

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

June 12, 2015

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Medicine and Surgery was called to order by Chairman, Jeff Howorth, at 9:02 a.m. on June 12, 2015, in the Lighthouse Room, Country Inn & Suites, 5353 N 27th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The following members answered the roll call:

Jeffrey L. Howorth, Chair
Carl V. Smith, MD, Vice-Chair
Mark D. Goodman, MD, Secretary
Merle J. Henkenius
Vonn E. Roberts, MD
Karen Higgins, MD
Michael Bittles, MD

Absent: Judith Scott, DO

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

Also present to participate in the meeting: Julie Agena, Assistant Attorney General; Kathie Lueke, Program Manager, Licensure Unit; Kelli Dalrymple, Health Licensing Coordinator; Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, Department Legal Counsel, Jeff Newman, Investigator; Kathy Krueger, Investigator, Dennis Scott, Investigator, Krissy Chapman, Investigator, Jessica Bowman, Investigator, Mendy Mahar-Clark, Investigator, Laura Weber, Investigator, Peggy Percell, Program Manager, Investigations Department.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Smith moved, seconded by Goodman, to approve adoption of the agenda. Voting aye: Henkenius, Higgins, Howorth, Roberts, Smith, Goodman, Bittles. Voting nay: none. Absent: Scott. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Smith moved, seconded by Roberts, to approve the minutes of the meeting for May 1, 2015, with the stated changes. Voting aye: Henkenius, Higgins, Smith, Roberts, Howorth, Goodman, Bittles. Voting nay: none. Absent: Scott. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY PRESENT FOR STATEMENT ON PENDING REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION

Melanie Whittamore-Mantzios, attorney of record for Dr. Scott Strasburger, made a statement to the Board that Dr. Strasburger was filing a Motion to Withdrawal his Reinstatement Application due to the fact that he had relapsed.

Judith Scott joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS, DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, APPLICATION REVIEW

Smiths moved, seconded by Scott, to go into closed session at 9:06 a.m. for the purpose of review of investigational and disciplinary reports and other closed session items as identified on the agenda.

Howorth recused himself from the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

Howorth rejoined the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

Howorth recused himself from the meeting at 9:31 a.m.
Howorth rejoined the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

Goodman and Agena recused themselves at 9:49 a.m.
Goodman rejoined the meeting at 9:50 a.m.
Roberts and Howorth recused themselves from the meeting at 9:50 a.m.
Roberts, Howorth and Agena rejoined the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Returned to open session at 10:15 a.m.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

Physician and Osteopathic Physician Application(s)

SCOTT CAMERON - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Higgins moved, seconded by Smith, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Bittles, Henkenuis, Goodman, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

KARYN CATT - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Smith moved, seconded by Scott, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Henkenuis, Goodman, Scott. Abstain: Bittles. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

EUN HAE CHANG - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Smith moved, seconded by Goodman, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Bittles, Henkenuis, Goodman, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

KATHERINE HOEKSTRA - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Scott moved, seconded by Bittles, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Bittles, Henkenuis, Goodman, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

JEREMY ENNIS - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Higgins moved, seconded by Smith, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Bittles, Henkenuis, Goodman, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

ROGELIO MARTINEZ - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Smith moved, seconded by Scott, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Bittles, Henkenuis, Goodman, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

BETTINA WATKINS - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Smith moved, seconded by Higgins, to table a recommendation on this application pending further information. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Bittles, Henkenuis, Goodman, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

IOANNIS CHATZIZISI - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Higgins moved, seconded by Smith, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Bittles, Henkenuis, Goodman, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

DENNIS BURROW - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Scott moved, seconded by Bittles, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Bittles, Henkenuis, Goodman, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

JONATHAN MCGLOTHAN - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Smith moved, seconded by Bittles, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Bittles, Henkenuis, Goodman, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

WILLIAM THOMAS - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Higgins moved, seconded by Bittles, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Bittles, Henkenuis, Goodman, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

RICKY SEABUL - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Higgins moved, seconded by Bittles, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Bittles, Henkenuis, Goodman, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

NIMA MOWZON - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Smith moved, seconded by Roberts, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Bittles, Henkenuis, Goodman. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Scott. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Temporary Education Permits

LINDSAY UTLEY - application for a temporary education permit to practice medicine and surgery. Bittles moved, seconded by Scott, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Bittles, Henkenuis, Goodman, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

NAWRAS ABUHAMIDAH - application for a temporary education permit to practice medicine and surgery. Higgins moved, seconded by Scott, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Bittles, Henkenuis, Goodman, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

MATTHEW EVANS - application for a temporary education permit to practice medicine and surgery. Scott moved, seconded by Smith, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Bittles, Henkenuis, Goodman, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

JEREMY PEPIN - application for a temporary education permit to practice medicine and surgery. Bittles, seconded by Higgins, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Bittles, Henkenuis, Goodman, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

HARRISON WURSTER - application for a temporary education permit to practice medicine and surgery. Smith moved, seconded by Bittles, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Bittles, Henkenuis, Goodman, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Locum Tenens

MARIA AGUIRRE - application for a locum tenens license to practice medicine and surgery. Bittles moved, seconded by Smith, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Bittles, Henkenuis, Goodman, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

THOMAS MARTIN - application for a locum tenens license to practice medicine and surgery. Higgins moved, seconded by Smith, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Bittles, Henkenuis, Goodman, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Physician and Osteopathic Reinstatement Application

VINCENT MISCIA - application for reinstatement of a license to practice medicine and surgery. Smith moved, seconded by Roberts, to table a recommendation pending further information. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Bittles, Henkenuis, Goodman, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Physician and Osteopathic Reinstatements After Discipline

RAYMOND HELLER - application for reinstatement of a license to practice medicine and surgery. Higgins moved, seconded by Bittles, to reinstate license off of probation early. Voting aye: Howorth, Smith, Higgins, Roberts, Bittles, Henkenuis, Goodman, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

SCOTT STRASBURGER - application for reinstatement of a license to practice medicine and surgery. Higgins moved, seconded by Smith, to rescind the previous recommendation and deny his application based on the statement of his attorney admitting relapse. Voting aye: Smith, Higgins, Bittles, Henkenuis, Scott, Goodman. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Roberts, Howorth. Absent: none. Motion carried.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAFETY ACT

Kathie Lueke provided an update with regard the LB37 passing and being signed by the Governor. The Board of Pharmacy has formed a sub-committee that will be meeting twice in June and then the Pharmacy will have a full Board meeting in July. What the Pharmacy Board is looking at, in addition to updating the regulations, is incorporating conditions of LB37.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION VS. NORTH CAROLINA DENTAL BOARD SUPREME COURT DECISION

The Board review a draft Memorandum that was put together by Department Legal and the Attorney General's office.

LEGISLATION UPDATE

LB129 – Require criminal background checks for applicants for an initial nursing license
Update: signed by Governor – The Licensure Unit is currently undertaking the establishment of provisions that would affect the initial license application of LPNs and RNs that are now subject to background changes.

LB187 – Require DHHS and health care facilities to provide information regarding abortion.

LB196 – Change provisions relating to student loans and loan repayments.
Update: signed by the Governor.

LB257 – Require insurers to provide descriptions relating to telehealth and telemonitoring.
Update: signed by Governor.

LB264 – Provide for issuance of credentials under the Uniform Credentialing Act based on military education, training or experience.
Update – signed by Governor.

Goodman moved, seconded by Scott, to go back into closed session at 10:51 a.m.

Roberts and Howorth recused themselves at 10:51 a.m.
Roberts and Howorth rejoined the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Back into open session at 11:17 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

Mark Goodman, MD
Secretary
Board of Medicine and Surgery