



Board of Pharmacy

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Approved Meeting Minutes

Remote Meeting

Wednesday, October 25th, 2023, at 9:00a.m.

Members Present: Robert Carpenter, RPh, Chair; Catherine Haraden, Secretary, CPhT; Michael Carroll, RPh; Stephanie Ibey, RPh; Wendy Magee, public member; Olivia Sprague, RPh; and Linda Retchin, Ad Hoc Public Member (left prior to adjournment).

Members Absent: Corey Duteau, RPh; James Arisman, Esq., public member.

OPR and SOS Personnel Present: Carrie Phillips, Executive Officer; Emily Tredeau, Staff Attorney; George Hasselback, Prosecuting Attorney; Julie Bowen, Docket Clerk; Derek Everett, Chief Investigator; and Corey Young, Licensing Administrator II.

Public: Jessica Adams; Wesley Crockett; Scott Tomerlin; Cheri L'Esperance; Danielle Allen; Ashley MacWalters; Lisa Hurteau; Alyssa Cappelluti; Taylor Robichaud; and Wes McMillian.

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:01 A.M. by Mr. Carpenter.

2. Changes to the Agenda:

3. Approval of previous minutes:

- The Board approved the minutes for September 27th, 2023, as presented.

4. Discipline: 9:15am – In re: *Glen Palmer, Docket No. 2023-126*; Stipulation and Consent Order

- Ms. Haraden moved to reject the stipulation and consent order as presented. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Inspector Report

- Inspector Everett provided a combined Q2 and Q3 report and took questions from the Board.

6. Executive Officer Update

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

7. Topics for Discussion:

- Reviewed the two-year requirement for pharmacist manager waiver request submitted by Walgreens for their Barre, VT location. Mr. Carroll moved to approve the waiver request; Ms. Ibey seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Reviewed the draft pharmacist state prescribing protocol for influenza and COVID-19 Vaccines to ages 5 years and older. The Board asked for stakeholder comments, none were provided. Ms. Ibey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to approve the draft for review and approval by OPR's Director and Commissioner Levine. Motion passed.
- Officer Election

- Mr. Carpenter moved to remain Board chair, nominating Mr. Duteau as vice chair and Ms. Haraden as secretary. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion, motion passed.

Chair: Robert Carpenter

Vice Chair: Corey Duteau

Secretary: Catherine Haraden

- The Board agreed to hold the next Board meeting on December 20th at 9:00am. Mr. Young will send an email to the Board as formal notice.

- 8. Correspondence:** Mr. Carpenter agreed to attend the NABP Interactive Member Forum, Nov. 27 – 28, 2023
- 9. Other Business:** Ms. Haraden voiced potential concern about volume of vaccines in community pharmacies, in particular those with a sole pharmacist on duty. She had heard from 3 community pharmacists that there has been a notable increase in immunization traffic this Fall. Both she and Inspector Everett noted that appointments for immunizations are usually being scheduled every 15 to 20 minutes (sometimes every 10 minutes) and such appointments often involve more than one patient (families) and/or more than one, sometimes up to 4, vaccines per appointment. Inspector Everett relayed he had not heard of any complaints during his inspections, at this time.
- 10. Public Comment:** none
- 11. Next Meeting topics:** none noted at this time
- 12. Adjournment:**
Ms. Magee moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 am. Ms. Ibey seconded; motion passed.

Next Scheduled Meeting – December 20th, 2023
Please check the [OPR Meeting Calendar](#) for update.