

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Board of Registration in Pharmacy**

**NOTICE OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY**

February 19, 2021

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Attendee: #

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Agenda

Time	#	Item	Page	Contact
8:00	I	CALL TO ORDER		J. Lanza
	II	APPROVAL OF AGENDA		
8:05	III	APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft of February 5, 2021 Regular Session Minutes		
8:10	IV	FLEX <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pharmacy issues related to Covid-19 and the state of emergency• BILH Pharmacy Direct and BIDMC Specialty pharmacies report on pilot project• Pharmacy Advisory Committee Appointments and Re-Appointments		

8:30	V	POLICIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy 2020-14: COVID-19 Testing • Policy 200021-01: Pharmacy Intern Supervision and Dedicated Training Personnel • Policy 2021-02: Shared Pharmacy Service Models Including Central Fill, Central and Remote Processing, and Tele-pharmacy 		
8:45	VI	EXECUTIVE SESSION The Board will meet in Executive Session as authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) for the purpose of discussing the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. Specifically, to evaluate the Good Moral Character as required for registration for a pending applicant.		CLOSED SESSION
9:15	VII	M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C SESSION		CLOSED SESSION
10:00	VIII	ADJOURNMENT		

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BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY**

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SESSION

Via Remote WebEx Meeting

February 19, 2021

Board Members Present

Julie Lanza, CPhT, President
Sebastian Hamilton, Pharm D, RPh President-elect
Dr. Richard Lopez, MD
Susan Cornacchio, JD, RN (Leaves meeting 9:15 AM)
Timothy Fensky, RPh
Andrew Stein, PharmD
Caryn Belisle, RPh, MBA
Jennifer Chin, RPh
Katie Thornell, PharmD, RPh

Board Members Not Present

Kim Tanzer, PharmD, RPh
Dawn Perry, JD
Carly Jean-Francois, RN, NP Secretary
Leah Giambarresi, Pharm D, RPh

Board Staff Present

David Sencabaugh, RPh, Executive Director
Heather Engman, JD, Board Counsel
William Frisch, RPh Director of Pharmacy Compliance
Michelle Chan, RPh Quality Assurance Pharmacist
Richard Harris, Program Analyst
Ed Taglieri, MSM, NHA, RPh, PSUD Supervisor
Joanna Chow, Office Support Specialist
Joanne Trifone, RPh, Director of Investigator
Julienne Tran, PharmD RPh, Investigator
Gregory Melton, PharmD, JD, Investigator
Christina Mogni, RPh, Investigator

TOPIC I. Attendance by roll call:

CALL TO ORDER 8:01 AM

A quorum of the Board was present, established by roll call. President J. Lanza chaired the meeting and she explained that the Board of Pharmacy was recording the meeting.

Roll call attendance: J. Lanza, yes; Dr. Lopez, yes; S. Hamilton, yes; S. Cornacchio, yes; T. Fensky, yes; C. Belisle, yes; A. Stein; K. Thornell, yes; J. Chin, yes.

Topic II.

Approval of Agenda

TIME 8:02 AM

Agenda 2/19/21

DISCUSSION:

Change to Agenda:
No changes

ACTION:

Motion by S. Hamilton, seconded by T. Fensky and voted unanimously by those present to approve the agenda with no noted changes by roll call vote.

Topic III

Approval of Board Minutes

TIME: 8:02AM

Minutes

1. Draft 2/5/21

No noted Changes.

Action:

Motion by C. Belisle, seconded S. Hamilton, and voted unanimously to approve the regular session minutes of 2/5/21 with no changes by roll call vote.

Topic IV

Flex:

1. Pharmacy Issues Related to Covid-19 and State of Emergency

Time: 8:04 AM

Presented by: D. SENCABAUGH

Discussion: The DPH, including Pharmacy Board staff and representatives from the Bureau of Infectious Diseases will be holding a COVID-19 vaccine Q&A webinar today at 1pm. It will be open to any pharmacy staff. It will not be recorded.

2. BILH Pharmacy Direct and BIDMC Specialty pharmacies' report on pilot project

Time: 8:14 AM

Represented by: David Young, Luca Cattaneo

Recusal: J. LANZA, H. ENGMAN

Discussion: This pilot project is for a specialty pharmacy and retail pharmacy each with a separate license in the same physical space. There is separation of stock and employees. The pharmacies opened

in October 2020 and are presenting performance metrics. The pilot is due to be completed in April 2021. They also recently changed the legal names of the pharmacies.

3. Pharmacy Advisory Committee: appointments and reappointments

Presented by: E. TAGLIERI

Time: 8:07 AM

Discussion: There are two new applicants for positions on the Pharmacy Advisory Committee to the Board. Background checks have been completed and the last step is for Board approval. Also, the 3-year terms of all the other members are expiring and require reappointment.

Action:

Motion by A. STEIN, seconded by S. HAMILTON, and voted unanimously by roll call by all those present except for C. BELISLE who recused, to appoint **Sami Ahmed**, PharmD, RPh, BCPS, BCSCP to the Pharmacy Advisory Committee in the USP <71> expert seat.

Motion by S. HAMILTON, seconded by T. FENSKY, and voted unanimously by roll call by all those present to appoint **Patrick Gannon**, RPh MSM FABC to the Pharmacy Advisory Committee in the “additional expert” seat.

Motion by S. HAMILTON, seconded by T. FENSKY, and voted unanimously by roll call by all those present except for A. STEIN and C. BELISLE who recused, to reappoint the following current Pharmacy Advisory Committee members for another 3-year term:

- LCDR John Mistler, PharmD, RPh, MBA, CPH, USPHS
- Antoinette Lavino, RPh, BCOP
- Sylvia Bartel, RPh, MHP
- John Walczyk, PharmD, RPh
- Judith Barr, Med, ScD, FASHAP
- Keith Thomasset
- David H. Farb, PhD
- Michael J. Gonyeau, BS Pharm, PharmD, Med, BCPS, FNAP, FCCP, RPh
- Karen Byers, MS, RBP, CBSP
- Francis McAteer

TOPIC V

Policies:

1. Policy 2020-14: COVID-19 Testing

Time: 8:44 AM

Presented by M. CHAN

Discussion: The edits to this policy clarify that any pharmacy technicians, including trainees can oversee a patient self-administering a COVID test as long as they have training and are under a pharmacist’s supervision. Please note that only qualified technicians may directly administer the tests. Also added was language stating that that no aspects of testing may be conducted in a pharmacy unless it has been approved by DPH.

Action: Motion by S. HAMILTON, seconded by C. BELISLE, and voted unanimously by roll call by all those present to approve updates to the policy.

2. Policy 2021-01: Pharmacy Intern Supervision and Dedicated Training Personnel

Time: 8:46 AM

Presented by M. CHAN

Discussion: This policy replaces the current Advisory on staff ratios, dedicated training personnel and pharmacy intern direct supervision and focuses on scenarios where pharmacist supervision of more than 2 interns may be acceptable.

Pharmacists may directly supervise up to 4 interns only if the interns are not in a pharmacy, not filling prescriptions, or any other duty where an error could impact a patient's safety.

The policy also allows up to 4 interns when exclusively conducting immunization clinics. This does not apply in a pharmacy setting where more than just immunizing would be occurring.

A pharmacist must be actively present (either virtually or in person) at all times when any intern participates any consultations or recommendations, or any other duty where an error could impact a patient's safety.

The policy also discusses a dedicated pharmacy trainer/trainee relationship and how to account for it in the pharmacist to technician ratio and on the schedule.

Action: Motion by S. HAMILTON, seconded by C. BELISLE, and voted unanimously by roll call by all those present to approve the policy.

3. Policy 2021-02: Shared Pharmacy Service Models Including Central Fill, Central and Remote Processing, and Telepharmacy

Time: 8:49 AM

Presented by M. CHAN

Discussion: The Board approved ProCare's remote technician pilot a few weeks ago and a request was made to adjust the shared services policy to allow it going forward after the COVID-19 emergency period ends.

The policy has been adjusted by adding a statement allowing licensed pharmacy technicians to perform remote processing for a Massachusetts-located pharmacy without the on-site supervision by a pharmacist. This policy supersedes policy 2019-01.

Action: Motion by T. FENSKY, seconded by S. HAMILTON, and voted unanimously by roll call by all those present to approve the policy updates.

Topic VI:
By: J. Lanza

Executive Session Call to Order:

Time: 8:53 AM

ACTION: Motion by, J. Chin, seconded by S. Hamilton, all voted affirmatively by those present to enter executive session with no changes.

Roll call attendance: J. Lanza, yes; Dr. Lopez, yes; S. Hamilton, yes; S. Cornacchio, yes; T. Fensky, yes; C. Belisle, yes; A. Stein; K. Thornell, yes; J. Chin, yes.

S. Cornacchio leaves meeting at 9:15 AM

Topic VII: 65C Sessions MGL c. 112 section 65C Time: 9:15 AM

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: President J. Lanza request a motion to enter 65C.

At 9:15 AM T. Fensky, seconded by A. Stein and voted unanimously by all those present to enter 65C by roll call vote.

Topic VIII ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING TIME: 9:23 AM

ACTION: Motion by A. Stein seconded by K. Thornell and voted unanimously by those present, to adjourn from General Session by roll call vote.

EXHIBITS USED DURING THE OPEN SESSION OF THE MEETING

1. Draft Agenda of the 2/19/21 General Session
2. Draft Minutes of the 2/5/21 Meeting
3. Pharmacy Advisory Committee listing for Appointment and Re-Appointment
4. BILH Dual Pharmacy Pilot Project Update presentation

Respectfully Submitted,
Carly Jean-Francois, NP, Secretary