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WASHINGTON, DC 20020

December 5, 2024

9:32 AM - 10:05 AM

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES
(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.”

Open Session Agenda

Quorum: Yes

Introduction:		
1205-O-01	<p><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• October 3, 2024, Open Session Meeting Minutes <p>Motion: Board Member, Dr. Ashlee Bow moved that the Board approves the October 3, 2024, open session meeting minutes.</p> <p>Seconded by: Board Member, Dr. Benjamin Miles</p> <p>Dr. Benjamin Miles: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Ashlee Bow: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Allison Hill: Absent Mr. Roderick McGill: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Abstentions: None.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• November 7, 2024, Open Session Meeting Minutes <p>Motion: Board Member, Mr. Roderick McGill moved that the Board approves the November 7, 2024, open session meeting minutes.</p> <p>Seconded by: Board Member, Dr. Ashlee Bow.</p> <p>Dr. Benjamin Miles: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Ashlee Bow: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Allison Hill: Absent. Mr. Roderick McGill: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Abstentions: None.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	None	
<u>Vice Chairperson Report</u>	None	Mr. Alan Friedman
<u>Office of Government</u>	Board Confirmation Roundtable:	Dr. Justin Ortique

<p><u>Relations (OGR) Report Updates</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Committee on Health held a roundtable on November 7, 2024 to discuss the nominees for the Boards of Pharmacy, Nursing, Medicine, Professional Counseling, and Massage Therapy. ▪ An additional meeting on November 18, 2024 advanced the nominees of the Committee on Health to await a final vote by the DC Council. All nominees were voted on by the Committee of the Whole, and passed, during the November 26, 2024 legislative meeting. ▪ The nominee for the Board of Pharmacy is Dr. Jamila Jorden. ▪ DC Council’s Winter Recess will begin on December 23, 2024, and end on January 2, 2025, ending Council Period 25. On its return from recess, DC Council will begin Period 26. 																			
<p><u>Executive Director Report</u></p>	<p>Statistical Report on Pharmacy Professionals in the District of Columbia</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="496 779 1133 1184"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>PHARMACEUTICAL DETAILERS</td> <td>739</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PHARMACISTS</td> <td>2,330</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PHARMACY INTERNS</td> <td>339</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PHARMACY TECHNICIANS</td> <td>1,349</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PHARMACY TECHNICIAN TRAINEES</td> <td>170</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PHARMACISTS WITH VAC AUTHORITY</td> <td>884</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PHARMACY TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAMS</td> <td>14</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All pharmacists are reminded to register for the <i>Prescription Drug Monitoring Program</i> (PDMP) within ninety (90) days of licensure in the District of Columbia at https://districtofcolumbia.pmpaware.net/login. ▪ As a reminder, new licensees will receive notifications regarding registration for the program every thirty (30) days after licensure. Licensees who fail to comply are subject to being fined. ▪ The next <i>PDMP Advisory Committee Meeting</i> is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2024, from 10:00 AM -11:30 AM. <p>DCRx (DC Center for Rational Prescribing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board of Pharmacy’s vendor, <i>Innovation Horizons</i>, has honored its contract with the Board by releasing all four (4) modules for continuing education credits for this contract year. 			PHARMACEUTICAL DETAILERS	739	PHARMACISTS	2,330	PHARMACY INTERNS	339	PHARMACY TECHNICIANS	1,349	PHARMACY TECHNICIAN TRAINEES	170	PHARMACISTS WITH VAC AUTHORITY	884	PHARMACY TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAMS	14			<p>Dr. Justin Ortique</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A DCRx Annual Learner Survey was recently transmitted via email, and via PDMP announcements today. • Thank you to all who completed surveys; they will be used in planning for the upcoming year. <p>Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians: Upcoming Renewal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewals are set to begin on January 2, 2025, as an email announcing the opening of the renewal period will be disseminated throughout the District’s pharmacy community in the upcoming weeks. • The email will include information on the Board of Pharmacy’s change in the licensure renewal process wherein licensure renewal will be due by the end of the licensee’s birth month in the next odd year for licensees born in an odd year, and the next even year for licensees born in an even year. • All licensure renewal applications will be accessible at https://doh.force.com/dchealthrenewals/s/portal-page. 	
<u>Senior Assistant General Counsel Report</u>		
1205-O-02	<p><u>Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (re the Working Conditions Regulations for Pharmacists)</u></p> <p>(a) Chapter 19, Pharmacies, of Subtitle B, Public Health and Medicine, Title 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pharmaceutical Control Division has published proposed rulemaking – concerning Chapter 19, Pharmacies, of Subtitle B, Public Health and Medicine, Title 22 – for comment. • This rulemaking, which was published in the DC Register on November 22, 2024, entered the thirty (30) day comment period, which will end on December 24, 2024. • All stakeholders, as well as Line Pharmacists (who will be most affected by this rulemaking) are encouraged to submit comments. 	Ms. Carla Williams
<u>Subcommittee Reports</u>		
1205-O-03	<p><u>Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Subcommittee elected to recess during November – December, 2024. • The Subcommittee has made significant progress in identifying the areas within the HORA changes wherein pharmacists and pharmacy technicians – and where applicable, pharmaceutical detailers – can move forward with the legislative changes. • The Subcommittee has also identified areas within the HORA 	Mr. Alan Friedman

	<p>changes wherein the Board of Pharmacy needs to provide further guidance through the regulatory process [for some of the HORA changes].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Subcommittee will continue its work in January, 2025 on the Prep and PEP, emergency field regulations, and shared services. • The Subcommittee will also make recommendations to the Pharmaceutical Control Division. • The next <i>Open Session Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee</i> meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 29, 2025 from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM. 	
1205-O-04	<p><u>Communications Subcommittee Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Communications Subcommittee is currently working on its next publication of the newsletter, which is expected to be released in January, 2025. • All are encouraged to register to receive the newsletter at nabp.pharmacy. 	Dr. Ashlee Bow
<u>Pharmacy Technician Task Force</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pharmacy Technician Task Force anticipates its first meeting at the beginning of the year. 	
NABP E-Newsletters	<p>November 13, 2024</p> <p>NABP Collaborates to Launch Pulse by NABP Pilot in South Africa</p> <p>The 2024 National Pharmacy Workforce Study Is Live!</p> <p>FDA’s OA REMS Program to Allow Pharmacies to Request Mail-Back Envelopes for Opioid Analgesics</p> <p>ISMP Publishes Guidance for Imported Fluid Products</p> <p>LAPPA Publishes Model Language Related to Pharmacist Management of Overdose Reversal Medications</p> <p>US Antibiotic Awareness Week Is November 18-24</p> <p>November 20, 2024</p> <p>NABP Blog: Transformative Technologies Present Opportunities for Pharmacy Practice and Regulation.</p> <p>NABP’s Webinars Offer CPE Credit for Pharmacy Professionals.</p> <p>FDA Proposes Removing Oral Phenylephrine as Active Ingredient from Nasal Congestion Products</p>	Mr. Alan Friedman

	<p>October Drug Take Back Day Removes 630,000 Pounds of Unneeded Medications from Homes Across the Country</p> <p>CDC Advises Pneumococcal Vaccine for Individuals 50 Years and Older</p> <p>NABP’s Director of Innovation Shares DSCSA Insights at Seminar</p> <p>NABP Accepting Nominations for 2025 Leadership Awards</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>	
<p><u>Comments from the Public</u></p>	<p>Karla Evans asks the Board to explain the process of rulemaking beyond the comment period.</p> <p>Board Vice Chairperson, Mr. Friedman responds as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rulemaking is published in the DC Register and open for public comment for thirty (30) days, after which it returns to the Board for comment review. (Comments should be submitted in writing, by December 24, 2024. The instructions on submitting comments should be in the Register). • The Board will review all comments and if the Board chooses to leave the regulations as they are currently proposed, then the Board would approve the regulations at the next available Open Session meeting and publish them as final. • If upon comment review the Board decides that substantial changes are to be made, the drafted regulations will be modified, republished in the Register and will enter a second comment period. • The proposed regulations would complete the aforementioned process until no revisions are made. Then, the regulations would be published as final. <p>Board Counsel, Ms. Carla Williams adds the following:</p> <p>Please observe that the current proposed regulations are those of the Pharmaceutical Control Division. The Board shares these proposed regulations at Open Session meetings as this is the best opportunity to reach all stakeholders and members of the public.</p> <p>Therefore, the process would be such that after the comment period closes, the comments will be reviewed by the Pharmaceutical Control Division and if changes are made to the proposed regulations, they are republished.</p> <p>If there are substantive issues where the pharmaceutical control division requests the Board’s opinion, then the Board may advise the</p>	

	pharmaceutical control division. Ultimately, the decision to make changes to proposed legislation lies with DC Health.	
<p><u>Motion to Adjourn the Open Session</u></p>	<p>Board member, Dr. Benjamin Miles, moves as follows:</p> <p>"Mister Vice 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> <p>Seconded by: Board Member, Mr. Roderick McGill.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Dr. Benjamin Miles: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Ashlee Bow: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Allison Hill: Absent. Mr. Roderick McGill: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Abstentions: None.</p> <p>Motion Carried.</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 10:05 AM.

This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov.