

**899 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE
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WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

June 1, 2023

9:32 AM – 10:32 AM

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES
(IN-PERSON AND WEBEX)**

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.”

Open Session Agenda

Quorum: Yes

Introduction:		
o6o1-O-01	<p><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for:</u></p> <p>April 6, 2023</p> <p>Motion: Board Member, Dr. Ashlee Bow moves the Board to approve the April 6, 2023 open session meeting minutes.</p> <p>Seconded by: Board Member, Dr. Benjamin Miles.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Dr. Benjamin Miles: Voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Ashlee Bow: Voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Allison Hill: Voted in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Abstentions: None.</p> <p>Motion Carried</p> <p>May 4, 2023</p> <p>Motion: Board Member, Dr. Benjamin Miles moves the Board to approve the May 4, 2023 open session meeting minutes.</p> <p>Seconded by: Board Member, Dr. Allison Hill.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Dr. Benjamin Miles: Voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Ashlee Bow: Voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Allison Hill: Voted in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Abstentions: None.</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	None	
<u>Chairperson Report</u>	<u>Interprofessional Workgroup</u>	Mr. Alan Friedman

Board Chair, Dr. Tamara McCants will update the Board of the Interprofessional Workgroup’s meeting(s) at the next open session, tentatively scheduled for August 3, 2023.

Executive Director Report

Statistical Report on Pharmacy professionals in the District of Columbia

Dr. Justin Ortique

PHARMACEUTICAL DETAILERS	755
PHARMACISTS	2,054
PHARMACY INTERNS	477
PHARMACY TECHNICIANS	989
PHARMACY TECHNICIAN TRAINEES	147
PHARMACISTS WITH VAC AUTHORITY	738
PHARMACY TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAMS	8

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Updates

- All pharmacists are reminded to register for the *Prescription Drug Monitoring Program* (PDMP) within ninety (90) days of licensure in the District of Columbia.
- As a reminder, new licensees will receive notifications regarding registration for the program every thirty (30) days after licensure.
- Further information regarding the District’s Prescription Drug Monitoring Program is viewable at <https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/prescription-drug-monitoring-program>.

DCRx (DC Center for Rational Prescribing)

- The DC Center for Rational Prescribing has published a new module on *Diabetes Medications and Treatments: Clinical Updates*, where “Dr. Isaacs, a Clinical Pharmacist and Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist, discusses the pharmacologic mechanisms of diabetes, explores the latest evidence on how they affect heart, kidneys, and weight management, and identifies potential side effects and clinical pearls.” This module is available to the public at an assessment of 1.5 credit hours.

Office of Government Relations (OGR) Updates (Report by Director, Carl Filler)

- The Council of the Whole passed the District’s budget on May 30, 2023. The following line items, which were added by the Committee on Health, will impact the health licensing boards

and healthcare workers, and will be effective in the new fiscal year:

- i. Dementia training for direct care workers.
 - ii. *I Need Health Care*, a scholarship program and new initiative by DC Health, focused on increasing the number of persons entering healthcare professions.
 - iii. Additional health licensing specialists, within the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration.
 - iv. Food access programs.
- The Committee on Health’s Hearing, scheduled on June 22, 2023 will include a round table discussion focused on the repeal of the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for school attendance and the role of school nurses in immunization administration.
 - Adjustments will be made to the prior authorization legislative process for insurers and may include additional prescriptions. Updated legislation may pass later in 2023.
 - The Co-Pay Accumulator Legislation, which requires that health insurers recognize financial assistance from third parties (i.e. vouchers, coupons and other financial assistance) will go into effect later in 2023.
 - Other Hearings scheduled for July 2023 are:
 - i. Requiring schools to retain *Glucagon* and *Ibuterol* as emergency medication for students experiencing diabetic or asthma emergencies.
 - ii. A DC Health bill that will require the regulation of ambulatory surgical facilities, which are not regulated in the District.
 - iii. Expansion of the *Prescription Drug Monitoring Program*, which will grant DC Health more authority to use information from the program for statistical analysis, research, and grant application.
 - iv. *Uniform Telehealth Act of 2023*, which will create an alternative registration process for telehealth only providers in the District.
 - The *Health Occupations Revision Act* was submitted to Mayor Bowser’s office. Upon final review and edits, the legislation will be introduced by Council later in 2023.
 - DC Health is working on implementing the *Veterans Auto in Education Improvement Act*, which allows portability of military spouses. The regulation will ensure that the licensure process of a military spouse will be expedited.
 - The following bills have been introduced by Council:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The <i>Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact Act</i>. ii. The <i>[Professional] Counseling Compact Approval Act</i>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee on Health will hold another round table with the professional counseling, marriage and family therapy, dentistry, optometry, and respiratory care licensing boards. • Members of the Board of Message Therapy will be confirmed by the Committee on Health in the upcoming week. • The Council of the District of Columbia will be on recess in July, 2023. <p>Pharmacy Facility Renewals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The licensure renewal processes for pharmacies and pharmaceutical facilities are now concluded. • The licensure renewal process at https://doh.force.com/DCEALTHFACILITIES/s/ is currently open for pharmacies and pharmaceutical facilities seeking licensure renewal via the late renewal cycle, which will end on June 30, 2023. <p>Board of Pharmacy Vacancies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DC Board of Pharmacy is currently seeking two District of Columbia residents to serve as consumer members on the Board. • Interested parties who are health professionals or in training to become one or in a household where there is a health professional or someone training to become one are not qualified for the role of consumer member. • For further information regarding the vacancies, please go to: https://motaboards.theresumator.com/apply/1L8k6Q/Board-Of-Pharmacy 	
<p><u>Senior Assistant General Counsel Report</u></p>		<p>Ms. Carla Williams</p>
<p>o601-O-02</p>	<p>The comment period is currently open for public comment, for the following proposed rulemaking, which was published in the May 26, 2023, register:</p> <p><u>Notice of Proposed Rulemaking</u></p> <p>(a) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking- Amendment to Chapter 65 (Pharmacists) of Title 17 (Business, Occupations, and Professionals) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations ("DCMR") § 6517 Self-Administered Hormonal Contraceptive</p>	

	The comment period will close on June 25, 2023.	
o601-O-03	<p>The comment period is currently open for public comment, for the following proposed rulemaking, which was published in the May 26, 2023 register:</p> <p><u>Notice of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking</u></p> <p>(a) Notice of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking-Amendments to Section 4007 (Temporary Licenses) of Chapter 40 (Health Occupations: General Rules) of Title 17 (Business, Occupations, and Professionals) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations ("DCMR").</p> <p>The comment period will close on June 25, 2023.</p>	
o601-O-04	<p><u>Parliamentary Procedure (Robert's Rules) Training Portal</u></p> <p>The Office of Open Government is reporting to us that it has launched its training portal on parliamentary procedure (Robert's Rules of Order). The Chair, the Secretary, and all other interested members of this public body who wish to improve their ability to run meetings fairly and efficiently, are invited to write to nicholas.weil@dc.gov with the request: "Please enroll me in The District of Columbia Robert's Rules of Order Training Portal".</p>	Mr. Alan Friedman
<u>Regarding Subcommittee Reports</u>		
o601-O-05	<p><u>Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee will hold its first open/public meeting on June 13, 2023 at 1:30 pm. The public is invited to attend this meeting. • Dr. Ortique will share with the Board, a draft of the patient education materials allowing pharmacists to prescribe hormonal contraception. • The subcommittee will review the workplace survey and draft regulation for the Board's review regarding the pharmacy workplace environment. 	Mr. Alan Friedman
o601-O-06	<p><u>Communications Subcommittee Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Communications Subcommittee announces the publication of its June newsletter, which is published by NABP. • The newsletter includes information and articles on COVID-19 public health emergency, COVID-19 vaccinations, the Board's consumer board member vacancies, linkudmv.org, (a resource administrated by https://dchealth.dc.gov/, which connects individuals to programs throughout the DMV area and/or programs within DC Health), and NARCAN. 	Dr. Ashlee Bow

Presentation		
o601-O-07	<p><u>Presentation from the <i>Specialty Pharmacy Certification Board (SPCB)</i> on its credentialing program.</u></p> <p>Motion: Board Member, Dr. Benjamin Miles moves the Board to approve <i>Specialty Pharmacy Certification Board (SPCB)</i> as a Board-approved specialty program in support of Title 17 of the District of Columbia’s Municipal Regulation, Chapter 100: <i>Collaborative Practice Agreements between Physicians and Pharmacists</i>.</p> <p>Seconded by: Board Member, Dr. Ashlee Bow.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Dr. Benjamin Miles: Voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Ashlee Bow: Voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Allison Hill: Voted in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Abstentions: None.</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	Reed Kalna, PharmD, CSP, APh, BCBS, FACHE
NABP E-Newsletter	<p><u>May 24, 2023</u></p> <p>FDA Approves New Buprenorphine Treatment Option for OUD</p> <p>FDA Publishes Final Program Report About the DSCSA Pilot Project Program</p> <p>FDA Requires Updates to Clarify Labeling of Prescription Stimulants Used to Treat ADHD and Other Conditions</p> <p>April Take Back Day Removes 663,000 Pounds of Unneeded Medications From Homes Across the Country</p> <p>Can a Just Culture Model Promote Patient Safety and Pharmacist Well-Being?</p> <p>HHS Announces New Initiatives to Increase Access to Mental Health and Substance Use Resources and Support</p> <p><u>May 17, 2023</u></p> <p>2023-2024 Executive Committee Inaugurated at the 119th NABP Annual Meeting</p> <p>NABP Announces 2023 Leaders at the Forefront of Public Health Protection</p>	Mr. Alan Friedman

	<p>FDA and SAMHSA Release Joint Letter Clarifying Controlled Medication Prescribing Recommendations for SUDs</p> <p>DEA Announces Replacement of COVID-19 Web Page with Opioid PHE Web Page</p> <p>FDA Approves First RSV Vaccine for Individuals 60 Years of Age and Older</p> <p>Stimulant Therapy for ADHD Associated with Higher Percentage of Prescription Stimulants Misuse Among High School Students, According to JAMA Study</p> <p>Operation Last Mile Seizes 44 Million Fentanyl Pills from Sinaloa and Jalisco Cartels</p> <p>Note to the Public: To receive weekly updates from NABP, please sign up by using the following link: https://nabp.pharmacy/newsroom/news/.</p>	
<p><u>Comments from the Public</u></p>	<p><u>Joshua Bailey, PharmD, Medstar Health:</u></p> <p>Question:</p> <p>Is Medstar Health’s general patient consent form, signed by the patient for Medstar Health as a whole, acceptable for consent in collaborative practice agreement participation?</p> <p>Vice Chair, Mr. Alan Friedman informs Dr. Bailey that the Board will address his questions and respond to his inquiry in writing.</p> <p><u>Amir Masood, Director, Safeway Pharmacy Operations:</u></p> <p>Question:</p> <p>Do the regulations concerning COVID-19 vaccines, which are currently being reviewed by Mayor Bowser’s office, include travel vaccines as well? Or does it pertain to NCIP vaccines only?</p> <p>Dr. Ortique informs Mr. Masood that the regulations will address NCIP vaccines only.</p>	
<p><u>Motion to Adjourn the Open Session</u></p>	<p>Board member, Dr. Benjamin Miles moves the Board as follows:</p> <p>“Madam Board 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</p>	

	<p>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. Ashlee Bow.</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. 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 10:32 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.