

North Carolina Medical Board
License Committee Agenda
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Open Session

1. Guidelines for allowing applicants to withdraw their application

In the past, the Board has not allowed an applicant to withdraw their license application after an adverse licensing decision Board Action unless the Board Action specifically stated "Allow Withdrawal." The Board has traditionally made this part of a Board Action when it anticipated that the applicant may elect withdrawal as opposed to an adverse licensing decision Board Action (usually denial or other public action with issuance of a license). However, what has happened is that cases are being brought back to the Board to request withdrawal that almost certainly would have been permitted if the Board entertained the withdrawal question during the licensing process (i.e. NC license granted with a public letter of concern for an out of state action that has resolved). Staff could not think of an instance where an adverse licensing decision Board Action was brought back to the Board to request withdrawal and it was not permitted. We believe that allowing all applicants to withdraw unless the Board Action specifically states "Do Not Allow Withdrawal" will result in a more efficient use of Board resources and save Board member and staff time.

As an aside, it should be noted that the Board traditionally decided a case should be "Do Not Allow Withdrawal" when they felt there was a good reason for making the adverse licensing decision Board Action public. An example of this is when it is established without question that an applicant lied on their application.

Recommendation: Permit all license applicants to withdraw their license applications after an adverse licensing decision Board Action (i.e. private letter of concern, fine or public action) unless the Board expressly states "Do Not Allow Withdrawal" in the licensing Board Action.
(OMD & Legal)

Old Business

New Business