

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

**October 6, 2022**

**9:30 AM – 10:53 AM**

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
(VIA 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:** 9:30 AM

**PRESIDING:** DR. TAMARA McCANTS, PHARM.D. R.PH CHAIRPERSON

**BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:**

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| BOARD MEMBERS: |   |                         |
|                | DR. TAMARA McCANTS, PHARM.D. R.PH CHAIRPERSON         | PRESENT                 |
|                | MR. ALAN FRIEDMAN, R.PH, VICE CHAIRPERSON             | PRESENT at 9:40 AM      |
|                | DR. BENJAMIN MILES, PHARM.D. R.PH                     | PRESENT                 |
|                | DR. ASHLEE BOW, PHARM.D. R.PH                         | PRESENT                 |
|                | DR. ALLISON HILL, PHARM.D. R.PH                       | PRESENT UNTIL ~10:40 AM |
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| STAFF:         | DR. JUSTIN ORTIQUE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR                | PRESENT                 |
|                | KARIN BARRON, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST             | PRESENT                 |
|                | LUANNE GREENAWAY, PROGRAM SPECIALIST                  | PRESENT                 |
|                | COUNTEE GILLIAM, BOARD INVESTIGATOR                   | PRESENT                 |
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| LEGAL STAFF:   | CARLA WILLIAMS, SENIOR ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL      | PRESENT                 |
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| VISITORS:      | AMANDA ATTIYA, OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS         |                         |
|                | ANTHEA FRANCIS, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY |                         |
|                | DON ZOWADER, PUBLIC                                   |                         |
|                | JUAN GABRIEL MEDRANO, DC PHARMACY ASSOCIATION         |                         |
|                | GAIL ELLIOTT  |                         |
|                | LAUREN PAUL   |                         |
|                | LISA LE GETTE   |                         |
|                | MARCELLA BALOGA                                       |                         |
|                | OBINNA EJOH   |                         |
|                | REBECCA KINNETT                                       |                         |
|                | SARAH ALHADITHI                                       |                         |
|                | WILLIAM DROPPLEMAN                                    |                         |
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## Open Session Agenda

**Quorum:** Yes

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| <b>Introduction:</b>         |  |  |
| <b>1006-O-01</b>             | <p><b><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for:</u></b></p> <p>August 4, 2022</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Board Member, Dr. Ashlee Bow moves that the Board approve the August 4, 2022 open session meeting minutes.</p> <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Board Member, Dr. Allison Hill</p> <p><b>Roll Call Vote:</b></p> <p>Alan Friedman: Absent<br/>Benjamin Miles: Voted in favor of the Motion<br/>Allison Hill: Voted in favor of the Motion<br/>Ashlee Bow: Voted in favor of the Motion</p> <p><b>Abstentions: None.</b></p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p> <p>September 1, 2022</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Board Member, Dr. Benjamin Miles moves that the Board approve the September 1, 2022 open session meeting minutes.</p> <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Board Member, Dr. Allison Hill</p> <p><b>Roll Call Vote:</b></p> <p>Alan Friedman: Absent<br/>Benjamin Miles: Voted in favor of the Motion<br/>Allison Hill: Voted in favor of the Motion<br/>Ashlee Bow: Voted in favor of the Motion</p> <p><b>Abstentions: None.</b></p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p> |  |
| <b><u>Consent Agenda</u></b> | <b>None</b>  |  |

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| <p><b><u>Chairperson Report</u></b></p>        | <p><b><u>Interprofessional Workgroup</u></b></p> <p>The Interprofessional Workgroup continues to convene. There are no highlights to report at this time.</p> <p>Dr. Allison Hill is attending the NABP AACP quarterly meeting for Districts 1 and 2 on behalf of the District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy.</p>  | <p>Dr. Tamara McCants</p> |  |                                 |            |                    |              |                         |            |                             |              |                                     |            |                                       |            |  |           |  |  |                           |
| <p><b><u>Executive Director Report</u></b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Statistical Report on Pharmacy professionals in the District of Columbia</b></li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="526 562 1162 930"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>PHARMACEUTICAL DETAILERS</b></td> <td><b>627</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>PHARMACISTS</b></td> <td><b>2,186</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>PHARMACY INTERNS</b></td> <td><b>657</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>PHARMACY TECHNICIANS</b></td> <td><b>1,095</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>PHARMACY TECHNICIAN TRAINEES</b></td> <td><b>252</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>PHARMACISTS WITH VAC AUTHORITY</b></td> <td><b>808</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>PHARMACY TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAMS</b></td> <td><b>15</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Updates</b></li> </ul> <p>All pharmacists are reminded to register for the <i>Prescription Drug Monitoring Program</i> within ninety (90) days of licensure in the District of Columbia. For information on the program, please go to: <a href="https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/prescription-drug-monitoring-program">https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/prescription-drug-monitoring-program</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>DCRx (DC Center for Rational Prescribing)</b></li> </ul> <p>DCRX continues to publish continuing education credit courses, all of which can be reviewed at <a href="https://dchealth.dc.gov/dcrx">dchealth.dc.gov/dcrx</a>. New modules on <i>Food Security</i> and <i>Telehealth</i> are forthcoming.</p> <p>A survey will be disseminated in the pharmacy community to gauge the subject matter interest for continuing education credit courses.</p> <p><b>Report Amanda Attiya, Office of Government Relations (OGR)</b></p> <p>The <i>PDMP Amendment Act of 2022</i> will amend the <i>Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Act of 2013</i> to expand the Director’s discretionary disclosures including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Disclosure of aggregate and summary data, which will be processed to remove personal identifiers [that are now available] to public or private entities for statistical, research, educational or grant application purposes.</li> </ol> |                           |  | <b>PHARMACEUTICAL DETAILERS</b> | <b>627</b> | <b>PHARMACISTS</b> | <b>2,186</b> | <b>PHARMACY INTERNS</b> | <b>657</b> | <b>PHARMACY TECHNICIANS</b> | <b>1,095</b> | <b>PHARMACY TECHNICIAN TRAINEES</b> | <b>252</b> | <b>PHARMACISTS WITH VAC AUTHORITY</b> | <b>808</b> | <b>PHARMACY TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAMS</b> | <b>15</b> |  |  | <p>Dr. Justin Ortique</p> |
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| <b>PHARMACEUTICAL DETAILERS</b>                | <b>627</b>   |                           |  |                                 |            |                    |              |                         |            |                             |              |                                     |            |                                       |            |  |           |  |  |                           |
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| <b>PHARMACY TECHNICIANS</b>                    | <b>1,095</b>   |                           |  |                                 |            |                    |              |                         |            |                             |              |                                     |            |                                       |            |  |           |  |  |                           |
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|   | <p>2. [Access] to information for the purpose of public health surveillance, [which will allow] designated employees of DC Health’s Center for Policy, Planning, and Evaluation [to process the data], provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data elements that would reasonably identify a specific patient, prescriber, or dispenser will be deleted or redacted from the information before disclosure.</li> <li>• The Director is allowed to charge a fee to offset the operational costs to disclose information.</li> </ul> <p>This amendment will be resubmitted in the next year, if not approved by the current DC Council.</p>   |                    |
| <b><u>Senior Assistant General Counsel Report</u></b> |  |                    |
| 1006-O-02   | <p><b><u>Notice of Proposed Rulemaking-Published in the D.C. Register for Public Comment</u></b></p> <p>(a) <b><u>Proposed Rulemaking for Chapter 65 for Pharmacists</u></b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Vice Chair, Mr. Alan Friedman moves that the Board advances rulemaking changes to title 17 of Chapter 65 as is published in the register.</p> <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Board Member, Dr. Benjamin Miles.</p> <p><b>Roll Call Vote:</b></p> <p>Alan Friedman: Voted in favor of the Motion<br/> Benjamin Miles: Voted in favor of the Motion<br/> Ashlee Bow: Voted in favor of the Motion<br/> Allison Hill: Voted in favor of the Motion</p> <p><b>Abstentions: None.</b></p> <p><b>Motion Carried</b></p> | Ms. Carla Williams |
| <b><u>Regarding Subcommittee Reports</u></b>          |  |                    |
| 1006-O-03   | <p><b><u>Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee Report</u></b></p> <p>The Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee is meeting monthly to work on updating regulations based on data received from the workplace survey that was disseminated among pharmacy professionals last year. The subcommittee will hold one or two more meetings to finalize and present the recommended changes to the Board.</p>   | Mr. Alan Friedman  |

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| <p><b>1006-O-04</b></p>           | <p><b><u>Communications Subcommittee Report</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Ashlee Bow discloses that the Board has published the September, 2022 Newsletter. In celebration of Pharmacy Month, Dr. Bow requests that the pharmacy community take pictures and submit them to <a href="mailto:ashlee.bow@dcbc.dc.gov">ashlee.bow@dcbc.dc.gov</a>, for publication in the DC Board of Pharmacy's newsletter for December, 2022.</p>  | <p>Dr. Ashlee Bow</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Presentation</u></b></p> | <p><b><u>Fall campaign for COVID &amp; Flu and Update on Vaccine Administration Reporting Requirements</u></b></p> <p>Pharmacists are now able to enroll in the program to provide vaccines to children under the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Please email <a href="mailto:doh.immunization@dc.gov">doh.immunization@dc.gov</a> for more information.</p> <p>Dr. Sherri Wellington announces a COVID-19 vaccine training course in partnership with the CDC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.5 Continuing Education Credits through 4 modules.</li> <li>• Peer-to-Peer Training via virtual meeting.</li> <li>• Developed by Dr. Sherri Wellington and Dr. Heather Burris.</li> <li>• Vetted and funded by CDC.</li> </ul> <p>For more information on the COVID-19 training course, please contact Dr. Wellington at <a href="mailto:drsherriewallington@gmail.com">drsherriewallington@gmail.com</a>.</p> | <p>Ms. Heather Burris,<br/>Immunization<br/>Division Chief</p> |
| <p><b>NABP E-Newsletter</b></p>   | <p><b><u>September 21, 2022</u></b></p> <p>FDA Releases Framework Aimed to Prevent Drug Overdoses and Reduce Deaths</p> <p>Impact of Laws on Pediatric Opioid Prescribing</p> <p>How Pharmacists Can Address Vaccine Hesitancy for the Flu and Beyond</p> <p>FDA's Self-Guided Online Course: Personnel Gowning in Sterile Drug Production</p> <p>FDA Asks Boards to Report Concerns on Unlicensed Desiccated Thyroid Extract</p> <p>Importation of Prescription Drugs: Overview of the Final Rule, FDA Guidance, and Obstacles to Implementation</p> <p><b><u>September 14, 2022</u></b></p> <p>Study: Increased Use of Telehealth Services for OUD During Pandemic Cuts Overdose Risk</p>  | <p>Dr. Tamara McCants</p>                                      |

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|   | <p>FDA Webinar on Preventive Vaccines</p> <p>DEA Warns of Brightly Colored Fentanyl Used to Target Young Americans</p> <p>During Pandemic, Nearly One in Four Youth Sought Mental Health Care</p> <p>Note to the Public: To receive weekly updates from NABP, please sign up by using the following link:<br/> <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>Ms. Anthea Francis</b>, Howard University College of Pharmacy (HUCP), Office of Continuing Education requests the information for Dr. Sherri Wellington as HUCP is interested in a partnership concerning the COVID-19 vaccine training by the CDC as a continuing education credit course.</p> <p><b>Mr. Juan Gabriel Medrano</b>, DC Pharmacy Association announces the Washington DC Pharmacy Association’s Citywide Rx Confab on October 7 through October 8, 2022. For more information, please go to <a href="https://wdcpha.org/event/citywide-rx-confab/">https://wdcpha.org/event/citywide-rx-confab/</a>.</p> <p><b>Questions by Vice Chair, Mr. Alan Friedman:</b></p> <p>Two questions currently asked of pharmacists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “Which vaccine should I get, Moderna or Pfizer?” Mr. Friedman reports on the recent opinion of a practicing physician who advocates for use of both vaccines. Mr. Medrano of the Washington DC Pharmacy Association supports the opinion that for maximum coverage, a combination of both vaccines should be administered to anyone receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.</li> <li>2. Mr. Friedman asks Dr. Ortique about updates on administering Paxlovid. Dr. Ortique will research and inform Mr. Friedman of all updates once confirmed.</li> </ol> <p><b>Board Chair, Dr. Tamara McCants</b> encourages the pharmacy community to take advantage of registering for the vaccination and immunization program for children.</p> |  |
| <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 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>   |  |

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|  | <p><b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Ashlee Bow.</p> <p><b>Roll Call Vote:</b></p> <p>Mr. Alan Friedman: Votes in favor of the motion.<br/>Dr. Benjamin Miles: Votes in favor of the motion.<br/>Dr. Ashlee Bow: Votes in favor of the motion.<br/>Dr. Allison Hill: Absent.</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 10:53 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).**