

**Maryland Board of Pharmacy
Public Board Meeting**

**Agenda
May 21, 2025**

Name	Title	Present	Absent
Evans, K.	Commissioner		
Fink, K.	Commissioner		
Geigher, P.	Commissioner/Treasurer		
Leikach, N.	Commissioner		
Masood, A.	Commissioner		
Oriafo, A.	Commissioner		
Patel, A.	Commissioner		
Robinson, D.	Commissioner/Pharmacy Technician		
Rusinko, K.	Commissioner/President		
Slagle, K.	Commissioner		
Vázquez, J.	Commissioner/Secretary		
Bethman, L.	Board Counsel		
Felter, B.	Board Counsel		
Speights-Napata, D.	Executive Director		
Partin, J.	Director of IT, Budget & Procurement		
Valerio, L.	Licensing Manager		
Leak, T.	Compliance Director		
Gaskins, J.	Legislative Liaison		
Watts-Vess, S	Communications Manager		

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I. Executive Committee Report(s)	<p>A.) K. Rusinko, Board President</p> <p>B.) J. Vazquez, Secretary</p>	<p><i>Members of the Board with a conflict of interest relating to any item on the agenda are advised to notify the Board at this time or when the issue is addressed in the agenda.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to Order 2. Sign-in Introduction and of meeting attendees – <i>(Please indicate on sign-in sheet if you are requesting CE Units for attendance)</i> 3. Distribution of Agenda and packet materials 4. Review and approve April 2025 Public Meeting Minutes 											
II. A. Executive Director Report	D. Speights-Napata Executive Director	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting Update 2. Staff Update 											
B. New Business	K. Rusinko, Board President												
C. Operations	J. Partin, IT Director Budget & Procurement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Procurement and Budget Updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. April Financials 2. Management Information Systems (MIS) Unit Updates 											
D. Licensing	K. Slagle, Chair	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unit Updates 2. Monthly Statistics <table border="1" data-bbox="772 1268 1535 1351"> <thead> <tr> <th>License Type</th> <th>New</th> <th>Renewed</th> <th>Reinstated</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	License Type	New	Renewed	Reinstated	Total						
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E. Compliance	T. Leak, Compliance Director	<p>1. Unit Updates</p> <p>2. Monthly Statistics</p> <p>Complaints & Investigations:</p> <p>New Complaints – 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unprofessional Conduct - 2 ● Inspections - 6 ● Medication Error - 1 ● Customer Service - 3 																																														

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Employee Pilferage - 1 ● Red Flags - 2 ● Out of state disciplinary actions - 3 ● Fraud - 1 ● Refusal to fill - 1 <p>Resolved - 62 Actions within Goal - 62/62 Formal Disciplinary Action Taken - 12 Summary Actions Taken - 1 Average Days to Complete - 103</p> <p>Regulatory Inspections: Total - 104 Annual Inspections - 91</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chain - 12 ● Independent - 18 ● Sterile Compounding - 7 ● Repository - 3 ● Comprehensive Care - 1 ● Hospital - 6 ● Supplemental Assisted Living - 4 ● Follow up - 0 ● Distributor - 35 ● Attempted- 5 <p>Openings - 1 Remodels/Renovations - 5 Relocations - 0 Repository Openings - 0 Closing Inspections - 5 Change of Ownership - 2</p>	

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		Pending Opening – 2 Pending Closing - 3	
F. Legislation & Regulations	J. Gaskins, Legislative Liaison	<u>Regulations</u> - Regulatory Review Update	

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<p>III. Committee Reports</p> <p>A. Practice Committee</p>	<p>A.Masood, Chair</p>	<p><u>Background Checks:</u> Committee voted to approve the use of criminal background checks and to prepare the appropriate legislation for the 2026 session.</p> <p><u>QUESTION ONE: S.O.</u></p> <p>I am writing to learn if there are any MTM related rules around a Maryland licensed pharmacist virtually or telephonically providing MTM services in MD to a patient who may be in DC, Virginia or elsewhere. Are there currently any restrictions/rules in place related to this?</p> <p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>Maryland Pharmacy regulations require that you be a licensed pharmacist or work under the auspices of a Maryland non-resident pharmacy permit holder. See COMAR 10.34.37.04.</p> <p><u>QUESTION TWO: S.K.</u></p> <p>I'm part of a research team preparing a clinical trial for a non-Federally-controlled, FDA-approved drug substance to be used in a Phase 2 clinical trial under FDA IND.</p> <p>As Sponsor-Investigators, we maintain a base distribution hub in Virginia, which is registered with the State Board of Pharmacy in Virginia under a "research" designation.</p> <p>Our PI is licensed in the state of Virginia and the state of Maryland, amongst others.</p> <p>We plan to ship the investigational medical product (IMP) directly to participants in the state of Maryland.</p>	

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		<p>What requirements exist, if any, for our particular case? Would we have to register as an out-of-state pharmacy even as a research organization?</p> <p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>The Maryland Board of Pharmacy only has jurisdiction over the dispensing and distribution aspect of the prescription drugs in this clinical trial.</p> <p>Maryland residents participating in this trial will need a prescription to receive medication.</p> <p><u>QUESTION THREE: B.H.</u></p> <p>Regarding closing our pharmacy on 4/11/25, I understand that all patients files, prescriptions and hardcopies, which are all PHI items, will be transferred to another pharmacy before closing inspection.</p> <p>My question is regarding all the NONE-PHI documents, like suppliers' invoices, return forms, inspection reports...and more, everything that does not have patient related data. Will that need to be transferred to the other pharmacy as well? I am asking because there are a lot of documents and many boxes, we rather deal with them differently if it is not a requirement.</p> <p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>The Board discussed the retention requirements for non-protected health information (PHI) documents, like invoices, and the implications for closing businesses. Maryland Board of Pharmacy does not have regulations governing the retention for non-PHI documents. Pharmacy permit holders must maintain prescription records for at least five (5) years. The Board recommends that you</p>	

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		<p>contact a Business Attorney to consult with the closing of the business and record retention policies.</p> <p><u>QUESTION FOUR: S.D.</u></p> <p>Md. Health Occupations Code Ann. § 12-509 states that pharmacists can administer injections for the treatment of STIs, such as HIV. However, this does not include specific language for the prevention of STIs. While it's clear that we can administer a drug like Cabenuva to treat active HIV, would pharmacists also be able to administer injections for disease prevention pursuant to a prescription order for drugs like Aprelude for HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis(PrEP)?</p> <p><u>RESPONSE:</u></p> <p>10.34.41 Administration of a Maintenance Injectable Medication governs medication for a medication that treats a chronic need.</p> <p><u>QUESTION FIVE: K.H.</u></p> <p>I am reaching out to request approval of the Pharmacist Letter training for Pharmacist Prescribing of Nicotine Replacement Therapy for our Safeway and ACME Maryland Pharmacists. Below you will find a list of both courses for the training. I have also attached the course information for each activity. We require our Albertsons/Safeway pharmacists in our other states that are authorized to provide NRT services to complete this same training.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="709 1219 1409 1382"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="709 1219 850 1256">Course</th> <th data-bbox="850 1219 1129 1256">Hours</th> <th data-bbox="1129 1219 1409 1256">ACPE Course</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="709 1256 850 1382">Smoking Cessation Pharmaco therapy</td> <td data-bbox="850 1256 1129 1382">1 CE hour</td> <td data-bbox="1129 1256 1409 1382">JA0006454-0000-23-238-H01-P</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Course	Hours	ACPE Course	Smoking Cessation Pharmaco therapy	1 CE hour	JA0006454-0000-23-238-H01-P	
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<p>B. Licensing Committee</p>	<p>K. Slagle, Chair</p>	<p>1. Review of Pharmacist New Applications:</p> <p>a. 142145 - The applicant is requesting a three-month extension to sit for the Maryland MPJE, as the current ATT expires on April 22, 2025. Due to recent work schedule changes, the applicant was unable to schedule or take the exam. The applicant is now in a position to proceed and requests an extension to allow adequate time to complete the exam process. <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Approve. The extension is granted until July 31, 2025. The applicant must reapply.</i></u></p> <p>2. Review of Pharmacist Renewal Applications: None</p> <p>3. Review of Pharmacist Reinstatement Applications:</p> <p>a. 29024 - The licensee is requesting reimbursement of the pharmacist license reinstatement fee. The original renewal application was mailed on October 17, 2024—prior to the deadline—but was not received or processed. Following multiple follow-ups and two additional submissions, complicated by lost mail and a change in mailing address, the reinstatement application was finally received and processed in March 2025. As the delay was beyond the licensee’s control, a reimbursement of the reinstatement fee is being requested. <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Approve. The difference in the reinstatement fee will be refunded.</i></u></p> <p>b. 11655 - The licensee is requesting a partial refund of \$266—the difference between the \$527 reinstatement fee paid and the standard renewal fee—due to technical issues encountered while attempting to renew the license online on February 28, 2025. Despite multiple attempts and no access to technical support, the license status changed to</p>	
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		<p>"Non-Renewed." The licensee has maintained timely renewals over 36 years of practice and is requesting leniency and consideration for this one-time, system-related issue. <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Approve. The difference in the reinstatement fee will be refunded.</i></u></p> <p>4. Review of Technician New Applications: None 5. Review of Technician Renewal Applications: None</p> <p>6. Review of Technician Reinstatement Applications:</p> <p>a. T13889 - The registrant is requesting reimbursement of the \$45 reinstatement application fee due to delays in processing, a returned application resulting from mailing address changes, and NABP system errors that prevented the Board from accessing CE records. Additionally, the registrant was under the impression that the reinstated registration would be valid for a full two-year period. The registration, which expired on 11/30/2015, was reinstated on 03/10/2025. Given the confusion and technical issues, the registrant is requesting a refund of the application fee. <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Deny.</i></u></p> <p>7. Review of Intern New Applications: None</p> <p>8. Review of Intern Renewal Applications:</p> <p>a. PI02603 - The registrant is requesting an extension of their intern registration while preparing to take the MPJE, which is scheduled for May 2025. <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Approve. The extension is granted until August 31, 2025.</i></u></p>	

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		<p>b. PI03065 - The registrant (Intern-Grad) is requesting an extension of their intern registration in order to continue working while preparing to take the MPJE. <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Approve. The extension is granted until November 30, 2025.</i></u></p> <p>9. Review of Pharmacy New Applications: None 10. Review of Pharmacy Renewal Applications: None</p> <p>11. Review of Continuing Education Program Request:</p> <p>a. Family Meds, Inc. - Using PEER Program <i>Commissioner: N. Leikach recused</i> <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Approve.</i></u></p> <p>b. Northside Pharmacy <i>Commissioner: K.Slagle recused</i> <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Approve.</i></u></p> <p>12. Review of Pharmacy Technicians Training Program:</p> <p>13. New Business:</p> <p>a. J.A. - I am requesting approval from the Maryland Board of Pharmacy to serve as the designated Maryland-licensed pharmacist for more than one non-resident pharmacy. I currently have professional relationships with two out-of-state pharmacies that are seeking non-resident licensure in Maryland, and both have requested that I serve in this role on their applications.</p> <p>b. Pharmacist Reinstatement Application “Attestation Question 11” - During the April Licensing Committee Meeting, the Compliance Unit inquired whether the disclaimer currently included in Attestation Question #11</p>	

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		<p>of the technician reinstatement application could also be added to Attestation Question #11 of the pharmacist reinstatement application. The intent of this proposed addition is to help prevent delays in the processing of pharmacist reinstatement applications, provided that all other licensing requirements have been met.</p> <p><u>Committee Recommendation:</u> <i>Approve adjustments.</i></p> <p><i>The updated adjustments are as follows:</i></p> <p>Technician Attestation Question: #11. Have you practiced as a pharmacy technician during the expiration of your pharmacy technician registration?</p> <p>(Please note: if you have been practicing as a pharmacy technician after the expiration of your registration, the Board may reinstate your registration but reserves its authority to pursue disciplinary action against you for practicing on an expired registration.)</p> <p>Pharmacist Attestation Question: #11. Have you worked as a pharmacist in a Maryland pharmacy or a non-resident Pharmacy serving Maryland residents since the expiration date of your license?</p> <p>(Please note: if you have been practicing as a pharmacist after the expiration of your license, the Board may reinstate your license but reserves its authority to pursue disciplinary action against you for practicing on an expired license.)</p>	
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C. Public Relations Committee	J. Vázquez, Chair	Public Relations Committee Update:	
D. Disciplinary	K. Fink, Chair	Disciplinary Committee Update	
E. Emergency Preparedness Task Force	N. Leikach, Chair	Emergency Preparedness Task Force Update	
IV. Other Business & FYI	K. Rusinko, President		
V. Adjournment	K. Rusinko, President	<p>A. The Public Meeting was adjourned</p> <p>B. I would like to ask for a motion to close the public meeting and open a closed public session for the purpose of engaging in medical review committee deliberations of confidential matters contained in licensure applications in accordance with General Provisions Article Section 3-305(b)(13).</p> <p>C. Immediately thereafter, K. Rusinko, convened an Administrative Session for purposes of discussing confidential disciplinary cases.</p> <p>D. With the exception of cases requiring recusals, the Board members present at the Public Meeting continued to participate in the Administrative Session.</p>	