

**Maryland Board of Pharmacy
Public Board Meeting**

**Agenda
November 19, 2025**

Name	Title	Present	Absent
Board Committee			
Banks, B.	Commissioner		
Cundiff, J.	Commissioner		
De Leon, M.	Commissioner		
Geigher, P.	Commissioner/Treasurer		
Legalle, W.	Commissioner		
Masood, A.	Commissioner		
Oriaifo, A.	Commissioner		
Patel, A.	Commissioner		
Robinson, D.	Commissioner /Pharmacy Technician		
Rusinko, K.	Commissioner/President		
Shimoda, M.	Commissioner		
Slagle, K.	Commissioner		
Vázquez, J.	Commissioner/Secretary		
Board Counsel			
Bethman, L.	Board Counsel		
Felter, B.	Board Counsel		
Board Staff			
Speights-Napata, D.	Executive Director		
Gaskins, J.	Legislative Liaison		
Leak, T.	Compliance Director		
Partin, J.	Director of IT, Budget & Procurement		
Valerio, L.	Licensing Manager		

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Watts-Vess, S	Communications Manager		
I. Executive Committee Report(s)	A.) K. Rusinko, Board President B.) J. Vazquez, Secretary	<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 October 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. October Financials 2. Management Information Systems (MIS) Unit Updates 	
D. Licensing	K. Slagle, Chair	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unit Updates 	

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E. Compliance	T. Leak, Compliance Director	<p>1. Unit Updates</p> <p>2. Monthly Statistics</p> <p>Complaints & Investigations:</p>																																																			

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		<p>New Complaints – 43</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Customer Service- 7 ● Employee Pilferage- 3 ● Licensing Referral- 1 ● Inspection issues- 23 ● Medication Error- 3 ● Refusal to Fill- 2 ● Miscellaneous- 4 <p>Resolved- 22 Actions within goal- 22/22 Formal Disciplinary Actions Taken- 3 Summary Actions Taken – 1 Average Days to Complete- 159</p> <p>Regulatory Inspections: Total - 145 Annual Inspections - 131</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chain - 56 ● Independent - 29 ● Sterile Compounding - 16 ● Repository - 15 ● Comprehensive Care - 2 ● Hospital - 4 ● Supplemental Assisted Living - 7 ● Follow up - 0 ● Distributor - 0 ● Attempted- 2 <p>Openings – 2 Remodels- 4</p>	

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		Relocations – 0 Reinstatement - 1 Repository Openings - 0 Closing Inspections - 2 Change of Ownership - 5 Pending Opening – 2 Pending Closing - 3	
F. Legislation & Regulations	J. Gaskins, Legislative Liaison	<u>Legislation</u> <u>Regulations</u> Regulatory updates	

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<p>III. Committee Reports</p> <p>A. Practice Committee</p>	<p>A. Masood, Chair</p>	<p><u>QUESTION ONE: J.P.</u></p> <p>We are in the process of updating our systems to allow for the forwarding of unfilled CII prescriptions as allowed by the DEA. As a result, in our review of state laws and rules, we had a couple of questions that came up:</p> <p>1. Does Maryland consider the forwarding of an unfilled CII prescription a transfer and therefore it is prohibited under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COMAR 10.34.04.03 B. <i>The prescription is not for a Schedule II controlled dangerous substance noted in Criminal Law Article, Title 5, Subtitle 4, Annotated</i> <p><u>RESPONSE ONE:</u></p> <p><i>The Board recently modified its current regulations to defer to federal law with respect to the transfer of CDS prescriptions. COMAR 10.34.04.06. Therefore, a pharmacy shall comply with the DEA regulations regarding transfer of unfilled CII prescriptions.</i></p> <p><u>QUESTION TWO: A.G.</u></p> <p>Would I be able to get clarification on the below: In the state of Maryland, are certified pharmacy technicians able to accept refill authorization from prescribers or their agents over the phone as long as</p> <p>there are no changes from the previous order (drug/strength/quantity/etc)?</p>	

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	<p>K. Rusinko & J. Vazquez Recused</p>	<p>Md. Code Regs. 10.34.34.03 - Delegated Pharmacy Acts States that: A. A pharmacy technician may not:</p> <p>(11) Accept or transcribe new prescriptions</p> <p>This leads me to say, "no" but I am being informed that as long as there are no therapeutic changes, technicians are able to accept.</p> <p><u>RESPONSE TWO:</u></p> <p><i>Yes, you are correct. A "refill authorization" is a request for a new prescription for the same drug. As such, a pharmacy technician may not accept or transcribe a new prescription even if it is for the same drug.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Drug Therapy Management</u></p> <p><u>PHARMACY:</u> Johns Hopkins</p> <p><u>PHARMACIST(S):</u> Stephanie Davis</p> <p><u>PROTOCOL(S):</u> Renal Dose Adjustment, Parenteral Nutrition, Therapeutic Drug Monitoring, Antithrombotics</p>	

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	<p>M. DeLeon Recused</p>	<p><u>PHARMACY:</u> Kaiser Permanente</p> <p><u>PHARMACIST(S):</u> Kaysha Lancaster, Kathryn Mundi, Maureen Muthoni, Michelle Nguyen, Mark Epstein Sydney Hajimirsadeghi</p> <p><u>PROTOCOL(S):</u> Metabolic Syndrome</p> <p><u>PHARMACY:</u> UMMC</p> <p><u>PHARMACIST(S):</u> Chiamaka Adadey, Sara Touchan, Farzana Musawwir</p> <p><u>PROTOCOL(S):</u> Heart Failure</p>	
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B. Licensing Committee	K. Slagle, Chair	<p>1. Review of Pharmacist New Applications:</p> <p>a. 145360 - The applicant successfully completed the NAPLEX on July 1, 2025, and is requesting an extension of the MPJE Authorization to Test until July 31, 2026, to allow additional time for preparation. <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Approve. The applicant must reapply.</i></u></p> <p>2. Review of Pharmacist Renewal Applications: None</p> <p>3. Review of Pharmacist Reinstatement Applications: None</p> <p>4. Review of Technician New Applications: None</p> <p>5. Review of Technician Renewal Applications: None</p> <p>6. Review of Technician Reinstatement Applications: None</p> <p>7. Review of Intern New Applications:</p> <p>a. 149426 - The applicant requests Board approval to begin internship hours under a licensed Maryland pharmacist while the FPGEC certification is pending. <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Deny. Completion of the FPGEC certification is required for issuance of a Foreign Pharmacy Intern-Grad registration.</i></u></p> <p>8. Review of Intern Renewal Applications: None</p> <p>9. Review of Pharmacy New Applications:</p> <p>a. 149692 - A new pharmacy application was submitted; however, the proposed owner is a Nurse Practitioner who would hold 100% ownership of the pharmacy. <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Deny. An active Maryland prescriber cannot own more than 10% of a pharmacy.</i></u></p> <p>10. Review of Pharmacy Renewal Applications: None</p> <p>11. Review of Continuing Education Program Request: None</p>	

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		<p>12. Review of Pharmacy Technician Training Program:</p> <p>a. Hereford Pharmacy, Inc. - <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Approve.</i></u></p> <p>13. New Business:</p> <p>a. F.H. - We are updating our contraception course that we previously had received confirmation from you that it could be used to meet the one-hour CE requirement for pharmacists who prescribe contraception in Maryland (see attached for reference). This course expires at the end of October, so it needs to be updated and replaced. Since we're assigning a new UAN and course title for this course, I wanted to reach out again to see if this updated course may also be used for that 1-hour CE requirement? <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Approve.</i></u></p> <p>b. M.M. - Requesting that New Jersey be added to the list of states from which a non-resident wholesale distributor may obtain a Maryland wholesaler permit by reciprocity under Md. Health Occ. Code Ann 12-6C-04(c). <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Approve.</i></u></p> <p>c. D.M. - The Interim Associate Director of Career & Workforce Education Unit is asking for the Board to review and determine approval for the non-substantial curriculum changes in the institution. This will assist MHEC while we conduct the remaining analysis required by COMAR 13B.01.01.09 Private Career School; Instructional Programs. <u><i>Commissioner Matthew Shimoda Recused.</i></u> <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Approve.</i></u></p>	
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		<p>d. A.W.A. - I am a licensed pharmacist in good standing in both the State of Michigan, USA, and the Province of Ontario, Canada. I also hold FPGECC certification from NABP and have successfully passed the NAPLEX examination.</p> <p>I am writing to inquire whether my pharmacy practice experience in Ontario, Canada—where I have been continuously licensed and in good standing since June 2016, and where I have been serving for the past three years as Pharmacy Designated Manager (Pharmacist-In-Charge) at a community pharmacy in Kitchener, Ontario—may be considered to fulfill Maryland’s 520-hour pharmacy experience requirement for licensure by reciprocity with Michigan State. In my role as Pharmacy Designated Manager, I have been responsible for overseeing pharmacy operations, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements, supervising staff, and maintaining quality standards in patient care. I believe this experience reflects both advanced clinical practice and leadership responsibilities consistent with the expectations of licensed pharmacists.</p> <p>The Michigan Board of Pharmacy accepted my Canadian pharmacy practice experience as meeting its experience requirement for licensure. Likewise, the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy allows foreign-educated pharmacists to apply a portion of verified foreign practice hours toward its internship requirement. These examples suggest that documented professional experience obtained in Canada may be recognized by other U.S. pharmacy boards.</p> <p>Given these precedents, I would greatly appreciate clarification on whether the Maryland Board of Pharmacy</p>	

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		<p>may consider my Canadian practice experience toward satisfying the 520-hour requirement for reciprocity.</p> <p><u>Committee Recommendation: Approve.</u></p>	
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C. Public Relations Committee	J. Vázquez, Chair	Public Relations Committee Update:	
D. Disciplinary		Disciplinary Committee Update	
E. Emergency Preparedness Task Force	A.Patel, 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>	