

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR.  
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**April 1, 2021**

**9:38 AM – 10:33 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:** 9:38 AM

**PRESIDING:** MR. ALAN FRIEDMAN, R.PH, VICE CHAIRPERSON (FOR DR. TAMARA McCANTS, PHARM.D. R.PH CHAIRPERSON, UNTIL 9:42 AM).

**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
	GREGORY CENDANA, CONSUMER MEMBER	PRESENT
STAFF:	SHAUNA WHITE, 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:	DON ZOWADER, PUBLIC INTEREST	
	JUAN GABRIEL MADRANO, DC PHARMACY ASSOCIATION	
	TOYIN TAFADE, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	
	CASSANDRA LATNEY, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	
	VICKIE ZHU, SIBLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	
	ANGELA BRYANT, CVS PHARMACY	
	GAIL ELLIOTT, KAISER PERMANENTE	
	ALEX JOHNSON, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLGE OF PHARMACY	
	CHARLENE FAIRFAX – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE	
	JEENU PHILLIP, WALGREENS PHARMACY	
	JONAS TERRY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE	
	ROHINA BAYAT	

## Open Session Agenda

**Quorum:** Yes

<b>Introduction:</b>	Dr. McCants acknowledges the District of Columbia pharmacy community for its role and response to the COVID-19 pandemic. She thanks the community for administering the COVID-19 vaccines and assisting the District's government in achieving its goals regarding vaccination and immunization response.	
<b>0401-O-01</b>	<p><b><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for</u></b></p> <p>February 4, 2021</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Board Member, Mr. Alan Friedman moves the Board to approve the February 4, 2021 Board of Pharmacy Open Session Minutes.</p> <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Benjamin Miles, with one required update concerning the live CE waiver period. Please update the waiver period to read: March 1, 2019 – February 28, 2021.</p> <p><b>Roll Call Vote:</b> 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. Mr. Gregory Cendana: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p><b>Abstentions: None.</b> <b>Motion carried.</b></p> <p><b><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for</u></b></p> <p>March 4, 2021</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Board Member Dr. Ashlee Bow moves the Board to approve the April 1, 2021 Board of Pharmacy Open Session Minutes.</p> <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Mr. Alan Friedman.</p> <p><b>Roll Call Vote:</b> 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. Mr. Gregory Cendana: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion.</p>	

	<b>Abstentions: None. Motion carried.</b>	
<b><u>Consent Agenda</u></b>	<b>None</b>	
<b><u>Chairperson Report</u></b>	<p><b><u>Interprofessional Workgroup</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dr. McCants reports that two members of the Board have been appointed to assist with the interprofessional summit that the District is currently planning. While a general meeting has occurred, no further activity is reported by Dr. Miles. Dr. McCants will publicize information on the summit as it becomes available. The pharmacy community will be represented at the summit.</li> <li>➤ The Scientific Advisory Board for Equitable Distribution of the COVID-19 Vaccine has been successful in reaching citizens throughout the District of Columbia, and vaccinating the population of age 65 and older, especially persons with co-morbidities. The District's mayor intends to authorized persons aged 16 and older to get vaccinated against COVID-19 on May 1, 2021. Dr. McCants encourage the pharmacy community to participate in the immunization process.</li> <li>➤ Dr. McCants announces that she will serve as the chair of the Constitution and By-laws Committee at the NABP Annual Meeting.</li> <li>➤ Dr. McCants informs the pharmacy community that the District remains at the thirty percent (30%) mark for pharmacists authorized to vaccinate and immunize. She encourages the pharmacy community to become authorized to vaccinate and immunize by applying to the DC Board of Pharmacy. Dr. Shauna White reminds the pharmacy community that the Board requires a live demonstration component for the Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certificate, and application.</li> </ul>	Dr. Tamara McCants
<b><u>Executive Director Report</u></b>	<p><b><u>Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Licensure Renewal Period for 2021</u></b></p> <p>The renewal period ended on February 28, 2021. The current late renewal period will end on April 30, 2021.</p> <p>At present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 1,902 Pharmacists, of which 626 are licensed for vaccination and immunization, have renewed their licenses.</li> <li>➤ 751 Pharmacy Technicians have renewed their licenses.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Statistical Report on pharmacy professionals in the District of Columbia</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pharmacists: 1,939</li> </ul>	Dr. Shauna White

- Pharmacists with Vaccination and Immunization Authority: 649
- Pharmacy Interns: 759
- Pharmacy Technicians: 800
- Pharmacy Technician Trainees: 125
- Pharmacy Technician Training Programs: 14
- Pharmaceutical Detailers: 666

#### **Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Updates**

- On March 16, 2021, the DC Council passed legislation requiring mandatory query of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program for prescriptions that were written for more than seven days for benzodiazepines and opioids.
- The PDMP team hosted a successful webinar of over seven hundred (700) participants on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. The team will host another webinar on Friday, April 2, 2021. For more information on the upcoming *Mandatory Query Lunch and Learn Session*, go to <https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/prescription-drug-monitoring-program>.
- Another *Mandatory Query Lunch and Learn Session* may be scheduled in the next few weeks.
- The PDMP team will present the program to the DC Dental Society and continue its outreach efforts to associations and stakeholders.

#### **DC RX (DC Center for Rational Prescribing)**

- DCRX is continuing to publish continuing education credit courses, all of which can be reviewed at <https://dchealth.dc.gov/dcrx>. All District providers are encourage to participate in the courses available for competition.

#### **NABP Annual Meeting- May 13-14, 2021**

- NABP Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2021 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM; and May 14, 2021 from 8:45 AM to 3:00 PM. The meeting will occur on a virtual platform.
- Board Members are asked to contact Dr. Shauna White to register for the meeting.
- A poster session is scheduled for April 12, 2021.

#### **COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment**

- If anyone is interested in obtaining the forms to register a pharmacy as a provider, send an email to [bop@dc.gov](mailto:bop@dc.gov). The documents and resources will be made available for communication to the Community Health Administration team.

#### **Updates to Chapter 19 (Pharmaceutical Control Division)**

- The Pharmaceutical Control Division has updated chapter 19, which will be published on Friday, April 9, 2021 on the DC

	Register. Anyone interested in submitting feedback concerning the updates of USP 795, 797, chapter 800 and camera requirements, should review the updates and submit comments within the thirty (30) day period.	
<b><u>Senior Assistant General Counsel Report</u></b>		Ms. Carla Williams
	In response to Mr. Friedman’s inquiry regarding emergency regulations, which expired on March 31, 2020 Ms. Williams states that renewed emergency regulations are still pending the necessary approvals for enactment. The approvals are forthcoming.	
<b><u>Subcommittee Reports</u></b>		
0401-O-02	<p><b><u>Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee Report</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Friedman reports that the committee held two meetings in March, 2021.</li> <li>➤ The subcommittee has reviewed Chapter 65 of the DCMR and will recommend changes to the following sections, besides the general provisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terms of Licenses</li> <li>• Applications of the Educated in Foreign Countries.</li> <li>• License by Examination</li> <li>• License by Reciprocity</li> <li>• License by Score Transfer</li> <li>• License by Reciprocity with Waiver of Transfer</li> <li>• Supervised Pharmacy Practice</li> <li>• The Pharmacy Intern License</li> <li>• Pre-Licensure Practice of Pharmacy Interns</li> <li>• Duties of a Preceptor</li> <li>• Continuing Education Requirements</li> <li>• Approved Continuing Education Programs</li> <li>• Continuing Education Credits</li> <li>• Board of Pharmacy</li> <li>• Definitions</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Recommendations on the following sections are pending: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education Training Requirements</li> <li>• Administration of Immunizations and Vaccinations by Pharmacists.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Mr. Friedman discloses that the subcommittee intends to review the HORA before making recommendations on Section 6512 concerning administration of immunizations and vaccinations by pharmacists. He also reports that the subcommittee has reviewed all comments from the January 2021 open forum meeting, as well as the revised definition of pharmaceutical care.</li> <li>➤ Mr. Friedman informs Dr. Tofade that the subcommittee has reviewed the letter from the Capitol City Coalition and is currently working from it, in addressing pharmaceutical care.</li> </ul>	Mr. Friedman

0401-O-03	<p><b><u>Communications Subcommittee Report</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The DC Board of Pharmacy Newsletter has been submitted to NABP. The newsletter will be published in April.</li> <li>➤ To contribute to a newsletter, submit your information to Board Member, Dr. Ashlee Bow.</li> </ul>	Dr. Ashlee Bow
NABP E-Newsletter	<p><b><u>March 25, 2021</u></b></p> <p>Reminder – Register for the Latest NABP Webinar on COVID-19 Vaccine Handling</p> <p>FDA Adds Educational Resource on EUA for COVID-19 Therapeutic Products</p> <p>HHS Reopens Comment Period for Proposed Modifications to HIPAA Privacy Rule</p> <p>FDA Launches New FAERS Dashboard for COVID-19 EUA Products</p> <p>New Investigation Explores Pharmacist Workplace Conditions</p> <p>2021 USP Dictionary of USAN Available Online</p> <p><b><u>March 17, 2021</u></b></p> <p>NABP Reaffirms Support for COVID-19 Vaccines</p> <p>Register for the Latest NABP Webinar on COVID-19 Vaccine Handling</p> <p>HRSA Works to Build Community Trust in COVID-19 Vaccines</p> <p>HHS Expands Vaccination Workforce to Include Retired Pharmacists</p> <p>USP Updates Vaccine Handling Toolkit and Handouts</p> <p>Study Shows Pharmacist-Physician Collaboration Increases Adherence to Buprenorphine for OUD Treatment</p> <p>Beware of Individuals Impersonating the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy, Law Enforcement</p> <p>Note to the Public: To receive weekly updates from NABP, please sign up by using the following link:  <a href="https://nabp.pharmacy/newsroom/news/">https://nabp.pharmacy/newsroom/news/</a>.</p>	Dr. Tamara McCants
<b><u>Matters for Consideration</u></b>	<b><u>None</u></b>	

<p><b><u>Comments from the Public</u></b></p>	<p><u>Jeenu Phillip, Walgreens Pharmacy asks the following:</u> “The Opioid Amendment Act passed on March 16, 2021. Can the Board provide an update on the language of the Act and specify the placement of the label? Also, in labeling opioids: are all opioids to be labelled, or should it be the standard opioids from a version or narcotics origin?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Executive Director, Dr. Shauna White informs Mr. Phillip that in accordance with the legislation, DC Health will collaborate with the DC Board of Pharmacy to publish information regarding the Act. The information is forthcoming.</li> </ul> <p><u>Dr. Toyin Tofade, Howard University College of Pharmacy states the following:</u> “The Pharmacy community is being recognized in the District for its role in reducing health disparities.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dr. Tofade congratulates the pharmacy community of the District.</li> </ul> <p><u>Juan Gabriel Madrano, DC Pharmacy Association asks the following:</u> “With Regard to licensing, staffers are struggling to obtain high school transcripts. Is it possible to have a temporary provision, if this one document is the only document needed to complete the application for trainees and technicians?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Executive Director, Dr. Shauna White states that the Board would need to discuss waiver of transcripts and come to a decision. She adds that applicants are also able to submit college transcripts as well. Health Licensing Specialists, Ms. Karin Barron informs the public that the Board of Pharmacy is accepting of e-transcripts transmitted directly from the school to the Board.</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>Motion to Adjourn the Open Session</u></b></p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> Board Member, Mr. Alan Friedman moves the Board to adjourn the open session of the April 1, 2021 Board of Pharmacy Meeting.</p> <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Allison Hill.</p> <p><b>Roll Call Vote:</b>  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.  Mr. Gregory Cendana: Votes in favor of the motion.  Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p><b>Abstentions: None.</b>  <b>Motion carried.</b></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 10:33 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](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).**