

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

February 4, 2021

9:32 AM – 11:16 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:** 9:32 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	ABSENT
LEGAL STAFF:	CARLA WILLIAMS, SENIOR ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL	PRESENT
VISITORS:	DON ZOWADER, PUBLIC	
	ANGELA BRYANT, CVS SPECIALTY PHARMACY	
	CHARLENE FAIRFAX, DC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE	
	DEIDRE PAYNE, WALMART PHARMACY	
	MONET STANFORD, KAISER PERMANENTE	
	LAVELLE WLLIAMS-SMITH, WALGREENS	
	EMILY HAUGH, PILLPACK	
	STEPHANIE SPENCE, PROPERITY PHARMACY	
	DOMINIC RAGUCCI, CHILDREN'S NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM	
	DIANTHIA PATRICK, CHILDREN'S NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM	
	JUAN GABRIEL MADRANO, DC PHARMACY ASSOCIATION	
	MICHAEL KIM, GRUBBS PHARMACY	
	GAIL ELLIOTT, KAISER PERMANENTE	
	JOHN ROCCHIO, CVS HEALTH	
	ERIC BALMIR, CHILDREN'S NATIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	
	TOYIN TOFADE, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	
	JACQUEISE UNONU, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	

## Open Session Agenda

**Quorum:** Yes

<b>Introduction:</b>		
0204-O-01	<p><b>PRESIDING:</b> MR. ALAN FRIEDMAN, R.PH, VICE CHAIRPERSON</p> <p><b><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for</u></b></p> <p>December 3, 2020</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Board Member Dr. Ashlee Bow moves the Board to approve the December 3, 2020 open session minutes.</p> <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Benjamin Miles.</p> <p><b>Roll Call Vote:</b> 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>PRESIDING:</b> DR .TAMARA MCCANTS, PHARM.D. R.PH CHAIRPERSON</p> <p><b><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for</u></b></p> <p>January 7, 2021</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Board Member Dr. Benjamin Miles moves the Board to approve the January 7, 2021 open session minutes.</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>Abstentions:</b> Mr. Alan Friedman. <b>Motion carried.</b></p>	

<b><u>Consent Agenda</u></b>	<b>None</b>	
<b><u>Chairperson Report</u></b>	<p><b><u>Open Forum</u></b></p> <p>Dr. McCants thanks the pharmacy community for the productive discussion had at the open forum during the January 7, 2021 Board of Pharmacy Open Session Meeting, where the community requested revisions to the pharmacy laws and regulations of the District of Columbia.</p> <p><b><u>Interprofessional Workgroup</u></b></p> <p>Board Members, Dr. Allison Hill, and Mr. Gregory Cendana will represent the District of Columbia’s Board of Pharmacy at the initial interprofessional workgroup summit, which will be planned and announced in the near future.</p> <p><b><u>Scientific Advisory Board</u></b></p> <p>Dr. McCants congratulates the pharmacy community for its work in vaccinating the District’s residents. The pharmacy community is encouraged to educate residents of Wards 5, 7 and 8 on the COVID-19 vaccine.</p> <p>Dr. McCants reports that there is no current information on the Omnibus Bill. This topic will be revisited at the next open session meeting in April, 2021.</p>	Dr. Tamara McCants
<b><u>Executive Director Report</u></b>	<p><b><u>Statistical Report on pharmacy professionals in the District of Columbia</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pharmacists: 2,268</li> <li>➤ Pharmacists with Vaccination and Immunization Authority: 776</li> <li>➤ Pharmacy Interns: 714</li> <li>➤ Pharmacy Technicians: 1,053</li> <li>➤ Pharmacy Technician Trainees: 109</li> <li>➤ Pharmacy Technician Training Programs: 13</li> <li>➤ Pharmaceutical Detailers: 629</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Renewals</u></b></p> <p>The pharmacist and pharmacy technician licensure renewal processes for March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2023 are currently in process. The Board encourages pharmacist and pharmacy technicians to renew their licenses before the deadline, which is February 28, 2021.</p>	Dr. Shauna White

	<p>At present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 754 Pharmacists, of which 254 are licensed for vaccination and immunization, have renewed their licenses.</li> <li>➤ 288 Pharmacy Technicians have renewed their licenses.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>DCRx: The DC Center for Rational Prescribing</u></b></p> <p>The DC Center for Rational Prescribing announces the following continuing education credits for the current licensure renewal cycle:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. LGBTQ Cultural Competency</li> <li>2. Medication Errors</li> <li>3. HIV Training</li> </ol> <p>Dr. McCants reminds the pharmacy community that live continuing education credits are waived for the licensure renewal cycle of March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2021.</p>	
<p><b><u>Senior Assistant General Counsel Report</u></b></p>		<p>Ms. Carla Williams</p>
<p>0204-O-02</p>	<p><b><u>Draft Notice of Third Emergency and Second 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> <p>Board Counsel, Ms. Carla Williams states the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There are Emergency Rulemaking regulations in place for COVID-19 testing.</li> <li>2. The subcommittee is currently working on a new iteration of the regulations, which are set to expire on March 31, 2021.</li> <li>3. The third Emergency Rulemaking (second proposal) has taken into consideration the comments of a joint letter from the <i>National Community Pharmacists Association</i>, the <i>National Groceries Association</i>, the <i>Food Industry Association</i>, and the <i>National Associate of Chain Drug Stores</i>.</li> <li>4. The subcommittee will propose that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CDC guidelines regarding PPEs are followed.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provisions are made for off-site COVID-19 testing in large, open spaces.</li> <li>• The role of pharmacy technicians is expanded to include administration of the COVID-19 test.</li> <li>• Provisions regarding appointments for taking the COVID-19 test are removed.</li> </ul>	
<b><u>Subcommittee Reports</u></b>		
<b>0204-O-03</b>	<p><b><u>Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee Report</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Friedman reports that the Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee will meet after the Board of Pharmacy’s February monthly meeting to plan its schedule for the upcoming six months. He thanks the pharmacy community for participating in the Open Forum of January 7, 2021 and assures the community that the subcommittee will take all comments under advisement.</p>	Mr. Friedman
<b>0204-O-04</b>	<p><b><u>Communications Subcommittee Report</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Bow reports that the Board of Pharmacy published a newsletter in December, 2020. The Communications Subcommittee will meet in upcoming weeks to discuss the layout and contents of the next newsletter, which will be published in April, 2021.</p> <p>The newsletters, which are also available on NABP’s website, are distributed to all licensees in the District of Columbia via email addresses on file with the Board of Pharmacy. The Board reminds the pharmacy community to update email addresses to maintain communication.</p>	Dr. Ashlee Bow
<b>NABP E-Newsletter</b>	<p><b><u>January 20, 2021</u></b></p> <p>New NABP Report Explores How Pharmacists Can Safeguard Patients From Risky Dietary Supplements</p> <p>Need CPE? NABP Home Study Webinars Address New Timely Topics Topics</p> <p>HHS Expands Access to Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder</p> <p>Nationwide Recall Issued for Ketorolac Tromethamine Injection Due to Presence of Particulate Matter</p> <p>Legitimate Parental Opioid Use Linked With Adolescent Use and Misuse</p> <p><b><u>January 27, 2021</u></b></p>	Dr. Tamara McCants

	<p>New Guidelines, Materials Available to Health Care Providers for Safely Administering COVID-19 Vaccines</p> <p>New FDA Guidance to Protect Consumers From Methanol Poisoning</p> <p>Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Are You Eligible?</p> <p>PTCB Names New Members to its Board of Governors</p> <p>Surgery Patients Receive More Opioids in the US Than in Other Countries</p> <p>Educate Your Patients on Safe Acetaminophen Use This Cold and Flu Season</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>	
<p><b>Matters for Consideration</b></p>		
<p>0204-O-05</p>	<p><b><u>Pharmaceutical Detailer Scope of Practice: Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA)</u></b></p> <p>Current Language</p> <p>"Practice of pharmaceutical detailing" means the practice by a representative of a pharmaceutical manufacturer or labeler of communicating in person with a licensed health professional, or an employee or representative of a licensed health professional, located in the District of Columbia, for the purposes of selling, providing information about, or in any way promoting a pharmaceutical product."</p> <p>Proposed Language</p> <p>"Practice of pharmaceutical detailing" means the practice by a representative of a pharmaceutical manufacturer or labeler of communicating in person <u>or through interactive virtual communications</u> with a licensed health professional, or an employee or representative of a licensed health professional, located in the District of Columbia, for the purposes of selling, providing information about, or in any way promoting a pharmaceutical product.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Board Member, Mr. Alan Friedman moves the Board to modify or change the current language defining the practice of pharmaceutical detailing to include the words "or through interactive virtual communications."</p>	

	<p><b>Seconded by:</b> Board Member, Dr. Benjamin Miles.</p> <p><b>Roll Call Vote:</b></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.  Mr. Gregory Cendana: Votes in favor of the motion.  Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p><b>Abstentions:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Motion carried.</b></p>	
<b>Presentation</b>		
<b>0204-O-06</b>	<p><b>Presenter:</b> Dr. DiAnthia Patrick , PharmD Manager, Regulatory &amp; Medication Safety, Division of Pharmacy Children’s National Hospital</p> <p><b>Subject:</b> Pharmacy Technician Advancement</p>	
<b>Comments from the Public</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. Michael Kim (Grubbs Pharmacy) asks Executive Director of the Board, Dr. White, for an update on including more pharmacies in the effort to vaccinate the public from COVID-19. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. White requests that Dr. Kim sends a written request to the Board, expressing his interest in participating in vaccinating the public, as inclusion of other pharmacies for the vaccination program will be considered in the near future.</li> <li>• Dr. McCants adds that (i) Walmart pharmacies are now participating in vaccinating the public; (ii) the Johnson &amp; Johnson vaccination will be released for vaccinating the public in the near future.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Mr. Eric Balmir (Children’s National Hospital) suggests to the Board that virtual meetings for pharmaceutical detailers should be recorded, stored, and made available for inspection if needed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Counsel, Ms. Carla Williams, responds to Mr. Balmir’s suggestion by stating that the Board is now considering the law concerning the practice of pharmaceutical detailing. His suggestion is appreciated and falls under the Board’s modification of the regulations concerning pharmaceutical detailing practice, which will be revised once the law is updated.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Dr. Jacquise Unonu (Howard University College of Pharmacy) announces the Pharmacy Technician Immunization Administration Program via AphA, which will</li> </ol>	

	<p>include a virtual webinar on February 18, 2021, and live demonstration training on injection during the week of February 21 through February 27, 2021. For registration, contact the Howard University College of Pharmacy.</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. Ashley Bow.</p> <p><b>Roll Call Vote:</b></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.  Mr. Gregory Cendana: Votes in favor of the motion.  Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p><b>Abstentions:</b> None.</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 11:16 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).**