

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

September 5, 2024

Time:

9:33 am-10:03 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.”

CALL TO ORDER: 9: 33 am

PRESIDING: MR. ALAN FRIEDMAN, R.PH. VICE CHAIRPERSON

BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	MR. ALAN FRIEDMAN, RPH VICE CHAIRPERSON	PRESENT
	DR. BENJAMIN MILES, PHARM.D., RPH	PRESENT
	DR. ASHLEE BOW, PHARM.D., RPH.	ABSENT
	DR. ALLISON HILL, PHARM.D., RPH	PRESENT
STAFF:	DR. JUSTIN ORTIQUE, PHARM.D., RPH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	PRESENT
	KARIN BARRON, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	PRESENT
	LUANNE GREENAWAY, PROGRAM SPECIALIST	PRESENT
	COUNTEE GILLIAM, BOARD INVESTIGATOR	PRESENT
	DR. REGINAL BELLAMY, SUPERVISORY PHARMACIST	PRESENT
LEGAL STAFF:	AJAY GOHIL, ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL	PRESENT
VISITORS:	JESSICA ADAMS, CONSULTANT	
	KIMBERLY BROWN, BEGA	
	GRACE SESI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CVS HEALTH REGULATORY AFFAIRS	

Open Session Agenda

Quorum:

Introduction:		
0905-O-01	<p><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes:</u></p> <p>August 1, 2024, Minutes</p> <p>Motion: Board Member, Dr. Benjamin Miles moves the Board to approve the August 1, 2024, open session meeting minutes.</p> <p>Seconded by: Board Member, Dr. Allison Hill.</p> <p>Dr. Benjamin Miles: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Abstentions: None.</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	None	
0905-O-02	<p><u>Review of HORA FAQs Document</u></p> <p>Vice Chairman, Mr. Friedman reported that the purpose of the FAQs is to articulate clearly what functions District of Columbia pharmacists can currently perform without any new regulatory guidance being promulgated and which functions cannot be performed until the Board creates regulations.</p> <p>Dr. Hill recommended updating the following language within the FAQs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The wordsmithing of the verbiage “immunizations and vaccinations”. ▪ To move the following sub-bullet point to read first: “(*Note: <i>The Board will promulgate regulations to repeal the current regulations that require a protocol and standing order, to address technician vaccinations, and to clarify order and administration of multidose vaccinations.</i>)” ▪ To move the first sub-bullet point to read as the next bullet point and to revise to read as the following: “While a pharmacist can order and administer, a pharmacist is not the prescriber, e.g. a pharmacist cannot administer a vaccination pursuant to another pharmacist’s order.” 	Dr. Justin Ortique/ Mr. Alan Friedman

	<p>The terminology "immunizations and vaccinations" will continue to be included in the FAQs as it was directly extracted from HORA.</p> <p>Motion: Board Member, Dr. Benjamin Miles moves the Board to approve the FAQs as revised.</p> <p>Seconded by: Board Member, Dr. Allison Hill.</p> <p>Dr. Benjamin Miles: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Abstentions: None.</p> <p>Motion Carried</p> <p>The subsequent course of action entails the publication of the frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the DC Board of Pharmacy website and generating an email blast to send to the general public. Concurrently, the Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee is set to initiate the process of formulating regulatory frameworks for eventual presentation to the full Board.</p>	
<p><u>FYI to the Board</u></p>	<p>Vice Chairman, Mr. Friedman reported that the DC Board of Pharmacy is the recipient of the National Pharmacy Association Impact Award in Health Policy. The DC Board of Pharmacy received an invitation to the third annual National Pharmacy Association reception during the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference.</p> <p>The reception will be held Friday, September 13th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 PM at APhA’s Territory located on Constitution Ave., Washington, DC. Dr. Justin Ortique and Dr. Allison Hill will be in attendance.</p>	
<p><u>Comments from the Public</u></p>	<p><u>None</u></p>	
<p><u>Motion to Adjourn the Open Session</u></p>	<p>Board Member, Dr. Allison Hill, moves the Board as follows:</p> <p>“Mister Vice-Chairperson, 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,</p>	

	<p>discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigations pursuant to § 2-575(b)(14).” Seconded by: Dr. Benjamin Miles.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Dr. Benjamin Miles: 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 10:03 am

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