



Board of Pharmacy

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Approved Meeting Minutes

Remote Meeting

Wednesday, December 20th, 2023, at 9:00a.m.

Members Present: Robert Carpenter, RPh, Chair; Michael Carroll, RPh; Stephanie Ibey, RPh; Wendy Magee, public member; Olivia Sprague, RPh; Corey Duteau, RPh; and James Arisman, Esq., public member.

Members Absent: Catherine Haraden, Secretary, CPhT

OPR and SOS Personnel Present: Carrie Phillips, Executive Officer; Emily Tredeau, Staff Attorney; George Hasselback, Prosecuting Attorney; Julie Bowen, Docket Clerk; Jen Colin, Chief Prosecutor; Michael Kupersmith, Administrative Law Officer; Keving Rushing, OPR Director; Agatha Kessler, OPR Assistant Director; Dylan Bruce, Policy/Planning Analyst; Paul Petralia, Investigator; Aprille Morrison, Licensing Administrator Supervisor; and Corey Young, Licensing Administrator II.

Public: Emma Shouldice; Wesley Crockett; Elizabeth Costea; and Sarah Everingham.

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Mr. Carpenter.

2. Changes to the Agenda:

- Mr. Carroll requested an update on the pending administrative rules.

3. Approval of previous minutes:

- The Board approved the minutes for October 25th, 2023, as presented.
- Ms. Magee moved to approve the minutes for December 6th, 2023, special meeting as presented. Ms. Sprague seconded the motion; the motion carried but was not unanimous.
 - Ms. Magee, Ms. Ibey & Ms. Sprague approve of the minutes.
 - Mr. Arisman & Mr. Carroll disapprove of the minutes.
 - Mr. Duteau & Mr. Carpenter abstain.

4. Discipline: 9:15am – In re: *Nicole Marie LaPlante, Docket No. 2023-167 & 2023-168*; Summary Suspension Hearing

- Mr. Arisman moved to accept the summary suspension as presented. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Sprague did not participate in the hearing.

5. Executive Officer Update

- Ms. Phillips shared her EO report and recently licensed entities with the Board.

6. Topics for Discussion:

- **NIH UC Health StrokeNet Central Pharmacy Request for Exemption for licensure**
 - Ms. Costea spoke to the Board on behalf of StrokeNet.
 - Mr. Carroll moved to grant the exemption for licensure request. Mr. Duteau seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Phillips will communicate with Ms. Costea following the meeting with the exemption approval.

- **Board Budget Presentation:** Mr. Rushing, Ms. Kessler & Mr. Bruce presented budget data to the Board.

7. Other Business:

- Attorney Tredeau provided the Board with an update on the pending administrative rules revisions. Mr. Carroll questioned why the rules have not made any progress since the Board's last action on the rules in June. Attorney Tredeau explained that until May of 2023 the General Counsel division was run solely by one attorney who was forced to triage while doing the work of three people covering all 51 of OPR's professions, and that the GC unit has had to prioritize in addressing the backlog. In addition, Attorney Tredeau explained, substantial progress actually had been made in drafting ICAR submission paperwork and revising areas of the existing draft rules, previously approved by the Board, that failed to effect the Board's intended policy.
- Executive Officer, Carrie Phillips, acknowledged the Board members who are leaving the Board as of 12/31/2023. Michael Carroll, James Arisman, Robert Carpenter and Stephanie Ibey have either met their 10 year Board member term limit or have resigned from the Board. OPR is in active recruitment of new members to fill these vacancies.

8. Public Comment: none

9. Next Meeting topics: No topics noted at this meeting

10. Adjournment:

Mr. Duteau moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 am. Ms. Sprague seconded. Motion passed.

Next Scheduled Meeting – January 24th, 2024
Please check the [OPR Meeting Calendar](#) for update.