



Board of Pharmacy

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Approved Minutes

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m., by Ms. Stephanie Ibey, RPh, Chair

Members Present: Ms. Stephanie Ibey, RPh, Chair; Mr. James Arisman, Esq., public member; Mr. Corey Duteau, RPh; Ms. Judith Wernecke, Secretary, public member; Ms. Catharine Haraden, CPhT, and Mr. William Chatoff, RPh

Member(s) Absent: Mr. Michael Carroll, RPh, and Mr. Robert Carpenter, RPh, Vice Chair

OPR Personnel Present: Carrie Phillips, Executive Officer; Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel, and Aprille Morrison, Licensing Administrator III

Guests: Kathleen Wobby, Jennifer Mathews, Jeff Cohen, Lauren Bode, Bill Maguire, David Simpson and Brian Bruyns

2. Approval of minutes from August 28, 2019 meeting

The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the August 28, 2019 meeting. Hearing no objections or corrections to the minutes, Ms. Ibey deemed the minutes approved as written.

3. Discipline

- a. 9:30 am – Summary Suspension In Re: Jeff Cohen, docket #2019-148. The Board entered deliberative session from 10:41 am to 10:56 am. Mr. Arisman moved to grant the prosecutions summary suspension request of Jeff Cohen's Vermont Pharmacist license. Mr. Duteau seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ms. Ibey did not participate in the vote as she was the Investigative Team member.
- b. 9:30 am – Order to Remove Conditions In Re: Meghan Groth, docket #2017-25. Mr. Chatoff moved to accept the order to remove conditions from Meghan Groth's Vermont Pharmacist license. Ms. Wernecke seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Topics for Discussion

- a. Executive Officer Report.
 - i. Ms. Phillips informed members present of the activities, applications, renewals and correspondence she has been engaged in since the August 28th Board of Pharmacy meeting.
- b. Discussion about USP Chapters
 - i. Ms. Phillips requested the Board begin thinking about reasonable options for USP compliance. Mr. Chatoff requested the Board review USP 795 and possibly 800 prior to the December Board meeting in order to have a

valuable discussion regarding implementation into Statutes and Administrative Rules.

- c. Election of Officers.
 - i. Mr. Arisman nominated Stephanie Ibey for Chair, Robert Carpenter for Vice-Chair and Judith Wernecke for Secretary. Nominations were accepted by Ms. Ibey and Ms. Wernecke. Mr. Duteau moved to elect the nominated slate of officers. Mr. Arisman seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - d. Internship Hours requirement – barrier issues – Albany College of Pharmacy
 - i. Ms. Jennifer Mathews, ACPHS Regional Dean, and Ms. Lauren Bode requested the Board provide guidance to ACHPS students regarding non-concurrent internship hours and whether they are acceptable. After hearing the request, the Board developed with OPR General Counsel a Waiver and Guidance Document, captioned *Internship-Hour Requirements for ACPE-Accredited Programs and Their Graduates*. Mr. Chatoff moved to adopt the document. Mr. Duteau seconded the motion. Motion passed. The adopted text has been posted to the Statutes & Rules page of the Board's website.
 - e. Budget Report – Lauren Hibbert – Director of OPR
 - i. Ms. Hibbert informed members of the current status of their Board budget and assured members that with the July 1, 2019 application and renewal fee increases the Board should be back on track and not need an additional fee increase in the 20-21 legislative session.
 - f. HealthDirect – request for waiver
 - i. David Simpson and Brian Bruyns from HealthDirect, along with Bill Maguire, addressed the Board, explaining their automated pharmacy workflow in great detail. The requestors asked for a waiver to allow that the pharmacist's final check occur in the middle of a workflow that is otherwise tightly mechanized with robotic and optical carry-through. The Board determined that the process, as described by HealthDirect, does involve an appropriate final check by a licensed pharmacist at the relevant point in the dispensing process. Consequently, the process was felt to be compliant with statute and rule, and no waiver was required.
 - g. Ms. Morrison informed members present that her role with the Board has changed, as she has accepted a role as a licensing supervisor. The office is currently interviewing for Ms. Morrison's replacement, and once a successor has been identified, Ms. Morrison will reach out to everyone with the updated contact information.
5. **Adjournment:** Mr. Duteau made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:14 pm. Mr. Chatoff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Tuesday, December 10, 2019
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