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WASHINGTON, DC 20020**

May 1, 2025

9:34 AM – 10:04 AM

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES
(WEBEX MEETING)**

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: 9:34 AM

PRESIDING: DR. ALLISON HILL, PHARM.D. R.PH CHAIRPERSON

BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	DR. ALLISON HILL, PHARM.D. R.PH, CHAIRPERSON	PRESENT
	DR. BENJAMIN MILES, PHARM.D. R.PH, BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT
	DR. JAMILIA JORDEN, PHARM.D. R.PH, BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT
	MR. RODRICK MCGILL, ESQ., CONSUMER MEMBER	PRESENT
STAFF:		
	DR. JUSTIN ORTIQUE, PHARM.D. R.PH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	PRESENT
	DR. REGINAL BELLAMY, PHARM.D. R.PH, SUPERVISORY PHARMACIST	PRESENT
	KARIN BARRON, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	PRESENT
	LUANNE GREENAWAY, PROGRAM SPECIALIST	PRESENT
	COUNTEE GILLIAM, BOARD INVESTIGATOR	PRESENT
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS	KERA JOHNSON, POLICY ANALYST	PRESENT
LEGAL STAFF:	CARLA WILLIAMS, SENIOR ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL	PRESENT
VISITORS:	SCOTT TOMERLIN, WALGREENS PHARMACY	
	GRACE SESI, CVS HEALTH	
	MONAI LOWE, DC HEALTH	
	TAMEESHA VENTIERI, DC HEALTH	
	KIDEST TESFAYE, DC HEALTH	
	JAN HERNANDEZ	
	JESSICA ADAMS	
	NICOLE DANIELS	

Open Session Agenda

Quorum: Yes

Introduction:		
0501-O-01	<p><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">February 6, 2025, Open Session Meeting Minutes <p>Motion: Board Member, Dr. Benjamin Miles moved the Board to approve the February 6, 2025, open session meeting minutes.</p> <p>Seconded by: Dr. Jamilia Jorden.</p> <p>Dr. Benjamin Miles: Voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Jamilia Jordan: Voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Roderick McGill: Voted in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Abstentions: None.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">March 6, 2025, Open Session Meeting Minutes <p>Motion: Board Member, Dr. Benjamin Miles moved the Board to approve the March 6, 2025 open session meeting minutes.</p> <p>Seconded by: Dr. Jamilia Jorden.</p> <p>Dr. Benjamin Miles: Voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Jamilia Jordan: Abstained. Mr. Roderick McGill: Voted in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Abstentions : Dr. Jamilia Jorden.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	None	
<u>Chairperson Report</u>	<p><u>Establishment of Subcommittee Members</u></p> <p>Board Chair, Dr. Allison Hill announced that Dr. Benjamin Miles has volunteered to be the Vice Chair for the DC Board of Pharmacy and the Chair of the Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee. Board Member, Mr. Roderick McGill has volunteered for the Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee. Board Member, Dr. Jamilia Jorden has volunteered to Chair the Communications Subcommittee.</p>	Dr. Allison Hill

	(All subcommittees will be formally voted on during the open session meeting on June 5, 2025).	
<u>Office of Government Relations (OGR) Report Updates</u>	<p><u>PrEP DC Act of 2025</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Councilmember Parker introduced the <i>PrEP DC Act of 2025</i> (B26-0159) on February 28, 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The legislation creates safeguards for equitable and affordable access to HIV prevention treatment by prohibiting health insurers from using prescription information as a condition of eligibility; or in [the instance of] premium rates, restricting or imposing delays in the distribution of antiretroviral prescription drugs; and from imposing a deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or other cost-sharing requirement for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) or post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) to prevent HIV and AIDS infection. ➤ The legislation has been referred to the Committee on Business and Economic Development with comments from the Committee on Health, but no hearing has been scheduled. <p><u>Clean Hands Economic Expansion and Revitalization Amendment Act of 2025</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Councilmember McDuffie reintroduced the <i>Clean Hands Certification Economic Expansion and Revitalization Amendment Act of 2025</i> (B26-0054) on January 13, 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This legislation would remove the Clean Hands requirement from several occupational and professional licenses including any health professional license issued through DC Health. ➤ A hearing regarding this matter was held on June 20, 2024. <p><u>DC Health FY 24 Performance Oversight Hearing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DC Health recently had its performance oversight hearing before the Committee on Health for Fiscal Year 2024. The first part of the hearing was held on February 24, 2025. The hearing featured public witnesses and included representatives from community members, advocates, and stakeholders. ➤ This hearing is available for viewing at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZmUwloAcJc. ○ Representatives from DC Health testified before the Committee on Health on February 26, 2025. Testimony was provided by the Director of DC Health, Dr. Bennett, other members of leadership, and subject matter experts. 	Ms. Kera Johnson

	<p>Councilmembers asked questions of DC Health on a variety of topics including the agency’s reorganization, school health, the launch of new programs, and the agency’s response to emergency situations.</p> <p>➤ This hearing is available for viewing at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UUNkKdX4b_s.</p> <p>Board Performance Oversight Hearing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ On March 5, 2025 the Committee on Health held a Performance Oversight for the following Health Professional Licensing Boards:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Board of Medicine○ Board of Dentistry○ Board of Pharmacy○ Board of Psychology➤ The hearing featured testimony from public witnesses as well as chairpersons of the licensing boards.➤ This hearing is available for viewing at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=noui1tS8F8o&t=83995																			
<p><u>Executive Director Report</u></p>	<p><u>Statistical Report on Pharmacy Professionals in the District of Columbia</u></p> <table><tr><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>PHARMACEUTICAL DETAILERS</td><td>791</td></tr><tr><td>PHARMACISTS</td><td>2069</td></tr><tr><td>PHARMACY INTERNS</td><td>337</td></tr><tr><td>PHARMACY TECHNICIANS</td><td>1105</td></tr><tr><td>PHARMACY TECHNICIAN TRAINEES</td><td>159</td></tr><tr><td>PHARMACISTS WITH VAC AUTHORITY</td><td>818</td></tr><tr><td>PHARMACY TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAMS</td><td>15</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p><u>Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All pharmacists are reminded to register for the <i>Prescription Drug Monitoring Program</i> (PDMP) within ninety (90) days of licensure in the District of Columbia, at: https://districtofcolumbia.pmpaware.net/login.• As a reminder, new licensees will receive email notifications regarding registration for the program every thirty (30) days after licensure.• Newly licensed pharmacists who fail to register for the program may be fined for non-compliance. <p>DCRx (DC Center for Rational Prescribing)</p>			PHARMACEUTICAL DETAILERS	791	PHARMACISTS	2069	PHARMACY INTERNS	337	PHARMACY TECHNICIANS	1105	PHARMACY TECHNICIAN TRAINEES	159	PHARMACISTS WITH VAC AUTHORITY	818	PHARMACY TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAMS	15			<p>Dr. Justin Ortique</p>
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- The Board of Pharmacy is working on a new contract with the DC Center for Rational Prescribing.
- The Board is currently structuring a new module titled *Self-Administered Hormonal Contraception*. More information regarding this module will be forthcoming as the process continues.

Working Conditions Update

- The Pharmaceutical Control Division has reviewed the comments submitted during the comment period and has made significant changes to the rulemaking.
- Consequently, the Pharmaceutical Control Division will meet with stakeholders on May 20, 2025 at 1:00 pm to review the revised, drafted and proposed rulemaking.
- The Board anticipates a meeting where feedback received from stakeholders will be incorporated in the revised and proposed rulemaking, which will be published in the DC Register.
- Retail/Front Line Pharmacists are encouraged to attend this meeting as it is important that they provide feedback and participate in structuring rulemaking that ensures safe pharmacy working conditions that are not challenging to the owners of pharmacies.

Pharmacy Facility License Renewal

- The licensure renewal period for resident and non-resident pharmacies opened on April 1, 2025 and will closed on May 31, 2025.
- The newly established online licensing portal will require that all first-time users are registered to use the portal before applying for licensure renewal.
- **Please be advised that users who currently hold active professional licenses with the DC Board of Pharmacy are required to use a different email address when registering to use the online licensing portal for renewal of a pharmacy license.**

DC Board of Pharmacy Member Vacancies

- The DC Board of Pharmacy is currently seeking two (2) licensed Pharmacists and one (1) Pharmacy Technician to fill three (3) vacancies on the Board.
- If you are interested in becoming a DC Board of Pharmacy member, you can apply through the Mayor's Office of Boards and Commissions at:
<https://motaboards.theresumator.com/apply/1L8k6Q/Board-Of-Pharmacy>.

<u>Senior Assistant General Counsel Report</u>		
0501-O-02	<u>Department Of Health, Public Notice</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Counsel, Ms. Carla Williams, informed the Pharmacy community of the updated public health priorities, which are designated by the Director of DC Health and published every five (5) years. The updated list, titled <i>Identifying Public Health Issues for Continuing Education</i> will be effective on October 1, 2025. The document is attached for review. 	Ms. Carla Williams
<u>Subcommittee Reports</u>		
0501-O-03	<u>Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee report will proceed during a future scheduled open session meeting for the Board of Pharmacy. 	
0501-O-04	<u>Communications Subcommittee Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Communications Subcommittee report will proceed during a future scheduled open session meeting for the Board of Pharmacy. 	
<u>Pharmacy Technician Task Force</u>	<u>None</u>	
NABP E-Newsletters	<p>April 16, 2025</p> <p>NABP Announces 2025 Leadership Award Recipients</p> <p>Texas Takes Action Against Three Pharmacies for Violating State Board of Pharmacy Rules</p> <p>NABP President Mesaros Highlights Goals for New Research and Innovation Institute</p> <p>Innovations: "2024: A Year of Building Connections to Enhance Patient Care and Safety"</p> <p>Amid Measles Outbreak, US Poison Centers Report Rise in Pediatric Vitamin A Exposure</p> <p>WHO's New Guidance Empowers Countries to Improve Mental Health Care</p>	Dr. Allison Hill

	<p>April 24, 2025</p> <p>Kansas and Ohio Boards of Pharmacy Recognized as Wellbeing First Champions</p> <p>Clozapine Manufacturers Send Guide and REMS Modification to FDA</p> <p>Prevent Drug Misuse: Dispose of Medications Properly During DEA's April Drug Take Back Day</p> <p>CDC Panel Discusses 2025-2026 Vaccine Guidance</p> <p>Counterfeit Ozempic Injection Detected in United States Supply Chain, FDA Warns</p> <p>Trump Administration Drug Policy Focuses on Treatment and Overdose Reduction</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Dr. Scott Tomerlin, Walgreens Pharmacy</u> requested to know if the Board's meeting, scheduled for June 5, 2025 would be held in person at DC Health. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Executive Director of the DC Board of Pharmacy, Dr. Justin Ortique</u> discussed the matter with the Board, and proceeded with an inquiry regarding the Board Members's availability for a live/in-person meeting. Consequently, the Board elected to meet via Webex, on June 5, 2025, as all members cannot attend the meeting in person. • <u>Dr. Grace Sesi, CVS Health</u> requested to know if the drafted regulations concerning pharmacy working conditions would be shared with the public prior to the stakeholder meeting scheduled for May 20, 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Executive Director of the DC Board of Pharmacy, Dr. Justin Ortique</u> and <u>Board Counsel, Ms. Carla Williams</u>, confirmed that the drafted regulations would be published at https://www.dcregs.dc.gov/. • <u>Executive Director of the DC Board of Pharmacy, Dr. Justin Ortique</u> requested permission from the Board to review continuing education credits as Dr. Ashlee Bow was no longer a Board member and therefore, not available to manage the review process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Board responded with the following motion: 	

	<p>Motion: Board Member, Dr. Benjamin Miles moved the Board to delegate the review of continuing education credits to Dr. Justin Ortique.</p> <p>Seconded by: Mr. Rodrick McGill.</p> <p>Dr. Benjamin Miles: Voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Jamilia Jordan: Voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Roderick McGill: Voted in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Abstentions: None.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
<p><u>Motion to Adjourn the Open Session</u></p>	<p>Board member, Dr. Benjamin Miles, moved the Board 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: Board Member, Mr. Rodrick McGill.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Dr. Benjamin Miles: Voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Jamilia Jordan: Voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Roderick McGill: Voted in favor of the motion.</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 10:04 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.