

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

January 7, 2021

9:32 AM – 11:05 AM

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

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
	DR. BENJAMIN MILES, PHARM.D. R.PH	PRESENT
	MR. ALAN FRIEDMAN, R.PH	ABSENT
	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, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	PRESENT
	COUNTEE GILLIAM, BOARD INVESTIGATOR	PRESENT
LEGAL STAFF:	CARLA WILLIAMS, ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL	PRESENT
VISITORS:	CAROLYN ROCHELLE PRICE	
	MONET STANFORD	
	IOMIDE BAMGBOSE	
	ERIC BALMIR	
	MICHAEL KIM	
	STEPHANIE SPENCE	
	JUAN GABRIEL MADRANO	
	ANGELA BRYANT	
	AMIR MASOOD	
	MORGAN HOWARD	
	DIANTHIA PATRICK	
	DEIDRE PAYNE	
	DOMINIC RAGUCCI	
	LISA LE GETTE	
	LAVELLE WILLIAMS-SMITH	
	TERRI SMITH MOORE	
	STEPHANIE HOLIDAY	

Open Session Minutes

Quorum: Yes

Introduction:		
Open Forum	<p>Public Discussion on Pharmacy Legislation and Regulations</p> <p>The Open forum began at 9:32 am. Two minutes were given to each individual requesting to submit updates or changes to the regulations.</p> <p><u>Pharmacy Practice in General</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Carolyn Rochelle Price discussed the provider status for DC Pharmacists. She requests that further policy changes are made to increase reimbursements. <p><u>Collaborative Practice Agreements</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Monet Stanford discussed Collaborative Practice Agreements and the need to revise the policy regarding the requirements of the pharmacists entering the agreements. She requests that DCMR 17-10001.7 is updated, wherein the eligibility requirements read "or" instead of "and," thereby allowing more pharmacists to participate in agreements. Ms. Stanford also discussed DCMR 17-10004.2, wherein written consent from patients to signatories are outlined. Ms. Stanford request that the language of the regulation is updated to read that signatures can either be written or electronic. <p><u>Pharmacy Work Conditions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Eric Balmir discussed matters concerning work at pharmacy facilities. In particular, Mr. Balmir requests to introduce new regulation that:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Allows pharmacy authorized personnel to open a pharmacy (Reference: Title 17, chapter 22, 1901.2)➤ Expands the role of non-certified technicians to include inventory functions. (Reference: Title 17, Chapter 99, 10-2, Section H).➤ Allows pharmacy technicians to practice via a supervised practice letter while awaiting issuance of licensure.➤ Allows pharmacy technicians to verify a colleague's work with safeguards in place.➤ Allows pharmacy technicians to vaccinate and immunize patients.4. Michael Kim requested that pharmacy regulations are updated and made current. In particular, Mr. Kim suggests that:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The regulation regarding the price book on a pharmacy's counter is far outdated and should be discarded.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fines for infractions are scaled, where clerical and administrative fines are reasonably less than severe infractions. ➤ Current regulations should be updated to support a paperless environment. ➤ Stakeholders are included in discussion regarding emergency regulations or change in regulations when the regulatory subcommittee is formulating or updating regulations. <p>5. Stephanie Spence supported Mr. Balmir’s suggestions and also requested that an update to the regulations include the expansion of a pharmacy technician’s role in the pharmacy.</p> <p>6. Juan Madrano reiterates to the Board that attention must be paid to the pharmacy technician to pharmacist ratio in the District of Columbia. Mr. Madrano also request regulations instituting an emergency authorization for patients refilling medications for chronic illnesses during the pandemic.</p>	
<p>Motion to Adjourn the Open Session</p>	<p>Board member, Dr. Ashlee Bow 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: Dr. Benjamin Miles.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>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>Abstentions: None.</p> <p>Motion Carried.</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 11:05 AM

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