

**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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			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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			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.
C. Operations	J. Partin, IT Director Budget & Procurement	1. Procurement and Budget Updates a. July Financials 2. Management Information Systems (MIS) Unit Updates	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 Updates					
		2. Monthly Statistics					
		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 - Graduate	3	0	0	43	
		Pharmacy Intern – Student	23	5	0	413	
		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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		• 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	
F. Legislation & Regulations	J. Gaskins, Legislative Liaison	<u>Regulatory Review/COMAR Updates</u> 10.34.04 - Transfer and Outsourcing of Prescriptions and Prescription Order - Vote for Final Adoption Motion 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 to the Practice Committee for review.	

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III. Committee Reports A. Practice Committee	A. Masood, Chair RECUSED: J. VAZQUEZ & K. RUSINKO	<u>Drug Therapy Management</u> <u>Pharmacy:</u> Chase Brexton <u>Pharmacist(s):</u> Hayley Barnhouse <u>Protocol(s):</u> Metabolic Syndrome <u>Pharmacy:</u> Luminis <u>Pharmacist(s):</u> Kristen Zak, Veronica Kerner, Christine Dunton <u>Protocol(s):</u> Cardio-Metabolic Risk Reduction, Diabetes <u>Pharmacy:</u> Kaiser <u>Pharmacist(s):</u> Virginia Sammartino, Susan Movahedi <u>Protocol(s):</u> HIV	2nd by A. Patel The Board voted to approve this motion. 2nd by D. Robinson The Board voted to approve this motion. 2nd by K. Evans 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. <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Deny. The applicant must submit a new application and retest due to the elapsed time period.</i></u> b. 139198 - The applicant successfully completed the MPJE in December 2023, and is currently requesting an extension while preparing to take the NAPLEX. <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Approve. The extension is granted until December 31, 2025.</i></u> c. 148035 - The applicant is requesting authorization to take the MPJE for the 6th attempt. <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Approve.</i></u> 2. Review of Pharmacist Renewal Applications: None 3. Review of Pharmacist Reinstatement Applications: None 4. Review of Technician New Applications: None 5. 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. <u><i>Committee Recommendation: Deny.</i></u> 7. Review of Intern New Applications: None 8. Review of Intern Renewal Applications:	2nd by A. Masood The Board voted to approve this motion. 2nd by P. Geigher The Board voted to approve this motion. 2nd by A. Masood The Board voted to approve this motion. 2nd by A. Oriaifo The Board voted to approve this motion.

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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 1 st . The submitters sent reminders July 9th and July 23 rd .
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, 2nd 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.	
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