will supervise assistants in an emergency department situation and the omission of or re-working the second and third paragraphs on page nine of the memorandum. The utilization profile (application form) will also be discussed at the March meeting.

RE: Assistants to physicians -- standing orders submitted by Dr. Gustke: Following review of the revised version of the standing orders submitted by Dr. Susan Gustke for use by her assistants to physicians, Mr. Gerald T. Gowit and Mr. E. John Felicione, Dr. Citron moved that the standing orders be approved as submitted with the understanding that they will not be approved for some other site not supervised by Dr. Gustke, in that the Board is not approving these with the idea that they have the Board's approval for every site in the mental health system in the state, with the strict admonition that no controlled substance will be given without the prior consultation with the supervising or back-up physician. Seconded by Dr. Galusha and duly passed.

RE: Assistants to physicians -- proposed regulation re: National Commission on Certification of Physician's Assistants examination. Following review of the proposed regulation regarding a certifying examination for assistants to physicians prior to their approval by the Board, Dr. Galusha moved that the Board require that assistants to physicians be certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician's Assistants rather than requiring only that they pass the examination, and the proposed regulation be reworded to indicate that, and the date of January 1, 1979 be the date required for having all assistants pass the examination and be certified by the NCCPA and to be approved for the first time with this Board to function as an assistant to a physician, and all applicants approved by the Board to function as assistants to physicians prior to this Board meeting be required to have passed the NCCPA examination and be certified by the NCCPA at the time of their annual registration with the Board, no later than July 1, 1979. Seconded by Dr. Citron and duly passed. The Executive Secretary was instructed to contact Dr. Paul Biggers at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine regarding the surgeon's assistants and their not being able to take the NCCPA examination for certification, and report back to the Board at the March meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned.


 Charles B. Wilkerson, Jr., M.D., Secretary-Treasurer
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