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WASHINGTON, DC 20002

June 3, 2021

9:31 AM – 10:39 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.”



## Open Session Agenda

### Quorum:

<b>Introduction:</b>		
o603-O-01	<p><b><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for</u></b></p> <p>April 1, 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> 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.</p> <p><b>Abstentions: None.</b></p> <p><b>Motion carried.</b></p> <p><b><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for</u></b></p> <p>May 6, 2021</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Board Member Dr. Ashlee Bow moves the Board to approve the May 6, 2021 Board of Pharmacy Open Session Minutes.</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: Abstains from voting on the motion.</p>	
<b><u>Consent Agenda</u></b>	<b>None</b>	
<b><u>Chairperson Report</u></b>	<b><u>Interprofessional Workgroup</u></b> <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</li></ul>	Dr. Tamara McCants

	<p>meeting has occurred, no further activity is reported by Dr. Miles.</p> <p><b><u>NABP Annual Meeting- May 13-14, 2021</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Members of the DC Board of Pharmacy attended the 117<sup>th</sup> NABP Annual Meeting, which was held on May 13 – 14, 2021.</li> <li>➤ Dr. McCants served as the chair of the Constitution and By-laws Committee at the NABP Annual Meeting.</li> <li>➤ Dr. McCants encourages the Board members to serve on NABP’s task forces.</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>Executive Director Report</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Statistical Report on pharmacy professionals in the District of Columbia</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pharmacists: 1,984</li> <li>➤ Pharmacists with Vaccination and Immunization Authority: 678</li> <li>➤ Pharmacy Interns: 782</li> <li>➤ Pharmacy Technicians: 833</li> <li>➤ Pharmacy Technician Trainees: 134</li> <li>➤ Pharmacy Technician Training Programs: 14</li> <li>➤ Pharmaceutical Detailers: 693</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Updates</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Licensees who are registrants of the District’s Prescription Drug Monitoring Program are receiving electronic mail concerning webinars. Everyone is encouraged to attend.</li> <li>➤ The program also offering integration into an electronic health record or a dispensing system. Anyone interested in these services for a pharmacy location may find further information at <a href="https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/prescription-drug-monitoring-program">https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/prescription-drug-monitoring-program</a>.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Licensure Renewal Period for 2021</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The late licensure renewal period for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians ended on April 30, 2021.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>DC RX (DC Center for Rational Prescribing)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ DCRX is continuing to publish continuing education credit courses, all of which can be reviewed at <a href="https://dchealth.dc.gov/dcrx">https://dchealth.dc.gov/dcrx</a>.</li> <li>➤ A course in HIV Education is now available, and another in Implicit Bias is forthcoming.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Licensure Audits</u></b></p> <p>The following are the results of the Continuing Education Audits conducted by the DC Board of Pharmacy:</p>	<p>Dr. Shauna White</p>

Cycle	Profession	Total Audited	Passed Audit	Failed Audit
2015-2017	Pharmacist	195	110	85
2017-2019	Pharmacist	267	206	26
2017-2019	Technician	89	67	22
2016-2018	Detailer	54	32	22
2018-2020	Detailer	43	14***	***

\*\*\*The 2018-2020 Pharmaceutical Detailer Audit is ongoing.

**Motion:** Board Member, Dr. Benjamin Miles moves the Board to:

1. Audit ten percent (10%) of pharmacists and ten percent (10%) of pharmacy technicians for the licensure renewal cycle of 2019-2021, including the pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who failed the audit during the 2017 – 2019 licensure renewal cycle.
2. Require all audited pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to submit proof of completing continuing education credits via [dcbop@dc.gov](mailto:dcbop@dc.gov).

**Seconded by:** Mr. Alan Friedman.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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.

**Abstentions: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**Opioid Labeling Registration**

**Motion:** Board Member, Mr. Alan Friedman moves the Board to refer the registration of the Opioid Labeling Act to the Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee, thereby requesting that a recommendation is made to the DC Board of Pharmacy.

**Seconded by:** Dr. Benjamin Miles.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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.

**Pharmacy Security Updates**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Investigator, Countee Gilliam informs the DC Board of Pharmacy and the public that pharmacies are experiencing an increase in robberies; and recommends that pharmacies seek training in security awareness in response to the robberies.</li> <li>➤ Board Counsel, Ms. Carla Williams recommends a partnership between the DC Pharmacy Association and security experts with the District for security training, to include structural changes, location(s) of cameras, etc.</li> <li>➤ Vice President of the DC Pharmacy Association, Ms. Carolyn Rachel-Price informs the DC Board of Pharmacy and the public that the matter will be raised at the Association’s next Board meeting and the outcome will be reported to the DC Board of Pharmacy at its next public meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>New Online Licensing System</u></b></p> <p>The District of Columbia’s Board of Pharmacy announces its new online licensing system. Effective immediately, any pharmacy professional who is interested in applying for a new license, or electing to renew, reinstate, or reactivate an existing license, may submit an online application at:</p> <p><a href="https://doh.force.com/dchealthrenewals/s/portal-page">https://doh.force.com/dchealthrenewals/s/portal-page</a>.</p> <p><b><i>All users are strongly encouraged to review the instructions prior to beginning the process.</i></b></p>	
<p><b><u>Senior Assistant General Counsel Report</u></b></p>		
	None	
<p><b><u>Subcommittee Reports</u></b></p>		
<p><b>o6o1-O-02</b></p>	<p><b><u>Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee Report</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee met on May 25, 2021 to continue discussions on potential regulatory changes.</li> <li>➤ All applicable sections of the HORA have been reviewed and the subcommittee will make recommendations on several sections.</li> <li>➤ The committee has reviewed the immunization protocol of other states, specifically the pharmacist’s authorization to immunize.</li> <li>➤ We have reviewed the Pharmacy Practice Act.</li> <li>➤ The subcommittee is currently reviewing and discussing the other states’ requirements to work in the capacity of Pharmacist-In-Charge.</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Friedman</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The subcommittee also held discussions on Collaborative Practice Agreements.</li> <li>➤ The next scheduled meeting is on June 10, 2021.</li> <li>➤ The Subcommittee is currently seeking feedback on vaccination authority and is in receipt of feedback on Pharmacist-In-Charge requirements in other states.</li> <li>➤ Discussions will be held on potential regulatory changes in modifying citizenship and legal status information in Chapter 65; and a survey on workplace conditions for pharmacists and technicians.</li> <li>➤ Future discussions will be held on Tech-Check-Tech, No Call State and the regulatory requirements regarding the Opioid Labeling Amendment Act.</li> <li>➤ Dr. Toyin Tofade inquires on the next steps regarding the Pharmacy Practice Act. Mr. Friedman informs her and the public that the Subcommittee is currently referring to the HORA to create an appropriate regulatory environment for the Pharmacy Practice Act.</li> </ul>	
0601-O-03	<p><b><u>Communications Subcommittee Report</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The DC Board of Pharmacy’s Newsletter for May, 2021 was published and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.nabp.pharmacy">www.nabp.pharmacy</a>.</li> <li>➤ The Board’s next newsletter will be published in August, 2021. To submit content for this newsletter, please contact Dr. Ashlee Bow.</li> </ul>	Dr. Ashlee Bow
NABP E-Newsletter	<p><b><u>May 19, 2021</u></b></p> <p>NABP Membership Approves Six Resolutions at the Association’s 117th Annual Meeting</p> <p>2021-2022 Executive Committee Inaugurated at NABP’s 117th Annual Meeting</p> <p>NABP Announces 2021 Leaders at the Forefront of Public Health Protection</p> <p>FDA Warns of Biological Products Being Offered to Patients Outside the Scope of an Approved BLA</p> <p>New USP Guide Provides Strategies, Techniques for Maximizing Moderna’s COVID-19 Vaccine Doses</p> <p>New Study Shows Extended-Release Buprenorphine is Preferred by Patients in Treating OUD</p> <p>FDA Authorizes Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for EUA in Adolescents</p> <p><b><u>June 26, 2021</u></b></p>	Dr. Tamara McCants

	<p>Reminder: Share Feedback on ACPE Standards Revision Process</p> <p>Counterfeit Pill Production Remains a Nationwide Threat, Updated Report Urges Action</p> <p>New CDC Study Shows COVID-19 Vaccines Are 94% Effective at Preventing Illness Among Health Care Workers</p> <p>Study Results Show Pfizer’s COVID-19 Vaccine Provides Strong Protection Against Variants</p> <p>Warning Letter Issued for Unapproved and Misbranded COVID-19 Products</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><u>Comments from the Public</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Carolyn Rachel-Price, DC Pharmacy Association announces the following:</u></b></p> <p>The DC Pharmacy Association has acquired office space in the District of Columbia. The new address for the association is:</p> <p>1140 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE  Washington, DC 20002</p> <p><b><u>Dr. Toyin Tofade, Howard University College of Pharmacy announces the following:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Howard University School of Pharmacy completed its accreditation review in April, 2021, and will receive the results of its accreditation in July, 2021.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Jeenu Phillip, Walgreens Pharmacy asks the following:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr. Phillip comments on continuing education, as the subject matter was discussed at the general and break-out sessions of the NABP Annual Meeting. He questions the value that continuing education adds to the pharmacist, and asks if the failure of an audit indicates a pharmacist’s incompetence to practice pharmacy. He states that he is curious to see how state boards across the country pursue this matter.</li> <li>➤ Mr. Phillip asks that the Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee considers other states’ opioid labelling requirements so that the District does not create a label that is different from those of other states.</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>Motion to Adjourn the Open Session</u></b></p>	<p><b>Board member, Dr. Benjamin Miles 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</p>	



	<p>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. Ashlee Bow.</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.  Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p><b>Abstentions: None.</b></p> <p><b>Motion Carried.</b></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 10:39 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).**