

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FLOOR.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

February 3, 2022

9:34 AM – 11:04 AM

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES
(VIA ZOOM MEETING DUE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY)**

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: 9:34 AM

PRESIDING: DR. TAMARA McCANTS, PHARM.D. R.PH CHAIRPERSON

BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	DR. TAMARA McCANTS, PHARM.D. R.PH CHAIRPERSON	PRESENT
	MR. ALAN FRIEDMAN, R.PH, VICE CHAIRPERSON	PRESENT
	DR. BENJAMIN MILES, PHARM.D. R.PH	PRESENT
	DR. ASHLEE BOW, PHARM.D. R.PH	PRESENT
	DR. ALLISON HILL, PHARM.D. R.PH	PRESENT
STAFF:	DR. JUSTIN ORTIQUE, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	PRESENT
	KARIN BARRON, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	PRESENT
	LUANNE GREENAWAY, PROGRAM SPECIALIST	PRESENT
	COUNTEE GILLIAM, BOARD INVESTIGATOR	PRESENT
LEGAL STAFF:	CARLA WILLIAMS, SENIOR ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL	PRESENT
VISITORS:	CHARLENE FAIRFAX, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE	
	CAROLYN PRICE, DC PHARMACY ASSOCIATION	
	HEATHER BURRIS, DOH IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM	
	JUAN MADRANO, DC PHARMACY ASSOCIATION	
	ANDREW KIM, GRUBBS PHARMACY	
	DAMIKA WALKER, GRUBBS PHARMACY	
	CASSANDRA LATNEY, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	
	ANGELA BRYANT, CVS SPECIALTY PHARMACY	
	KIDEST TESFAYE, INSPECTOR, DC BOARD OF PHARMACY	
	DON ZOWADER, PUBLIC	
	CHRISTINA ROBINSON	
	CHIAMAKA ADADEY	
	LAUREN PAUL	
	MILES HENNESSEE	
	TAYLOR NELSON	
	TA'CEANA MONTGOMERY	
	ZITA ORJI	
	JESSICA ADAMS	
	ALSEAN BRYANT	
	P. DRAKE	

Open Session Agenda

Quorum: Yes

Introduction:		
0203-O-01	<p><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for</u></p> <p>December 2, 2021</p> <p>Motion: Board Member Mr. Alan Friedman moves the Board to approve the December 2, 2021 open session minutes.</p> <p>Seconded by: Dr. Benjamin Miles.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Mr. Alan Friedman: Votes in favor of the motion Dr. Benjamin Miles: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Ashlee Bow: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Abstentions: Dr. Ashlee Bow.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for</u></p> <p>January 6, 2022</p> <p>Motion: Board Member Dr. Benjamin Miles moves the Board to approve the December 2, 2021 open session minutes.</p> <p>Seconded by: Dr. Ashley Bow.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Mr. Alan Friedman: Abstains from voting on this motion. Dr. Benjamin Miles: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Ashlee Bow: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Abstentions: Mr. Alan Friedman.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	

<u>Consent Agenda</u>	None	
<u>Chairperson Report</u>	<p><u>Interprofessional Workgroup</u></p> <p>The Interprofessional Workgroup will reconvene and meet on February 8, 2022. Dr. McCants will report the highlights of the meeting at the open session of the Board’s April monthly meeting.</p> <p><u>This month’s national newsletter – the NABP Newsletter</u></p> <p>DC Board of Pharmacy’s Board Member, Dr. Ashley Bow is featured in the NABP national newsletter.</p> <p><u>NABP Meeting</u></p> <p>The 118th NABP Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 19 – 21, 2022, in Phoenix, Arizona. An opportunity for displaying a poster at the poster session is available for Board Members; and the pharmacy community is invited to collaborate with the Board, specifically DC Pharmacy Association and Howard University College of Pharmacy.</p> <p>Dr. Carolyn Price of the DC Pharmacy Association expresses interest in collaborating with the DC Board of Pharmacy for the poster session.</p> <p><u>February is Heart Health Month and February 7, 2022 is National Black HIV Day.</u></p> <p>Dr. McCants requests that the pharmacy community encourages healthy living in communities in the month of February.</p>	Dr. Tamara McCants
<u>Executive Director Report</u>	<p><u>Statistical Report on pharmacy professionals in the District of Columbia</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pharmacists: 2,079 ▪ Pharmacists with Vaccination and Immunization Authority: 746 ▪ Pharmacy Interns: 871 ▪ Pharmacy Technicians: 951 ▪ Pharmacy Technician Trainees: 190 ▪ Pharmacy Technician Training Programs: 14 ▪ Pharmaceutical Detailers: 7813 <p><u>Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All pharmacists are reminded to register for the <i>Prescription Drug Monitoring Program</i>. Information regarding registration can be found on https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/prescription-drug-monitoring-program. 	Dr. Justin Ortique

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The program now has a mandatory query requirement on dispensations of opioids and benzodiazepines for greater than seven days. ▪ CE available via PMDP: <i>Utilizing the PDMP in Appropriately Evaluating the Therapeutic Concerns</i>. Further information will be published on https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/prescription-drug-monitoring-program. The webinar will be hosted by DC Health and District Addiction Consultation Services, with presentations from Drs. Justin Ortique, Erica Loadman, Eric Chapman and Eric Weintraub on February 23, 2022 from 12:00 – 1:00 PM. <p><u>DC RX (DC Center for Rational Prescribing)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DCRX is continuing to publish continuing education credit courses, all of which can be reviewed at dchealth.dc.gov/dcrx. ▪ A new module on <i>Vaccine Communications</i> will be available in March, 2022. <p><u>Workforce Survey</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Ortique thanks everyone for participating. ▪ 550 pharmacy professionals participated: 430 pharmacists and 112 pharmacy technicians participated. ▪ All survey data and recommendations will be discussed with the Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee, and the Board will determine the next steps concerning the survey. 	
<p><u>Senior Assistant General Counsel Report</u></p>		
<p>0203-O-02</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Ms. Carla Williams</p>
<p><u>Subcommittee Reports</u></p>		
<p>0203-O-03</p>	<p><u>Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee Report</u></p> <p>In December, 2021 the committee disclosed that it met for over a year to review the Board of Pharmacy’s regulations and specific matters that fall under the purview of the Pharmaceutical Control Division.</p> <p>Recommendations for regulatory changes were presented to the Board of Pharmacy as well as the Pharmaceutical Control Division for consideration.</p> <p>All recommendations were approved by the Board of Pharmacy for passage by the Board as well as the Pharmaceutical Control Division.</p> <p>The Board of Pharmacy’s regulations will move through a very detailed process and the regulatory changes will be published in the DC Register for thirty (30) days for the public’s comment. The public</p>	<p>Mr. Alan Friedman</p>

	<p>will have the opportunity to comment on the recommended changes to the regulations during the formal comment period.</p> <p>Once the formal comment period closes, the committee and the Board will review the comments and if substantive changes are made, the recommended changes will go through a regulatory review and again be published for the public. If no substantive changes are made, then the updated regulations will be published as final.</p> <p>The committee will reconvene to discuss detailed topics while it awaits the outcome of the recommended changes moving through the acceptable process. Many changes were recommended, with the intent to update the DC Board of Pharmacy’s regulatory requirements.</p> <p>The process consists of several steps and may be lengthy.</p>	
0203-O-04	<p><u>Communications Subcommittee Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Drs. Ashlee Bow, Justin Ortique and Allison Hill are currently working on the next newsletter, which will be published in March, 2022. ➤ To receive newsletters, please submit email addresses to Dr. Ashlee Bow. 	Dr. Ashlee Bow
Presentation		
0203-O-05	<p><u>COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Team Lead</u> <u>Heather Burris, MPH</u> <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Presentation</u></p> <p>This presentation specifically addresses independent pharmacies providing the COVID-19 Vaccine Booster.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The presentation titled “COVID-19 Vaccination Update” is attached for review and download. 	Dr. Heather Burris, MPH
NABP E-Newsletter	<p><u>January 26, 2022</u></p> <p>NABP Supports Efforts to Improve Pharmacist Workplace Safety and Well-Being to Safeguard Patient Safety</p> <p>NABP, Other Health Care Organizations Support Efforts to Revise NPDB's Basis for Action Codes and Descriptions</p> <p>Warning For Prescribers – Risks of Dental Problems Associated With Buprenorphine</p> <p>Study Shows Patients Are Putting a High Level of Trust in Pharmacists for Care Management</p> <p>Lohxa LLC Issues Voluntary Recall of Senna Syrup</p>	Dr. Tamara McCants

	<p>Adults and Type 1 Diabetes – How Pharmacists Can Help</p> <p><u>January 19, 2022</u></p> <p>New York City to Install Public Health Vending Machines With Naloxone, Other Supplies to Combat Opioid Epidemic</p> <p>NABP Explores Regulatory Trends on E-Prescribing and the Impact on the Opioid Epidemic</p> <p>January 25 FDA Drug Topics Webinar Provides Overview of Biosimilar and Interchangeable Biosimilars</p> <p>FDA Continues to Resolve iPLEDGE Data, Access Issues</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><u>Dr. Carolyn Price, DC Pharmacy Association</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The DC Pharmacy Association (DCPA) announces its meeting with the American Pharmacists Association (APhA). The organization has agreed to join the citywide coalition. ➤ DC Pharmacy Association is planning to meet all stakeholders on Friday, February 18, 2022 to discuss its plans in moving forward. DCPA will meet tomorrow, Friday, February 4, 2022 to confirm plans for the February 18th meeting. ➤ DCPA has had extensive discussions with pharmacists regarding workplace issues. The Association is investigating the concerns. <p><u>Juan Gabriel Medrano, DC Pharmacy Association</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Medrano suggests that pharmacists should be allowed to consult with patients on Naloxone and offer the medication [for opioid overdoses]. ➤ Mr. Medrano also thanks the Board for including breathing exercises in the current newsletter. 	
<p><u>Motion to Adjourn the Open Session</u></p>	<p>Board member, Dr. Allison Hill moves as follows:</p> <p>“Madam 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).”</p>	

	<p>Seconded by: Mr. Alan Friedman.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Mr. Alan Friedman: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Benjamin Miles: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Ashlee Bow: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Abstentions: None.</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p>	
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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 11: 04 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.