

**Maryland Board of Pharmacy
Public Board Meeting**

**Agenda
March 19, 2025**

Name	Title	Present	Absent
Evans, K.	Commissioner		
Fink, K.	Commissioner		
Ford, S.	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		
Vacant	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>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to Order 2. Sign-in Introduction and of meeting attendees – (Please indicate on sign-in sheet if you are requesting CE Units for attendance) 3. Distribution of Agenda and packet materials 4. Review and approve February 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. February 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 1352"> <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 - 52</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inspection Issues – 33 ● Out of state disciplinary actions – 5 ● Employee Pilferage – 3 ● Unlicensed Personnel – 3 																																														

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unprofessional Conduct – 2 ● Refusal to Fill – 2 ● Medication Error – 1 ● Customer Service – 1 ● Licensing Referral – 1 ● Miscellaneous – 1 <p>Resolved- 38 Actions within goal- 37/38 Formal Disciplinary Actions Taken- 4 Summary Actions Taken- 0 Average Days to complete- NA</p> <p>Regulatory Inspections: Total - 102 Annual Inspections - 86</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chain - 31 ● Independent - 14 ● Sterile Compounding - 9 ● Repository - 16 ● Comprehensive Care - 0 ● Hospital - 10 ● Supplemental Assisted Living - 2 ● Follow up - 2 ● Distributor - 2 ● Attempted- 0 <p>Openings/Remodels/Relocations - 7 Closing Inspections - 7 Change of Ownership - 1 Pending Opening – 1 Pending Closing - 2</p>	
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F. Legislation & Regulations	J. Gaskins, Legislative Liaison	<p><u>Legislation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MDH submitted over 600 positions on bills this session. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Board of Pharmacy submitted 52 of those bills. ○ SB 371/ HB 565 – State Board of Pharmacy – Renewal Notices – Electronic Means ○ SB 217/HB 256 – Health Occupations Boards – Membership Alteration and Sunset Extension ➤ Crossover 3/17/25 ➤ Last day of session 4/7/25 ➤ Legislative Agenda for 2026 <p><u>Regulations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Regulatory Review - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New ➤ 10.34.08 Information Required on Prescriptions or Patient Drug Profiles ➤ 10.34.15 Licensure by Reciprocity ➤ 10.34.37 Pharmacy Permit Holder Requirements - Wholesale Distribution and Nonresident Pharmacy Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chapters 12, 26, and 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10.34.12 Removal of Expired Medications ■ 10.34.26 Patient Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Comments received 	
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<p>III. Committee Reports</p> <p>A. Practice Committee</p>	<p>K, Evans, Chair</p>	<p><u>QUESTION ONE:</u> K. Wypch</p> <p>I recently had a situation where a one-time prescription for a Schedule II medication (a benzodiazepine to take during an MRI) was prescribed to a Walgreens that, unbeknownst to the prescriber, was going out of business. I was advised when I spoke to the Walgreens that the patient/ patient’s representative could reach out to the new, preferred Walgreens and transfer the prescription.</p> <p>I was told by the patient representative and the new pharmacy that this was not allowed. As I am not the prescriber (their primary physician is the prescriber), I was told I need to go back to the primary prescriber and have them send a new prescription to the new pharmacy. They said that Schedule II medications need to be filled first at one pharmacy before they can be transferred.</p> <p>The regulations that I read did not support this.</p> <p>Is what the pharmacy advised accurate?</p> <p><u>PROPOSED RESPONSE Q1:</u></p> <p>The transfer of an unfilled schedule II prescription is permitted pursuant to 21 CFR § 1306.08(f).</p> <p>“(e) The transfer for initial dispensing of an electronic prescription for a controlled substance in Schedule II-V is permissible between retail pharmacies, upon request from the patient, on a one-time basis only. If the transferred prescription is for a controlled substance in Schedule III, IV, or V and includes authorized refills, the refills are transferred with the initial prescription to the pharmacy receiving the transfer.”</p> <p><u>QUESTION TWO:</u> K. Kverno</p>	

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		<p>I work at MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital outpatient psychiatry, and we have several patients from the Baltimore city area that require monthly long-acting injectable medications (e.g., Vivitrol, Aristada). We are wondering whether you would be able to provide us with a list of pharmacists in the Baltimore City area that are certified to give those injections.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED RESPONSE Q2:</u></p> <p>Although pharmacists must meet the training, recordkeeping, and procedural requirements in COMAR 10.34.41 in order to administer prescribed injectable medications, they are not required to apply to or register with the Board. Therefore, the Board does not maintain a list of pharmacists certified to provide these injections.</p>	
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		<p><u>QUESTION THREE: M. Bhatt</u></p> <p>I am reaching out to the Maryland Board of Pharmacy seeking guidance regarding the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If a pharmacy licensed by the Board with a “community pharmacy” subtype, is considering preparing and supplying intravenous medications for patients in a physical location within the same building of the pharmacy, but in a distinct space from the pharmacy, will the pharmacy need to submit written notice to the Board 30 days’ in advance? ● Alternatively, does the Board require a new license application to add the contemplated service, and what is the Board’s current timing of processing new license applications? <p>Note, in the above circumstance, the medications would not be administered by pharmacy personnel, but instead the pharmacy would only be involved in preparing and supplying the medication.</p> <p><u>PROPOSED RESPONSE Q3:</u></p> <p>Yes, a pharmacy must submit to the Board written notification at least thirty (30) days in advance of any change in information provided to the Board on the pharmacy’s application, to include changes in the floor plan or physical structure. An inspection is required prior to engaging in Sterile Compounding. A second license will not be required.</p>	
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		<p><u>DRUG THERAPY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM</u></p> <p><u>Pharmacy:</u> UMMC</p> <p><u>Pharmacists:</u> Millad Sobhanian, Katherine Owens</p> <p><u>Protocols:</u> Pharmacotherapy and Supportive Care, Management of patients with disease of the Central Nervous System</p> <p><u>Pharmacy:</u> UM Upper Chesapeake Comprehensive Care Center</p> <p><u>Pharmacists:</u> Jennifer Katzianer</p> <p><u>Protocols:</u> Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Type II Diabetes Mellitus, Heart Failure, Hypertension</p>	
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<p>B. Licensing Committee</p>	<p>K. Slagle, Chair</p>	<p>1. Review of Pharmacist Applications: None</p> <p>2. Review of Pharmacist Renewal Applications: None</p> <p>3. Review of Pharmacist Reinstatement Applications:</p> <p>a. 25715 - The licensee is requesting that the Board considers reinstating the pharmacist license without completing the MPJE requirement; due to overwhelming personal hardships. <u>Committee Recommendation: Deny</u></p> <p>4. Review of Technician Applications:</p> <p>a. S.H. - Requesting an extension to complete the Pharmacy Technician Training Program due to maternity leave. <u>Committee Recommendation: Approve. Extension granted until April 30, 2025.</u></p> <p>5. Review of Technician Renewal Applications: None</p> <p>6. Review of New Intern Applications:</p> <p>a. M.A. - Requesting to apply as a pharmacy intern without completing the FPGEC/TOEFL requirement. <u>Committee Recommendation: Deny. The FPGEC is a requirement of the Pharmacy Intern Application for foreign graduates.</u></p> <p>7. Review of Intern Renewal Applications:</p> <p>a. PI02603 - The registrant is requesting an extension of the Intern registration while preparing to retake the MPJE for the second attempt.</p>	
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		<p><u><i>Committee Recommendation: Approve. Extension granted until July 31, 2025.</i></u></p> <p>8. Review of Pharmacy Applications: None</p> <p>9. Review of Continuing Education Program Request: None</p> <p>10. Review of Pharmacy Technicians Training Program:</p> <p>a. MedMerica Discount Pharmacy - Using Peer Program <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Approve</i></u> <i>Commissioner Leikach Recused</i></p> <p>b. Lifeline Baltimore Pharmacy - Using Peer Program <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Approve</i></u> <i>Commissioner Leikach Recused</i></p> <p>c. Midtown Discount Pharmacy - Using Peer Program <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Approve</i></u> <i>Commissioner Leikach Recused</i></p> <p>d. Gardenville Pharmacy <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Approve</i></u></p> <p>11. New Business:</p> <p>a. Champion Challenge - During the December Licensing Committee meeting, the Licensing Committee recommended revising the wording of Attestation Questions 9 and 10 on the Board’s Pharmacist, Technician and Intern applications to the following:</p> <p>Question #9: “Do you currently have a physical, mental or emotional condition which adversely affects your practice as a [pharmacist/technician/Intern]?”</p>	

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		<p>Question #10: “Do you currently use any illegal drugs or alcohol in a manner that adversely affects your practice as a [pharmacist/technician/Intern]?”</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>	