

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AT MOREHEAD  
CITY - ATLANTIC BEACH HOTEL, JULY 23, 1937.

The meeting was called to order by President McKay who opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. The motion to approve was made by Dr. McMillan and seconded by Dr. Vernon and carried unanimously.

The Secretary then presented the application of Dr. Calvin Sturgis McLaughlin, Jr. for a license to practice medicine and surgery in North Carolina. The motion was made by Dr. McKay and seconded by Dr. Royal that he be granted a license. The same was carried.

The Secretary then presented the application of Dr. Joseph Francis McGowan of Asheville, who was sponsored by Dr. F. Webb Griffith. There was a motion by Dr. Royal and seconded by Dr. McMillan and carried to the effect that he be granted a license upon the credentials presented.

We then considered the application of Dr. Abraham Jack Tannenbaum of Greensboro and New York City. He was sponsored by Drs. Tankersley and Taylor of Greensboro. After some discussion there was a motion by Dr. Vernon and seconded by Dr. Smith to the effect that he be granted a license upon the completion of his credentials. Whenas, and if the same were properly completed and presented to the Secretary of the Board (credentials were completed, Secretary approved, Dr. Tannenbaum has received his license). This motion was carried.

We then considered the application of Dr. Francis John O'Bryan of Statesville, N. C. and New York City. He was asking for a license upon his Maryland credentials. He was sponsored by Drs. James W. Davis, Geo. L. Carrington, and L. H. Shaw. After considerable discussion there was a motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Vernon and carried to the effect that he be granted a license to practice medicine and surgery in North Carolina upon his Maryland credentials; whenas; and if his credentials were properly completed and presented to the Secretary of the Board. (On September 27th, 1937 at the Secretary's office in Raleigh, Dr. O'Bryan came in person and presented his credentials and received his license.)

There were no other applications before the Board at this time, however, a Dr. Loren Wallin of Georgia who claimed that he is now in Georgia, not licensed in Georgia, but claims to be licensed in Mississippi and in Arkansas, came forward and asked for a license in this State upon his verbal statements. He presented a telegram from Dr. Fox of the State Board of Health as follows: "July 22, 1937, Dr. Loren Wallin, Sparta, Georgia, - advise your election Health Officer, Anson County, please arrange to meet State Board of Medical Examiners, Morehead City, 23rd. Advise by wire your acceptance. Signed Dr. R. E. Fox". It was explained by the Secretary that a few days ago this same gentleman had called at the Secretary's office in Raleigh, and that he had been informed that perhaps the Board might not look with favor upon his application for reasons which were set forth at the time, and the Secretary further advised the gentleman in question not to appear before the Board until he had been advised by the Secretary. After considerable discussion there was a motion by Dr. Smith and seconded by Dr. Royal to the effect that we deny Dr. Wallin a license upon his verbal request, since his application is not in due form it cannot be properly considered at this time. This motion was carried.

The Board gave perhaps an hour or an hour and a half of its time to a careful consideration of this gentleman's qualifications and circumstances and the facts surrounding his case, together with the attitude of the State Board of Health in electing these men to responsible health positions knowing that they are not licensed in this State, and knowing that a license in North Carolina is necessary in order to practice public health. The Board recalled that just about a year ago Dr. Fox had placed a County Health Officer in this State without a license, and had kept him in that position for some months, and that at that time the Board called carefully to his attention the fact that they did not look with favor upon such a procedure. After carefully discussing this and other phases of this question, there was a motion by Dr. Smith which was seconded by Dr. McMillan and carried to the effect that "Drs. Vernon, McKay, and the Secretary Dr. Lawrence, constitute a committee to confer with Dr. Reynolds, Secretary of the State Board of Health, and to appraise him again of the fact that certain members of our Board rather resent such an attitude, or certainly, that the Board does not look with favor upon such procedure". This motion was carried.



At that point the Secretary presented the names of the candidates who had taken the written examination and made a motion that all candidates taking the last two years and all taking the full four years who had averaged 80 or above be granted a license to practice medicine and surgery in North Carolina except numbers 89, Dr. Hugh Alexander McAllister, No. 113 Dr. Cyrus Leighton Gray, Jr. Duke Hospital, Durham, N. C. No. 114 Dr. Carlton Lee Ould Durham, N. C. and No. 96, Dr. F. McLennon Liverpool, born in British Guiana be granted a license to practice medicine and surgery in North Carolina. This motion was seconded by Dr. Vernon and the same was carried unanimously. No. 96 had been given a grade of 46 by Dr. Smith on the practice of medicine. His general average was 81 5/7 on all grades. Dr. Smith volunteered to raise his grade to 50 and then Dr. Lawrence made a motion which was seconded by Dr. Smith to the effect that Dr. F. McLennon Liverpool No. 96 be given a license to practice medicine and surgery in North Carolina and the same was carried. No. 89, Dr. Hugh Alexander McAllister of Washington and Duke, and No. 113 Dr. Cyrus Leighton Gray, Jr. of High Point and Duke Hospital and No. 114 Dr. Carlton Lee Ould of Kentucky and Duke Hospital had been excepted in the original motion of the Secretary on the ground that Dr. F. Webb Griffith under date of July 4, 1937 had written the Secretary and the other members of the Board as follows: "During the examination one table was under suspicion because of talking at that table. At that table were numbers 89, 113, 114. I have carefully compared those papers and find that No. 114 can be eliminated for his paper was so poor that he would not be of help to anyone. He was the only one I failed. I FEEL CONVINCED THAT THERE WAS HELP GIVEN BETWEEN 89 AND 113, ETC." The members were asked to take those papers to the Morehead City meeting. That was done. Drs. William H. Smith and Roscoe D. McMillan both stated in the conference at Morehead that in their judgement their findings after reading No. 89, and 113 corroborated the statement of Dr. Griffith. The evidence seemed to be rather strong against those gentlemen, and yet they stated that this must be considered in a measure circumstantial, and since it was a matter of so grave importance to those gentlemen in question, that they would not be willing to withhold their license upon that sort of evidence. Thereupon Dr. Royal made a motion which was seconded by Dr. McMillan and carried to the effect that No. 89 and 113 whose average was well above 80 be granted a license to practice medicine and surgery in North Carolina and the same was carried.

Then we came to the consideration of No. 114. It was stated by Dr. McMillan and Dr. Smith that in their judgement No. 114 had been honest about his examination and that in their judgement no suspicion should rest upon him. His grades were very poor and his general average was only 75. There was some considerable discussion about this case by various members of the Board, and finally Dr. Royal made a motion which was seconded by Dr. Vernon to the effect, "That we do arbitrarily raise this gentleman's grades to 80 and that he be given a license to practice medicine and surgery in North Carolina". That motion was carried.

Dr. Smith then made a motion which was seconded by Dr. Vernon to the effect that no further applicants be considered at this time. The meeting then recessed until 9:00 A. M. July 24th when it was reconvened by President McKay with Drs. McMillan, Vernon, and the Secretary present. (Drs. Smith and Royal voted by proxy.) Dr. Griffith was absent from the meeting as he had been on the night before.

The Secretary made a motion that we express our high regards and deep sense of appreciation to the President for his untiring services during the year. Dr. Smith made a motion that we recess until 9:00 A. M. Saturday Morning, July 24th, and when we do so, to do it in honor and in appreciation of Dr. and Mrs. Royal's marvelous hospitality and that we extend to them a vote of thanks.

9:00 A. M. July 24th, 1937 - BRS. MCKAY, VERNON, MCMILLAN AND LAWRENCE WERE PRESENT.

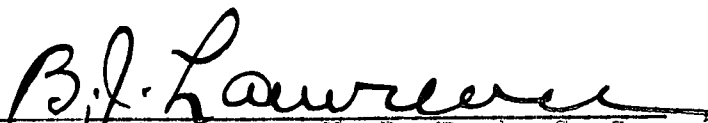
By this time Dr. J. H. Gordon of Richmond and Tarboro had come in and had presented his credentials. He had come to the meeting upon the invitation of the Secretary acting upon the request of Dr. Raby and Dr. Greene and their clinic at Tarboro. Dr. Gordon appeared to be a very courteous, polite and cultured gentleman having graduated at the University of Richmond with an Academic Degree and at Richmond Medical College with an M. D. Degree in 1934. He presented his M. D. Degree signed by Dr. Sutton his Dean. He presented his Virginia License signed



Dr. Preston, their Secretary, and splendid letters of recommendation, whereupon Dr. Vernon who had seconded Dr. Smith's motion the night before, made another motion as follows: "That we do recend the motion passed last night regarding hearing other applicants at this meeting". That motion was seconded by Dr. McMillan and it was carried unanimously. Then Dr. Vernon made a second motion which was also seconded by Dr. McMillan to the effect "That we do grant Dr. James H. Gordon of Richmond and now of Tarboro, N. C. a license upon his Virginia credentials upon the completion of his written application to the Secretary. This motion was carried. (Dr. Gordon's application was completed in due form and he has received his license).

There being no further business, our new President Dr. James W. Vernon was installed as our new Presiding Officer and the meeting was adjourned.

Signed

  
Ben. J. Lawrence, M. D. F. A. C. S.  
Secretary-Treasurer.



