



Board of Pharmacy

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Approved Meeting Minutes

Remote Meeting

Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023 at 9:00a.m.

Members Present: Robert Carpenter, RPh, Vice Chair (via web); Corey Duteau, RPh (via web); James Arisman, Esq., public member, Secretary (via web); Olivia Sprague, RPh (via web); Catherine Haraden, CPhT (via web); and Wendy Magee, public member (via web)

Members Absent: Stephanie Ibey, RPh; and Michael Carroll, RPh, Chair

OPR and SOS Personnel Present: Carrie Phillips, Executive Officer; Noura Eltabbakh, Staff Attorney; Julie Bowen, Docket Clerk; and Corey Young, Licensing Administrator II

Public: Scott Tomerlin (via web); Wesley Crockett (via web); Jessica Adams (via web); Cheri L'Esperance (via web); Sandra Rosa (via web); Shannon Miller (via web); Steve Simpson (via web); Kevin Stark (via web); Tim Hurteau (via web); Grace Sesi (via web); Julie MacDougall (via web); Sarah Everingham (via web); and Amy Yanicak Stoll (via web)

1. Call to Order

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

2. Changes to the Agenda:

- Ms. Phillips requested that a waiver request for rule 6.2 from Kinney Drugs be put on the agenda under "Topics for Discussion".

3. Approval of previous minutes:

- Mr. Carpenter approved the minutes for February 22nd, 2023, as presented.

4. Discipline:

- *9:03am – In re: PharmMEDium Services, LLC, Docket No. 2019-104; Default Order*
 - Ms. Magee moved to accept the default order as presented. Mr. Duteau seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Executive Officer Update

- Ms. Phillips shared her EO report and recent license approvals with the Board.

6. Legislative Updates:

- Ms. Phillips reviewed relevant bills currently under consideration by the Vermont General Assembly

7. Topics for Discussion:

- **A) Rule 6.2 waiver request – Kinney Drugs; Lyndonville, VT**
 - Mr. Arisman moved to accept Kinney Drugs' request that Rule 6.2(a) be waived to permit Elham Gharib, who has been licensed and in good standing as a pharmacist for more than one year but less than two years, to serve as a pharmacist-manager for the Lyndonville, Vermont pharmacy location. Ms. Magee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **B) Hands-on pharmacy technician opportunities for non-high school graduates in technician training programs and the Board's registration requirements.**
 - Tim Hurteau (Northwest Technical Center) spoke to the Board about Northwest Technical Center's (NTC) pharmacy technician training program. Mr. Hurteau asked the Board for clarification about the Board's pending rules for pharmacy technician registration.
 - The pending revised rules will require pharmacy technicians to:
 - "hold a high-school diploma, General Equivalency Diploma, or a substantially equivalent certificate of educational achievement"*
 - While students enrolled in the NTC pharmacy technician program would not yet be high school graduates during the "hands-on" portion, the Board clarified that documentation from the program indicating their enrollment and pending completion of the program and high school graduation would qualify as a "substantially equivalent certificate of educational achievement" to allow the students to apply for the proposed 6-month technician-training credential, described in BOP's rule revisions draft.
- **C) Administrative Rules Update**
 - The Board reviewed changes to the rules discussed at the February meeting.
 - A flow chart of the overall rule revision process was reviewed. It seems likely that the process may be completed by the end of Summer 2023.

8. Correspondence:

- **NABP Proposed resolutions**
 - Ms. Phillips and the Board reviewed the pending NABP resolutions:
 - **Point-of-Care Testing and Treatment by Pharmacists (District 1)**
Mr. Duteau moved to support the resolution. Ms. Haraden seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - **Standards of Patient Care Initiative (District 1)**
Mr. Duteau moved to support the resolution. Ms. Sprague seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - **Task Force on Examination Limits (District 2)**
Mr. Duteau moved to support the resolution. Ms. Magee seconded the motion. All voting members in attendance voted nay. Motion did not pass.
 - **Drug Supply Chain Security Act Education and Compliance Assessment (District 2)**
Mr. Duteau moved to support the resolution. Ms. Sprague seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - **Increasing Access to Buprenorphine (District 2)**
Ms. Sprague moved to support the resolution. Mr. Duteau seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - **Identify challenges in aligning renewal cycles across the country for individuals and businesses (District 8)**
No motions were made in support of the resolution. The Board remains neutral on this resolution.

9. Other Business

10. Public Comment

- Sandra Rosa (VPA) asked the Board about the pending pharmacy rules public comment timeline.

11. Next Meeting topics:

- NABP Resolutions
- Update on rules revisions

1. Adjournment:

Ms. Magee moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:34am. Ms. Sprague seconded the motion, motion passed.

Next Scheduled Meeting –Wednesday April 26th, 2023

Please check the [OPR Meeting Calendar](#) for update.