Maryland Board of Pharmacy Public Board Meeting

Agenda August 20, 2025

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

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I. Executive Committee Report(s)	A.) K. Rusinko, Board President B.) J. Vazquez, Secretary	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. 1. Call to Order @ 9:34 AM 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 July 2025 Public Meeting Minutes	Motion by K. Slagle, 2 nd by A. Masood The Board voted to approve this motion. K. Rusinko recognized Kristen Fink for her service to the Board and thank her for her contributions to the compliance committee and evaluation of treatment plans. She has not completed her term with the Board.
II. A. Executive Director Report	D. Speights- Napata Executive Director	 Meeting Update Staff Update 	There was a conference call NABP sponsored regarding Med Spas and GLP-1 Compounding / IV Hydration Therapy / Injectable / Weight Loss. There has been a lot of talk and concern about the process and how they are being done. What Board should be responsible for oversights in the different states.

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			Four states are currently in the process of requiring licensing to be able to oversee the process. Thirteen states have issued guidance, seven states including Maryland proposed legislation and eighteen states have work groups or task forces in place. Lauren & Amanda have both been accepted into the Maryland Department of Health Leadership Program.
			Some of the investigator staff participated in training sponsored by DEA. There were some models discussed there as far as investigation. They had two investigations that they used as examples and there was discussion that the investigator supervisor said he thought there were some techniques that can be used here at the Board.
			We do have staff the week of September 15 attending CLEAR training and that will be focusing on investigative techniques and specialized investigations.
B. New Business	K. Rusinko, Board President		Today is the first ever day of us bringing to the public meeting our discussions on the MPJE & the UMPJE and options we want to move forward with. Over the years there has been lots of discussion on the use

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C. Operations	J. Partin, IT Director Budget & Procurement	1. Procurement and Budget Updates a. July Financials 2. Management Information Systems (MIS) Unit Updates	MPJE where some states are removing it / tweaking it and editing and changing with lots of opportunity arising around discussions in the country. With that a proposal came to NABP about 3 years ago at a district meeting with a proposal of NABP making a uniform MPJE which is not a federal law exam but mostly federal law with items that are uniformed across all states. Motion: A. Patel Second: A. Masood Board approved to move forward with drafting concepts. DoiT has reached back out to us in regards to our active directory and network. We are hoping to schedule a kick-off meeting soon. We have a couple of discussions on having Autra ID as our active directory which would allow us to have two-factor multi authentication for emails. We're also looking to use One Drive or SharePoint as our document server so we can have essential storage for online documents. We are also attaining 365 licenses for our staff.

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D. Licensing	K. Slagle, Chair						
		1. Unit Update	es				
		2. Monthly Sta	tistics				
		License Type	New	Renewed	Reinstated	Total	
		Distributor	19	114	0	1,620	
		Pharmacy	19	0	0	2,196	-
		Pharmacist	63	526	5	12,854	_
		Vaccination	374	250	0	6,009	_
		Pharmacy Intern -	3	0	0	43	_
		Graduate Pharmacy	23	5	0	413	_
		Intern – Student					
		Pharmacy Technician	186	345	7	11,045	
		Pharmacy Technician- Student	1	0	0	39	
		TOTAL	688	1,240	12	34,219	-
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E. Compliance	T. Leak, Compliance Director	1. Unit Updates 2. Monthly Statistics
		Complaints & Investigations:
		New Complaints – 18
		 Refusal to Fill - 3 Unprofessional Conduct - 1 Inspections - 2 Medication Error - 3 Customer Service - 3 Out of State Disciplinary Actions - 2 Licensing Referral - 1 Fraud - 2 Miscellaneous - 1
		Resolved - 32 Actions within Goal - 32/32 Formal Disciplinary Action Taken - 2 Summary Actions Taken - 0 Average Days to Complete - N/A
		Regulatory Inspections: Total - 141 Annual Inspections - 118
		 Chain - 55 Independent - 26 Sterile Compounding - 6 Repository - 16

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F. Legislation & Regulations	J. Gaskins, Legislative Liaison	 Comprehensive Care - 1 Hospital - 1 Supplemental Assisted Living - 4 Follow up - 3 Distributor - 6 Attempted - 0 Openings - 5 Remodels - 1 Relocations - 0 Repository Openings - 0 Closing Inspections - 16 Change of Ownership - 1 Pending Opening - 4 Pending Closing - 6 Regulatory Review/COMAR Updates 10.34.04 - Transfer and Outsourcing of Prescriptions and Presentation by A. Patel, 2nd by D. Robinson The Board voted to approve this motion. 10.34.07 - Pharmacy Equipment - Vote for Final Adoption Motion by A. Masood, 2nd by D. Robinson The Board voted to approve this motion. 10.34.43 - Prescription Labeling for Visually Impaired We have received formal comments and they will be presented. 	

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III. Committee Reports	A. Masood, Chair	Drug Therapy Management	
A. Practice Committee	RECUSED: J. VAZQUEZ & K. RUSINKO	Pharmacy: Chase Brexton Pharmacist(s): Hayley Barnhouse Protocol(s): Metabolic Syndrome	2 nd by A. Patel The Board voted to approve this motion.
		Pharmacy: Luminis Pharmacist(s): Kristen Zak, Veronica Kerner, Christine Dunton Protocol(s): Cardio-Metabolic Risk Reduction, Diabetes Pharmacy: Kaiser Pharmacist(s): Virginia Sammartino, Susan Movahedi	2 nd by D. Robinson The Board voted to approve this motion. 2 nd by K. Evans
		Protocol(s): HIV	The Board voted to approve this motion.

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B. Licensing Committee	K. Slagle, Chair	1. Review of Pharmacist New Applications: a. 143552 - The applicant successfully completed the MPJE in February 2021 and is requesting an extension while preparing to take the NAPLEX. Committee Recommendation: Deny. The applicant must submit a new application and retest due to the elapsed time.	2 nd by A. Masood The Board voted to approve this motion.
		 b. 139198 - The applicant successfully completed the MPJE in December 2023, and is currently requesting an extension while preparing to take the NAPLEX. <u>Committee Recommendation: Approve. The extension is granted until December 31, 2025.</u> 	2 nd by P. Geigher The Board voted to approve this motion.
		c. 148035 - The applicant is requesting authorization to take the MPJE for the 6 th attempt. Committee Recommendation: Approve.	2 nd by A. Masood The Board voted to approve this motion.
		 Review of Pharmacist Renewal Applications: None Review of Pharmacist Reinstatement Applications: None Review of Technician New Applications: None Review of Technician Renewal Applications: None 	
		 6. Review of Technician Reinstatement Applications: a. T12659 - The registrant is requesting a refund of the reinstatement fee in the amount of \$45.00. Committee Recommendation: Deny. 	2 nd by A. Oriaifo The Board voted to approve this motion.
		7. Review of Intern New Applications: None	
		8. Review of Intern Renewal Applications:	

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		 a. P102594 - The registrant is requesting for an extension of the Intern registration while preparing to take both the NAPLEX and MPJE. Committee Recommendation: Deny. The applicant may register as a Pharmacy Technician, provided all application requirements are met. 9. Review of Pharmacy New Applications: None 10. Review of Pharmacy Renewal Applications: None 11. Review of Continuing Education Program Request: None 12. Review of Pharmacy Technician Training Program: None 13. New Business: a. M.P We are interested in having our pharmacies/pharmacists become trained and capable of providing long acting injectable medications to patients. We have initially found the training program through University of Maryland, but recently saw the one through A APP. Are both programs approved by the Board of Pharmacy? 1. Pharmacist Administration of Maintenance Long-Acting Injectable Medications (June 23 2023) Office of Continuing Education 2. Psychotropic LAI Training Program aapp.org Committee Recommendation: Open discussion. 	2nd by A. Patel The Board voted to approve this motion. 2nd by A. Patel The Board voted to approve this motion. Table for additional review this second program. The Board voted to approve this motion. K. Evans proposed the development of a searchable website with a list of approved programs. Staff to review.

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C. Public Relations Committee	J. Vázquez, Chair	Public Relations Committee Update:	Summer Newsletter edition is out and thank you to everyone that contributed. Thank you to Sharon for putting it together, please take a look and if anyone is interested in contributing to the newsletter please reach out to us through the Board email. July 30 we held our first "Learning in Small Doses" webinar. Robert White from PRS, Angela Fulwood from University of Maryland and Amanda Weber from Medstar were the speakers. There is a two-hour webinar planned for October and the topic will center on vaccination.
D. Disciplinary		Disciplinary Committee Update	Meeting was held on September 3 and we will be discussing those items in a closed session later today.
E. Emergency Preparedness Task Force	A. Patel, Chair	Emergency Preparedness Task Force Update	PDMP committee met on August 5 surrounding updating on non ce's reporting requirements. COMAR 10.25.18-13. Reminders went out April 2025 the reporting deadline starts September 1st. The submitters sent reminders July 9th and July 23rd.
IV. Other Business & FYI	K. Rusinko, President		
V. Adjournment	K. Rusinko, President	A. The Public Meeting was adjourned @ 10:13 AM 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	Motion by K. Evans to adjourn Public Meeting, 2 nd by A. Masood. The Board voted to approve this motion.

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		contained in licensure applications in accordance with General Provisions Article Section 3-305(b)(13). C. Immediately thereafter, K. Rusinko, convened an Administrative Session for purposes of discussing confidential disciplinary cases.	
		D. With the exception of cases requiring recusals, the Board members present at the Public Meeting continued to participate in the Administrative Session.	