

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

October 1, 2020

9:36 AM – 11:11 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.”

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**CALL TO ORDER:** 9:36 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, PROGRAM SPECIALIST	PRESENT
	COUNTEE GILLIAM, BOARD INVESTIGATOR	ABSENT
LEGAL STAFF:	CARLA WILLIAMS, ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL	PRESENT
VISITORS:	DON ZOWADER, PUBLIC	
	ERIC BALMIR, CHILDREN'S NATIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	
	JOHNNY YOKO-UZOMAH, CHILDREN'S NATIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	
	ANTHEA FRANCIS, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	
	JAZMINE INMAN, DC PHARMACY ASSOCIATION	
	CASSANDRA LATNEY, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	
	TOYIN TOFADE, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	
	LAVELLE WILLIAMS-SMITH, PGY1 COMMUNITY PHARMACY RESIDENT, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	
	ZELMA DATOU, 3 <sup>RD</sup> YEAR PHARMACY STUDENT, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	
	CYNTHIA NWANETI, 3 <sup>RD</sup> YEAR PHARMACY STUDENT, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	
	REGIS JARVIS, 3 <sup>RD</sup> YEAR PHARMACY STUDENT, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	
	TAMERA BROWN, MERCK & COMPANY	
	DONNA RICHARDSON, DC HEALTH	
	HEATHER BURRIS, DC HEALTH	
	ANGELA BRYANT, CVS SPECIALTY PHARMACY	
	CAMARIE KING	
	DENISE NORMAN	
	CANDICE TERWILLINGER,	
	ERICA LOADMAN	
	JUDY JENKINS	
	HADIYA STRONG	
	JOYCE TOBIAS	

## Open Session Agenda

**Quorum:** Yes

<b>Introduction:</b>		
<b>1001-O-01</b>	<p><b><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for</u></b></p> <p>August 6, 2020</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Board Member Dr. Benjamin Miles moves the Board to approve the August 6, 2020 open session minutes.</p> <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Ashlee Bow.</p> <p><b>Abstentions:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Roll Call Vote:</b> Dr. Tamara McCants: 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. Mr. Gregory Cendana: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p><b>Motion Carried.</b></p> <p><b><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for</u></b></p> <p>September 3, 2020</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Board Member Dr. Ashlee Bow moves the Board to approve the September 3, 2020 open session minutes.</p> <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Allison Hill.</p> <p><b>Abstentions:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Roll Call Vote:</b> Dr. Tamara McCants: 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. Mr. Gregory Cendana: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p><b>Motion Carried.</b></p>	

<u>Consent Agenda</u>	None	
<u>Chairperson Report</u>	<p>Interprofessional Workgroup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A quarterly meeting for all Board Chairpersons, which was initiated before the COVID-19 pandemic, and is facilitated by DC Health’s Director and Chief of Staff, Drs. Nesbit and Watson.</li> <li>➤ The workgroup is pushing forward: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The initiative to bring an omnibus bill to the DC council on how [DC Health] should practice in a telehealth medium. Board members interested in participating should contact Dr. McCants.</li> <li>2. The need for DC Health to have voices of practicing professionals in the community to actively participate in the legislative process of the District of Columbia.</li> </ol> </li> <li>➤ The coronavirus.dc.gov website is updated frequently, and all members of the public are encouraged to visit that site [for current information on the pandemic].</li> <li>➤ Dr. Eric Balmir thanks the Board for support, communication on the EAU supply of drugs, and distribution of <i>Remdesivir</i> during the pandemic.</li> </ul>	Dr. Tamara McCants
<u>Executive Director Report</u>	<p><u>Licensing Report</u></p> <p><u>Statistical Report on pharmacy professionals in the District of Columbia</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pharmacists: 2,215</li> <li>➤ Pharmacists with Vaccination and Immunization Authority: 751</li> <li>➤ Pharmacy Interns: 686</li> <li>➤ Pharmacy Technicians: 1024</li> <li>➤ Pharmacy Technician Trainees: 113</li> <li>➤ Pharmacy Technician Training Programs: 13</li> <li>➤ Pharmaceutical Detailers: 591</li> </ul> <p><u>Prescription Drug Monitoring Program</u></p> <p>Online training is impending and information on the courses will be disseminated through the PDMP Portal. Please go to <a href="https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/prescription-drug-monitoring-program">https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/prescription-drug-monitoring-program</a> for further information and announcements on courses.</p> <p>Prescribers are expected to register for PDMP within 90 days of licensure. Staff members are actively contacting prescribers through the PDMP email inbox, as well as through other modes of communication, to request registration.</p>	Dr. Shauna White

Further communication will be disseminated as the program looks forward to interacting with the public and offering webinars.

### **Opioid Strategic Plan**

For current information on the District's stance regarding the opioid crisis, the programs, the Mayor's strategic plan and community partners involved, go to <https://live-long.dc.gov/page/about-live-long-dc>.

While the strategic plan is moving forward, activities of the plan may look different as the District provides telemedicine to patients.

### **CE Programs**

Continuing education credits available through DC Rx are as follows:

- A module in *Implicit Bias*.
- Modules on *Smoking Cessation* and *Medication Errors* are upcoming as the renewal period approaches.

Information regarding the renewal period and process will be disseminated during the Board's December monthly meeting.

### **Licensing System at DC Health**

- DC Health is in the process of user acceptance testing in an online medium. The Department is migrating from a paper environment to a digital platform and looks forward to the [change of service].
- The licensing system is currently in use for license renewals only, but DC Health will migrate completely to a virtual environment. Consequently, all licensing Boards will use the new licensing system.

### **Communication with the Pharmacy Community on Pharmacy COVID-19 Testing Guidance**

- All members of the pharmacy community are asked to update their email addresses if emails from the Board of Pharmacy's egov account are not received. The Board of Pharmacy will be sending emails to pharmacists and other pharmacy professionals in the near future.
- All pharmacies will receive communication from the Board of Pharmacy via facsimile. The Board asks that all facsimile numbers for pharmacies are updated, if not already done.
- Open Session Meetings are published on the Board of Pharmacy's website at:

	<p>➤ The Board of Pharmacy requests that the public utilizes its website for information and to contact the Board of Pharmacy team it continues to operate in a virtual medium.</p> <p><b>Remarks:</b></p> <p>Board Chair, Dr. Tamara McCants observes that only thirty percent (30%) of pharmacists licensed in the District of Columbia are authorized to administer vaccinations/immunizations. She encourages all pharmacists to become authorized for vaccination/immunization administration, citing that if mass vaccinations are [required], the DC Board of Pharmacy would like fifty percent (50%) of the pharmacist community to already be certified.</p> <p>Board Counsel, Ms. Carla Williams informs Dr. Toyin Tofade of Howard University College of Pharmacy that submissions of draft language for consideration by the Board are to be submitted to Dr. Shauna White, the Executive Director of the Board.</p>	
<b><u>Assistant General Counsel Report</u></b>		Ms. Carla Williams
<b>1001-O-02</b>	<p><b><u>Emergency Rulemaking on Waiver of Live CE Requirements</u></b></p> <p>Board Counsel, Ms. Carla Williams confirms that rulemaking concerning the waiver of live CE requirements is currently going through the review and approval process. The Board will update the public when it is approved.</p>	
<b><u>Subcommittee Reports</u></b>		
<b>1001-E-03</b>	<p><b><u>Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee Report</u></b></p> <p>The Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee contributed to the newly- released immunization legislation. As the committee continues to meet, it will plan and discuss regulatory changes and the update of current regulations.</p>	Dr. Benjamin Miles
<b>1001-O-04</b>	<p><b><u>Communications Subcommittee Report</u></b></p> <p>The September edition of the newsletter was disseminated by NABP at the beginning of the month.</p> <p>The annual newsletter will highlight board members and their national and local activities in the pharmacy community. It will also disclose the Board’s activities of 2020.</p>	Dr. Ashlee Bow
<b><u>Matters for Consideration</u></b>		

1001-O-05		
	<p><b><u>DC Board of Pharmacy Bylaws</u></b></p> <p>(a) Bylaws</p> <p>Board Member, Dr. Allison Hill has reviewed the Bylaws for the District of Columbia’s Board of Pharmacy. She concludes that the by-laws are current, with one point of clarification, which is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Subcommittee meetings can be held in any month of the year, as needed.</li> </ul> <p>(b) Nomination of the Vice Chair of the DC Board of Pharmacy</p> <p>Dr. McCants informs the public that Board Member, Mr. Alan Friedman currently serves as the vice chairperson of the DC Board of Pharmacy. No additional nominations have been made. [Therefore, the Board will now vote on Mr. Friedman’s continuation of service as the vice chairperson of the DC Board of Pharmacy].</p> <p><b>Roll Call Vote:</b>  Dr. Tamara McCants: 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.  Mr. Gregory Cendana: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Let the record show that Mr. Alan Friedman will serve as the vice chair of the District of Columbia’s Board of Pharmacy.</p>	
<b><u>Presentation</u></b>		
1001-O-06	<p><b><u>Immunization Presentation from the Community Health Administration (CHA).</u></b></p> <p>For information, please go to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <a href="http://www.dchealth.dc.gov/immunizationdchealth.dc.gov">www.dchealth.dc.gov/immunizationdchealth.dc.gov</a>.</li> <li>➤ <a href="https://dchealth.dc.gov/dociis">https://dchealth.dc.gov/dociis</a>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mandatory training are under “You Call The Shots” at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/youcalltheshots.html">https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/youcalltheshots.html</a>.</b></p> <p>The specific topics are via modules 10 and 16:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vaccines for Children</li> <li>2. Storage and Handling (a requirement for pandemic providers).</li> </ol>	Ms. Donna Davidson and Ms. Heather Burris.
<b>NABP E-Newsletter</b>	<b><u>September 10, 2020</u></b>	Dr. Tamara McCants

	<p>NABP Passport Category Added for Hurricane Laura Volunteers in Louisiana</p> <p>NABP Warns Licensees of Scammers Impersonating Board Inspectors</p> <p>Survey: 86% of Pharmacists Planning to Deliver COVID-19 Vaccine</p> <p>Free Suite of Online Services Helps Patients Easily Find Pharmacies and Other Providers</p> <p>FDA Insight Podcast Focuses on Opioid Epidemic and COVID-19 Pandemic</p> <p>September Marks 31st National Recovery Month</p> <p><b><u>September 16, 2020</u></b></p> <p>NABP Model Act Updates Address Drug Utilization Reviews, Impairment Related to Cannabis Use</p> <p>NABP President, Executive Director Join Meeting to Discuss Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act</p> <p>Washington Post Explores Internet Domain Scams During Pandemic, Cites NABP’s Recommendation of Using Verified Sites</p> <p>NCPDP Updates Emergency Preparedness Guidance NABP Offers Opportunities to Earn Home Study CPE</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>Announcements and Public Comments</u></b></p>	<p>Howard University College of Pharmacy, in partnership with Capitol City Pharmacy Medical Reserve Core announces an <i>AphA Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery Training Program for Fall 2020</i>. To register, go to:  <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/apha-pharmacy-based-immunization-delivery-training-program-fall-2020-tickets-122260890615">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/apha-pharmacy-based-immunization-delivery-training-program-fall-2020-tickets-122260890615</a>.</p> <p>Dr. Charlene Fairfax of DC Medicaid announces that 17,000 Medicaid recipients have been assigned new managed care plans as of today, October 1, 2020. The new plans are Samira Health Plan, Medstar Family Health Choice Plan and Care First Community Health Plan. Because beneficiaries may not be aware of the changes, information has been disseminated to community pharmacies. For further information, please contact Dr. Fairfax at <a href="mailto:charlene.fairfax@dc.gov">charlene.fairfax@dc.gov</a>.</p>	



	<p>Howard University College of Pharmacy announces live courses for continuing education and invites the public to view its course outlines.</p> <p>Executive Director, Dr. Shauna White, informs the public that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Requests to present at the DC Board of Pharmacy’s monthly meeting are to be submitted to Health Licensing Specialist, Ms. Karin Barron at <a href="mailto:karin.barron@dc.gov">karin.barron@dc.gov</a>.</li> <li>2. The module in <i>Implicit Bias</i> addresses training in diversity and inclusion for continuing education.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Motion to Adjourn the Open Session</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 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>  Dr. Tamara McCants: 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.  Mr. Gregory Cendana: Votes in favor of the motion.</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 11:11 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).**