

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR.**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**December 3, 2020**

**9:33 AM – 11:07 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:** 9:33 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
	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, ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL	PRESENT
VISITORS:	DON ZOWADER, PUBLIC	
	DEIDRE PAYNE, WALMART PHARMACY	
	JUAN GABRIEL MADRANO, DC PHARMACY ASSOCIATION	
	ANTHEA FRANCIS, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	
	JAZMINE INMAN, DC PHARMACY ASSOCIATION	
	CASSANDRA LATNEY, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	
	TOYIN TOFADE, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	
	JACQUEISE UNANO, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	
	HEATHER BURRIS, DC HEALTH	
	ANGELA BRYANT, CVS SPECIALTY PHARMACY	
	DR. TRACY DAVIS	
	SHAWNA DAVIDSON	
	JILL McCORMACK	
	DANEKA LUCAS	
	STEPHANIE HOLLIDAY	
	DILBI HUSSEIN	
	AMIR MASOOD	
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## Open Session Agenda

**Quorum:** Yes

<b>Introduction:</b>		
1203-O-01	<p><b><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for</u></b></p> <p>October 1, 2020</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Board Member Dr. Ashlee Bow moves the Board to approve the October 1, 2020 open session minutes, pending removal of Dr. McCants' vote on all motions.</p> <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Mr. Gregory Cendana.</p> <p><b>Abstentions:</b> Mr. Alan Friedman</p> <p><b>Roll Call Vote:</b> Mr. Alan Friedman: Abstains from voting 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>Motion carried.</b></p> <p><b><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for</u></b></p> <p>November 5, 2020</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Board Member Mr. Alan Friedman moves the Board to approve the November 5, 2020 open session minutes.</p> <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Ashlee Bow.</p> <p><b>Abstentions:</b> Mr. Gregory Cendana.</p> <p><b>Roll Call Vote:</b> Dr. Tamara McCants: 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: Abstains from voting. Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p><b>Motion carried.</b></p>	

<u>Consent Agenda</u>	None	
<u>Chairperson Report</u>	<p><b><u>Interprofessional Workgroup</u></b></p> <p>There is no update from the Interprofessional Workgroup. The workgroup’s primary focus is an initiative to bring an omnibus bill to the DC council on how [DC Health] should practice in a telehealth medium.</p> <p><b><u>Appointment to the Scientific Advisory Board</u></b></p> <p>Dr. McCants has been appointed to the Scientific Advisory Board, a task force focused on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Determining the science behind the COVID-19 vaccines to be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).</li> <li>2. Discussing the equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccines.</li> </ol> <p>For updates on the District of Columbia’s plan concerning the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), go to <a href="http://www.coronavirus.dc.gov">www.coronavirus.dc.gov</a>.</p> <p><b><u>Open Forum</u></b></p> <p>The District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy will host an open forum during the January 7, 2021 Board of Pharmacy Open Session Meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 am. All are welcome to participate and provide input in revising pharmacy laws and regulations of the District of Columbia.</p>	Dr. Tamara McCants
<u>Executive Director Report</u>	<p><b><u>Immunization Program Report with Ms. Heather Burris, (COVID-19 Planning Team)</u></b></p> <p>The webpage specifically dedicated to updates regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. Consequently, the COVID-19 vaccine plan is tentative and continuously updated.</p> <p>The District of Columbia will receive less than ten percent (10%) of vaccines for the District’s health professional workforce of eighty-five thousand (85,000) individuals.</p> <p>In addition, the District has limited capacity to store the Pfizer vaccine, which requires temperature control. Therefore, the District is building partnerships with hospitals to assist in immunizing staff at a designated hospital.</p> <p>Dr. Onumah of the Pharmaceutical Control Division at DC Health is in communication with the District’s pharmacist community to facilitate online enrollment to become a vaccine provider.</p>	Dr. Shauna White

A new registry is in development and is currently mapping to the existing system. To use the Immunization Information System, you may use the current interface <https://dchealth.dc.gov/dociis>.

### **Statistical Report on pharmacy professionals in the District of Columbia**

- Pharmacists: 2,242
- Pharmacists with Vaccination and Immunization Authority: 763
- Pharmacy Interns: 698
- Pharmacy Technicians: 1038
- Pharmacy Technician Trainees: 110
- Pharmacy Technician Training Programs: 13
- Pharmaceutical Detailers: 619

### **Prescription Drug Monitoring Program**

Prescribers are reminded to register for PDMP ahead of the 2021 license renewal cycle. A reminder to register for the program will be disseminated to the pharmacist community and registration will be required at the time of licensure renewal. For further information on the program, go to <https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/prescription-drug-monitoring-program>.

### **Opioid Strategic Plan**

The Mayor's Opioid Strategic Plan continues to move forward in reaching its goals. For current information on the District's focus regarding the opioid crisis, the programs, and community partners involved, go to <https://livelong.dc.gov/page/about-live-long-dc>.

### **DC Death with Dignity Pharmacist Training**

The DC Board of Pharmacy is in receipt of inquiries regarding the pharmacies and pharmacists participating in the program. The DC Board of Pharmacy in partnership with advocacy organization, Compassionate Choices, will provide training for pharmacies and pharmacists interested in engaging in the program and its process.

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

The DC Center for Rational Prescribing announces continuing education course titled *The Opioid Crisis and Its Experiences in the District of Columbia*. This course is scheduled for Friday, December 4, 2020. For further information and to register for courses, go to the DC Rx webpage at <https://dchealth.dc.gov/dcrx>.

### **Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Renewals**

The 2021 license renewal application for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians will be completed online, and the link to access the online

	<p>license portal will be emailed to the pharmacy professionals on or around January 1, 2021. All pharmacy professionals are asked to update email addresses with the District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy ahead of the Board’s dissemination regarding the renewal license portal.</p> <p><b><u>Pharmacy Robberies</u></b></p> <p>Board Investigator, Mr. Countee Gilliam reports that the District has been notified of five attempted burglaries at city-wide pharmacies, since October 1, 2020.</p> <p>Mr. Gilliam asks the District of Columbia’s pharmacy community to enhance pharmacy safety by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Reviewing safety protocol with staff members.</li> <li>➤ Storing controlled substances in a secured environment.</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>Assistant General Counsel Report</u></b></p>		<p>Ms. Carla Williams</p>
<p>1203-O-02</p>	<p><b><u>Emergency Rulemaking on Waiver of Live CE Requirements</u></b></p> <p>The purpose of this rulemaking is to temporarily amend the continuing education requirements for pharmacists to waive the requirement for completion of ten (10) continuing education credits through live in-person courses for the renewal, reactivation, and reinstatement periods ending February 28, 2021.</p> <p>(a) Notice of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking: Chapter 65, Pharmacists, Of Title 17 DCMR, Business, Occupations, and Professionals</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Board Member Mr. Alan Friedman moves the Board to advance and finalize the emergency rulemaking concerning the live CE requirement for the license renewal cycle ending on February 28, 2021.</p> <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Benjamin Miles.</p> <p><b>Abstentions:</b> None.</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>Motion carried.</b></p> <p>In accordance with the regulations, pharmacists are required to complete forty (40) continuing education credits per licensure</p>	

	<p>renewal cycle. This emergency rulemaking concerning the required ten (10) live continuing education credits does not reduce the total number of continuing education credits required for licensure renewal.</p>	
<p>1203-O-03</p>	<p><b><u>Notice of Second Emergency and First Proposed Rulemaking</u></b></p> <p>This emergency rulemaking is necessary to continue to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the District’s residents by reducing the spread of COVID-19 by establishing minimum standards for the safe and effective operation of pharmacies where pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians under the direct supervision of a pharmacist, participate in COVID-19 testing. This rulemaking further defines and addresses the location standards, distancing requirements, and use of personal protection equipment standards for the different types of COVID-19 testing, and expands the authority to participate in COVID-19 testing to pharmacy technicians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Notice of Second Emergency and First Proposed Rulemaking Chapter 65, Pharmacists, Of Title 17 DCMR, Business, Occupations, and Professionals</li> <li>(b) FMI, NACDS, NCPA, and NGA Comments on DC Health Proposed Rules for COVID-19 Testing by Pharmacists</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion:</b> Board Member Dr. Benjamin Miles moves the Board to refer this matter of emergency rulemaking to the Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee for resolution.</p> <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Ashlee Bow.</p> <p><b>Abstentions:</b> None.</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>Motion carried.</b></p> <p>This emergency rulemaking will expire on February 12, 2021. Therefore, a subsequent emergency rulemaking will be required to keep this matter in effect so that commentary from the Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee will be considered at the Board’s February, 2021 meeting.</p>	
<p><b><u>Subcommittee Reports</u></b></p>		

<p><b>1001-E-04</b></p>	<p><b><u>Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee Report</u></b></p> <p>The Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee has tentatively scheduled three (3) dates in December, 2020 to meet and discuss recommendations and comments received regarding the emergency rulemakings as the committee prepares for discussion on these matters at the February, 2021 Board of Pharmacy meeting.</p>	<p>Mr. Friedman</p>
<p><b>1001-O-05</b></p>	<p><b><u>Communications Subcommittee Report</u></b></p> <p>The pharmacy community will receive the December, 2020 newsletter from NABP via email. All are asked to ensure that email addresses are updated with the District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy. For those who do not receive the newsletter via email, it will be uploaded to the NABP website in the near future.</p> <p>The District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy is preparing the blueprint for the annual newsletter. To submit information for publication, contact Dr. Ashlee Bow by December 15, 2020.</p>	<p>Dr. Ashlee Bow</p>
<p><b>NABP E-Newsletter</b></p>	<p><b><u>November 18, 2020</u></b></p> <p>First COVID-19 Test for Self-Testing at Home Authorized NABP Warns Licensees of Scammers Impersonating Board Inspectors</p> <p>HHS Partners with Pharmacies to Increase Access to Future COVID-19 Vaccines</p> <p>Monoclonal Antibody Authorized for Treatment of COVID-19</p> <p>FDA Holding Public Workshop on Opioid REMS September Marks 31st National Recovery Month</p> <p>World Antimicrobial Awareness Week Begins, Fight the Fakes Partners to Help Raise Awareness</p> <p>Nationwide Recall of Metformin HCl Extended Release Tablets</p> <p><b><u>November 11, 2020</u></b></p> <p>Nationwide Recall of Metformin HCl Extended Release Tablets</p> <p>Upcoming NABP CPE Webinar to Focus on Patient Safety Tools</p> <p>Final Insanitary Conditions at Compounding Facilities Guidance Released by FDA</p> <p>November 27 Deadline for Track-and-Trace DSCSA Requirements Approaching</p>	<p>Dr. Tamara McCants</p>



	<p>Record Participation During DEA’s 19th Drug Take Back Day</p> <p>World Antibiotic Awareness Week Begins November 18</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>	
<b><u>Matters for Consideration</u></b>		
<b>1205-O-06</b>	<p><b><u>Letter to Consider Modification of the Pharmacy Practice Act</u></b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Board Member Dr. Benjamin Miles moves the Board to refer this matter of emergency rulemaking to the Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee for resolution.</p> <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Ashlee Bow.</p> <p><b>Abstentions:</b> None.</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>Motion carried.</b></p>	
<b><u>Announcements and Public Comments</u></b>	<p>Ms. Anthea Francis, Coordinator for office of continuing professional education at Howard University, announces the institution’s offering over fifty (50) live continuing education programs.</p> <p>Dr. White will discuss the Pharmaceutical Control Division’s plan to distribute the pocket guide for safe opioid prescribing with Ms. Francis.</p> <p>Dr. Tracey Davis requests advancing the discussion on the pharmacist to pharmacy technician ratio in the District of Columbia.</p> <p>Mr. Juan Madrano, President-Elect of the DC Pharmacy Association, announces that the association is still accepting nominations for leadership positions.</p> <p>Board Chair, Dr. Tamara McCants confirms for Mr. Don Zowader that a special one-hour session will be opened to the public to discuss legislative matters.</p>	

	<p>Board Chair, Dr. Tamara McCants requests that Ms. Deidre Payne submit her concerns regarding the regulations in writing for consideration by the Board.</p> <p>Board Member, Mr. Gregory Cendena offers his support to work with the pharmacist community in educating the District on the vaccine and how to access it.</p>	
<p><b>Motion to Adjourn the Open Session</b></p>	<p><b>Board member, Mr. Alan Friedman moves as follows:</b></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><b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Benjamin Miles.</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>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 11:07 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).**