

2201 SHANNON PLACE, SE
2ND FLOOR
WASHINGTON, DC 20020

August 1, 2024

Time: 9:30 am

**OPEN SESSION AGENDA
(WEBEX MEETING)**

Board of Pharmacy Mission Statement:

“To protect and improve the public health through the efficient and effective regulation of the practice of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Detailing; through the licensure of Pharmacists, Pharmaceutical Detailers, Pharmacy Interns, and Pharmacy Technicians.”

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESIDING:

BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	MR. ALAN FRIEDMAN, R.PH, VICE CHAIRPERSON	
	DR. BENJAMIN MILES, PHARM.D. R.PH	
	DR. ASHLEE BOW, PHARM.D. R.PH	
	DR. ALLISON HILL, PHARM.D. R.PH	
STAFF:	DR. JUSTIN ORTIQUE, PHARM.D. R.PH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
	KARIN BARRON, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	
	LUANNE GREENAWAY, PROGRAM SPECIALIST	
	COUNTEE GILLIAM, BOARD INVESTIGATOR	
LEGAL STAFF:	CARLA WILLIAMS, SENIOR ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL	
VISITORS:		

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Quorum:

Introduction:		
o801-O-01	<u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• June 6, 2024, Open Session Meeting Minutes	
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	None	
<u>Chairperson Report</u>		Mr. Alan Friedman
<u>Office of Government Relations (OGR) Report Updates</u>	Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DC Health worked on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years.• The revised HORA received Mayoral approval and has been introduced in the Council as the Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023 (B25-0545).• This legislation received a hearing on December 7th. Over 80 witnesses, many of whom were healthcare professionals, signed up to provide testimony. DC Health's Associate Director of Health Professional Licensing Boards provided testimony in support and answered questions from the Council.• DC Health has been working on the Committee on Health following that hearing. A mark-up was held on March 21st, 2024. The legislation was passed unanimously by the Committee of the Whole on First Reading on April 2nd and on Second Reading on May 7th. The legislation was signed by the Mayor on May 29th and will now go through Congressional Review. OGR anticipates this will become law by July 25th.• Changes to the Board of Social Work include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Telehealth: The bill introduced proposes the first-ever uniform guidelines for telehealth services in the District, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allowing District-licensed professionals to use telehealth as a service modality to treat patients located in the District.• Permits a patient-client or patient-provider relationship to be established through telehealth.• Requires that health professionals providing telehealth services register with the District and comply with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program when prescribing certain medications.	Ms. Kera Johnson

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • And exempts telehealth companies from the Certificate of Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scope of Practice, Licensure, and Registration Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes technical clarifying changes to scope of practice including exemptions for unlicensed graduates of Social Work programs. The Committee Print adds language that would allow for individuals with bachelors, masters, or doctoral degrees in social work to participate in non-clinical practice without becoming licensed social workers. The language provides a clear definition of non-clinical practice, encompassing tasks and competencies included in social work education but outside the realm of clinical assessment, diagnosis, or treatment of mental health conditions. This adjustment effectively broadens professional opportunities for social work graduates, enabling them to apply their skills and knowledge within the community in a non-clinical context. ▪ Reorganization of Health Professional Licensing Boards: Currently oversees 19 Health Professional Boards – this bill is changing that by decreasing the total number of Boards to 15 (merging/consolidating). The Board of Social Work will remain independent. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modifies Board to include a flexible position to be drawn from any of the licensure categories • Reasons: Improve administrative efficiency of boards to streamline the application process and address quorum issues and board vacancies. <p>Council Recess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District of Columbia Council will be on recess starting on July 15th through September 15th. During that time, limited activity can take place by the Council. 	
<p><u>Executive Director Report</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Statistical Report on Pharmacy Professionals in the District of Columbia ▪ Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Updates ▪ DCRx (DC Center for Rational Prescribing) ▪ Pharmacist Working Conditions ▪ Board of Pharmacy Vacancies <p>If you are interested in becoming a Board member, you can apply through the following link:</p> <p>https://motaboardstheresumator.com/apply/1L8k6Q/Board-Of-Pharmacy</p>	<p>Dr. Justin Ortique</p>

<u>Senior Assistant General Counsel Report</u>		
o801-O-02	Changes to the Pharmacist Scope of Practice Pursuant to the Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA)	Ms. Carla Williams
<u>Subcommittee Reports</u>		
o801-O-03	<u>Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee Report</u>	Mr. Alan Friedman
o801-O-04	<u>Communications Subcommittee Report</u>	Dr. Allison Hill
<u>Pharmacy Technician Task Force</u>	<u>None</u>	
NABP E-Newsletter	<p>July 25, 2024</p> <p>New FDA Public Portal Allows Patients, Health Care Providers, and Organizations to Report Drug Shortages</p> <p>USP Publishes 2023 Annual Drug Shortages Report</p> <p>NABP Wins 2024 APEX Award for Innovations' January 2023 Issue</p> <p>ISMP Warns That Dexmedetomidine May Contain Overlap Labeled as Acetaminophen</p> <p>LAPPA Releases Fact Sheet About Novel Psychoactive Substances: Medetomidine</p> <p>UF Health and CDC Launch HPP to Help Manage High Blood Pressure</p> <p>July 17, 2024</p> <p>DEA Publishes Guidance for Pharmacies Dispensing CS During a Cyberattack</p> <p>NABP Hosts Webinar on Evolving Pharmacy Practice</p> <p>FDA Scheduled to Host Its Fifth 'Online Controlled Substance Summit' in July</p> <p>FDA Releases Guidance on Misinformation About Medical Products</p>	Mr. Alan Friedman

	<p>NIH Devises Plan to Tackle H5N1 Concerns</p> <p>More Than 115 Million Illicit Fentanyl Pills Seized in 2023</p> <p>Nova Scotia Pharmacists Help Open 25 Primary Care Clinics</p> <p>Note to the Public: To receive weekly updates from NABP, please sign up by using the following link: https://nabp.pharmacy/newsroom/news/.</p>	
<u>Comments from the Public</u>		
<u>Motion to Adjourn the Open Session</u>	<p>"Madam Board Chair, I move that the Board close the Open Public session portion of the meeting and move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the following purposes: to discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to § 2-575(b)(9); to seek the advice of counsel to the board, to preserve the attorney-client privilege, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4); and to plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigations pursuant to § 2-575(b)(14)." ROLL CALL VOTE</p>	

This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the reasons set forth in the motion.

Open Session Meeting Adjourned at : am

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