

**ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY**  
**322 South Main St., Suite 600**  
**Little Rock, AR 72201**

**Tuesday, June 7, 2022**

The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy met for a regular scheduled Board meeting on June 7, 2022. The meeting was held at the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy office located at 322 South Main Street, Suite 600, Little Rock, Arkansas.

The meeting was called to order by Rebecca Mitchell, Pharm.D., President.

**Members present:**

- \* Lenora Newsome, P.D.
- \* Brian Jolly, Pharm.D.
- \* Rodney Richmond, Pharm.D.
- \* Debbie Mack, P.D. (ZOOM)
- \* Amy Fore, MHSA

**Staff present:**

- \* John Kirtley, Pharm.D., Executive Director
- \* Brenda McCrady, P.D, Assistant Director
- \* Lana Whitmore, CFO
- \* Kevin Robertson, Pharm.D.
- \* Cindy Fain, P.D.
- \* Brandon Holland, Pharm.D.

**Carol Rader was not present – her replacement has not yet been appointed. Lynn Crouse was not present for the meeting.**

Mrs. Whitmore presented the Board with the financial report for review.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Jolly made the motion to accept the financial report. Dr. Richmond seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

The minutes from the February 8-9, 2022, Board Meeting and the March 28, 2022, Called Zoom conference call were reviewed.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Newsome made the motion that the minutes of the February 8-9, 2022, Board Meeting and the March 28, 2022, Called Zoom conference call be approved as presented. Ms. Fore seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

The Board interviewed candidates for Reciprocity. Each applicant was asked to complete a questionnaire regarding practice history, type of business, and background. The Board interviewed the candidates in five separate groups, spoke to them all regarding Arkansas CE requirements, and made motions for each specific group. The following candidates appeared before the Board via ZOOM:

Prerakkumar	R.	Adhuria
Maya	Lara	Alshawa
Andrew	Dean	Badi
Jasmin	Maria	Ball
Sarah	Aden	Bell
Aaron	Brant	Broadwell
Mallory	C.	Brown
Jennifer	Noelanikai	Cardines
Pradeep		Chilakapati
Me-Kyoung		Choi
Paulina		Chojnacka
Brandon	Michael	Conti
Jeffrey	W.	Crouse
Alan	Ross	Curtsinger
Jason	Michael	Davis
Anastasiya		Devore
Nadia		Difronzo
Thomas	Joseph	Dominy
Kathryn	Meghan	Donohue
Madison	Monique	Edwards
Nadine	Rose	Edwards
Rebecca	Ann Wilson	Emch

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Newsome made the motion to approve the above applicants for reciprocity.  
Dr. Jolly seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

The Board's interview process continued for the following candidates for Reciprocity:

Steven	Nicholas	Farless
Shayna	Rae	Fields
Amy	Elizabeth	Fortune
Stephen	Gregory	Freeman
Azam	Mark	Garner
Jane	Wisnewski	Garrison
Helen	Uyen Nhi	Gian
Jordan	Nicole	Graves
Verina	Essam	Guirguis
Kayla	Elizabeth	Hagen
Mirna		Hanna
Stephen	Scott	Harvey
Stephen	Douglas	Herbst

Jasen		Ho
Cameron	Blake	Holley
Jessica	Larae	Hoover
Kurt	Allen	Howe
Patricia	Kaye	Hudgens
Chukwudi	Kelechi	Ihekire
Gwenn	Ellen	Iyer
Nicola	Jayne	Johnson
Cordece	Shaw	Jolivette
Stephen	P	Jones
Frank	Anthony	Juliano

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Newsome made the motion to approve the above applicants for reciprocity.  
Dr. Jolly seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

The Board's interview process continued for the following candidates for Reciprocity:

Stephen	Seongchan	Kang
Kathleen	Ann	Kimball-Doyle
Spencer	Riley	Knauss
Christopher	Michael	Kowalski
Daniel	Alexander	Kryzanekas
Leslie	Robertson	Lair
Thien	Tri	Le
Casey	Andrew	Lee
Michelle	Kyang	Lim
Denise	Lynn	MacKenzie
Ashley	Nicole	Marrs
Katie	Ann	Medel
Monica	Gendi	Morgan
Nameeta	Hemant	Mota
Shamine	Elizabeth	Narvaez
Ishan		Parikh
Bhaves	R.	Patel
Diviesh		Patel
Vishal	N.	Patel
Daniel	Adam	Pelletier
Kimberly	Anne	Peters-Chahal
Tabatha	Ann	Phillips
Melissa	Buchanan	Reeves
Ashley	Elizabeth	Reynolds
Ellamy	Lynne	Rhoads

John	Christopher	Rogers
Christopher	Cline	Rowley
Brandon	Kurt	Royek

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Richmond made the motion to approve the above applicants for reciprocity. Dr. Jolly seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

The Board's interview process continued for the following candidates for Reciprocity:

Leslie	Michele	Sherrard
Caroline		Shin
Elizabeth	Lee	Shipula
Ian	Michael	Shull
Bola	Fawzy	Sidarous
Leah	Whitt	Simmons
DeShawn	Tramaral	Stevenson
April	Michelle	Tabler
Inoussa		Tairou
Christian	M.	Talla
Jenna	Hiroko	Teshima
Cornelius		Toliver
Timothy	Eric	Trull
Richard	Charles	Vogel
Lauren	Elissa	Warriner
Allison	Marie	Watson
Charles	Clayborne	Williams
Ariel	Shlomo	Zlich

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Jolly made the motion to approve the above applicants for reciprocity. Dr. Richmond seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

The Board discussed the continuing education requirements as well as the benefits of joining the Arkansas Pharmacists Association with each group of reciprocity candidates before dismissing them from the meeting.

Kurt Howe appeared before the Board by request to discuss his application for reciprocity.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Jolly made the motion to approve the reciprocity application for Kurt Howe provided he enters an agreement with the Board that follows his Georgia Order

and notifies us of any changes. Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Ashley Reynolds appeared before the Board by request to discuss her application for reciprocity. After discussing her application with the Board, she decided to withdraw the application.

Hannah Hufford, a pharmacy intern applicant, appeared before the Board to discuss her taking the Arkansas Jurisprudence Exam for the third time.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Richmond made the motion to allow Ms. Hufford to take the Jurisprudence Exam for the third time. Dr. Jolly seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Ken Abbott with Pharmcare USA appeared before the Board with Jeff Rogers and Maria Riltz to request approval for Statsafe, an automated dispensing system to be used for emergency kits in long-term care facilities in Arkansas.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Jolly made the motion to approve the use of the Statsafe system for emergency kits in long-term care facilities as presented. Dr. Richmond seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Tina Goodman, CEO of Weno Exchange, LLC, appeared before the Board to request permission to use WENO, an electronic prescription transmitting system, in Arkansas pharmacies. The Board voiced their concerns, specifically with how the system will work and suggested she return at a later date with actual test data, assurances that the bridge solution is in full compliance with Arkansas and Federal laws, and that the Weno Exchange Intermediary Service could connect with computer systems in place in Arkansas Pharmacies.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Newsome made the motion to table the discussion until enough information is received to move forward, and that staff will send Ms. Goodman a letter detailing what information the Board will need before the request could be reconsidered. Dr. Mack seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

John Vinson, Nicki Hillard, Marlene Battle, Megan Smith, and Brittany Sanders appeared before the Board to make a presentation regarding Arkansas Acts of 2021 dealing with Point of Care Testing and Stateside Protocols, as well as Oral Contraceptives.

Before the presentation, Dr. Kirtley provided an update to the Naloxone Protocol saying there are now two different strengths available, and both need to be approved for the statewide protocol.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Newsome made the motion to approve the amendment to the Naloxone Protocol as requested. Dr. Jolly seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

John Vinson, Nicki Hilliard, and Marlene Battle discussed the Oral Contraceptive Protocol and Training Program. Dr. Hilliard reminded the Board that in February, the Board approved the Statewide Protocol for Oral Contraceptive prescribing by pharmacists. She said they are appearing to provide an update to the protocol. She said some minor adjustments had been made to the overall program for clarification purposes for medical providers and pharmacists. The Board was provided with a copy of the updates. She also presented a training program for pharmacists for approval.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Mack made the motion to approve the changes to the Oral Contraceptive Protocol as presented. Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Jolly made the motion to approve the training program as presented. Dr. Richmond seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Megan Smith and Brittney Sanders were present to present protocols pursuant to Act 503 of 2021 – Point of Care Testing Protocol for Influenza and Streptococcal Pharyngitis. They asked the Board to approve the Pharmacist Assessment, Evaluation, and Prescribing Protocol as written. They said the next step would be to present the approved Protocol to the Medical Board for their approval.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Mack made the motion to approve the Point of Care Testing Protocol for Influenza and Streptococcal Pharyngitis as written. Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Paul Jenkins, representing the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association, and Rodney Baker appeared before the Board to discuss the ability for veterinarians to have non patient specific compounded medications on hand in veterinarian offices for general office use. Dr. Jenkins explained this request is for companion animal and exotic animals, not food producing animals. He said many veterinarians have emergency practices, and not being able to have the necessary compounded drugs on hand, especially after hours, is detrimental to their patients. He said the main reason for this request is to better care for all their patients. Dr. Kirtley reminded the Board that Dr. Jenkins and Mr. Baker, along with many other veterinarian representatives appeared in front of the Board in February with a similar request. Dr. Kirtley said since that time staff and veterinarian representatives have worked on language for a rule change to allow compounding for veterinary office use, and he presented the Board with the wording and with the FDA guidelines for this type of practice. The Board discussed the benefits of the change as well as the proposed limit of the five-day supply in the language.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Richmond made the motion to change the proposal to a seven-day supply and for staff to start the rule change process. Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Kyle Hively, Director of Clinical Operations for Ouachita County Medical Center, appeared in the front of the Board to request approval for off-site order verification process.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Newsome made the motion to approve the off-site order entry process. Dr. Jolly seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Dr. McCrady presented the Board with Consent Agreements, Voluntary Surrenders, and Investigative Cost Recuperations.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Jolly made the motion to approve and accept all orders and agreements as presented. Dr. Richmond seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Dr. McCrady presented the Board with the Authorization to Conduct Board of Pharmacy Oversight Activities form. This form is to be signed by the Board president and allows the Board of Pharmacy's Executive Director, Assistant Director, and Inspectors authorization to enter pharmacies and review records on behalf of the Board.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Newsome made the motion to accept the Authorization to Conduct Board of Pharmacy Oversight Activities forms as presented, through June 30, 2023. Dr. Jolly seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

*Support Group Discussion*

Turner James appeared before the Board to provide information on the support group contracts and how the recovery contracts work. He explained the procedures for monitoring, drug testing, meetings, check-ins, and other processes monitored within the support group.

Shannon Hughes, a member of the pharmacy support group, appeared in front of the Board to talk about changes that could be made by the board to lessen some of the restrictions of lifetime/indefinite contracts of the support group.

*Support Group Discussion (continued)*

Britini Green, Pharmacist in Charge of National Park Medical Center appeared before the Board with Brian Johnson, with Life Point Health to request approval to change the current central fill approval from out an outsourced service to their own internal service.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Jolly made the motion to approve the request. Dr. Richmond seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Yesudasan Sujith was present in front of the Board to request approval for the multi-dose repackaging system, Unidoeses, to be used in Arkansas.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Newsome made the motion to approve Unidoeses to be used in Arkansas. Dr. Richmond seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

The Board adjourned for the day.



**Wednesday, June 8, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Rebecca Mitchell, Pharm.D., President.

**Members present:**

- \* Lenora Newsome, P.D.
- \* Brian Jolly, Pharm.D.
- \* Rodney Richmond, Pharm.D.
- \* Debbie Mack, P.D. (Zoom)
- \* Amy Fore, MHSA

**Staff present:**

- \* John Kirtley, Pharm.D., Executive Director
- \* Brenda McCrady, P.D, Assistant Director
- \* Lana Whitmore, CFO
- \* Kevin Robertson, Pharm.D.
- \* Cindy Fain, P.D.
- \* Brandon Holland, Pharm.D.
- \* Lana Whitmore, CFO

**Lynn Crouse and Carol Rader were not present for the meeting.**

A hearing was scheduled in answer to an Order and Notice of Hearing in the matter of **Mary Halston Smith, PT95633, Case #2022-018**. Dr. Mitchell called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Adam Jackson. The Board was represented by Assistant Attorney General Joe West. The respondent was not present for the hearing.

**BOARD ACTION**

Dr. Jolly made the motion in the matter of **Mary Halston Smith, PT95633, Case #2022-018**, that Allegations A1 – A3 are true, and Charges C1 – C3 are proven, and move to revoke her pharmacy technician permit. Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to an Order and Notice of Hearing in the matter of **Sterling – Knight Pharmaceuticals, WD04688, Case #2021-100**. Dr. Mitchell called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Adam Jackson. The Board was represented by Assistant Attorney General Joe West. The respondent was not present for the hearing.

**BOARD ACTION**

Dr. Newsome made the motion in the matter of **Sterling – Knight Pharmaceuticals, WD04688, Case #2021-100**, that Allegations A1 – A4 are true, and Charges C1 – C7 are proven, and move to revoke the permit. Ms. Fore seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

*Discussion Items:*

CE Audit from the 2021 Biennium Renewal.

The Board discussed CPR courses counting toward live continuing education. The Board determined they will continue to allow up to two hours of CPR courses to count as live CE hours.

Dr. Kirtley informed the Board that Assistant Director, Brenda McCrady, is to receive the 2022 Bowl of Hygeia Award at the Arkansas Pharmacists Association Annual Convention. The Board congratulated Dr. McCrady on her achievement.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to an Order and Notice of Hearing in the matter of **Alexsis Henson, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2022-045**. Dr. Mitchell called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Adam Jackson. The Board was represented by Assistant Attorney General Joe West. The respondent was not represented by counsel.

**BOARD ACTION**

Dr. Richmond made the motion in the matter of **Alexsis Henson, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2022-045**, that Allegations A1 – A10 are true, and Charges C1 – C2 are proven, however, I move we grant her pharmacy technician permit. Dr. Jolly seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to an Order and Notice of Hearing in the matter of **Amber Iacobacci, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2022-044**. Dr. Mitchell called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Adam Jackson. The Board was represented by Assistant Attorney General Joe West. The respondent was not represented by counsel.

**BOARD ACTION**

Dr. Newsome made the motion in the matter of **Amber Iacobacci, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2022-044**, at this time we are going to table the application and recommend that you seek a treatment program or an avenue that with the advice of our Board staff as to a way and a path back to becoming a pharmacy technician. Dr. Jolly seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Brenda Carter, (formerly PD07524), Case #2021-CE09, appeared before the Board in an Informal Review, rather than a formal hearing, regarding her pharmacist reinstatement application.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to an Order and Notice of Hearing in the matter of **Charles Johnson, PD13962, Case #2022-032**. Dr. Mitchell called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Adam Jackson. The Board was represented by Assistant Attorney General Joe West. The respondent was represented by Quinten Whiteside.

### **BOARD ACTION**

Dr. Richmond made the motion in the matter of **Charles Johnson, PD13962, Case #2022-032**, that Allegations A1 – A17 are true, and Charges C1 – C7 have been proven, and the Board recommends three actions. One, that Dr. Johnson completes ten hours of continuing education specifically related to medication errors. However, recognizing that continuing education has been completed, he will be given credit for having done that; however, we would ask for copies of the certificates to prove that it, in fact, was done, and that that CE would not be counted as the routine CE that he will need for his biannual renewal. Two, we ask for a written summary of the actions that he has implemented in his store, and that summary is to be a part of his case file. We also would encourage that he shares this with his district manager. Finally, assess a \$1,000.00 fine. Dr. Jolly seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to an Order and Notice of Hearing in the matter of **Fanique Smith, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2022-051**. Dr. Mitchell called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Adam Jackson. The Board was represented by Assistant Attorney General Joe West. The respondent was not represented by counsel.

### **BOARD ACTION**

Dr. Jolly made the motion in the matter of **Fanique Smith, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2022-051**, that Allegations A1 – A13 are true, and Charges C1 – C2 are proven, and I make a motion that at this time we deny the applicant's request for a pharmacy technician permit. Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. Dr. Richmond voted no for the motion. The motion passes.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to an Order and Notice of Hearing in the matter of **Alexandra Brook White, PD14219, Case #2021-066**. Dr. Mitchell called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Adam Jackson. The Board

was represented by Assistant Attorney General Joe West. The respondent was not present for the hearing.

**BOARD ACTION**

Ms. Fore made the motion in the matter of **Alexandra Brook White, PD14219, Case #2021-066**, that Allegations A1 – A9 are true, and Charges C1 – C4 are proven, and move to revoke her Arkansas pharmacist license. Dr. Mack seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to an Order and Notice of Hearing in the matter of **Jennie Joplin, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2022-041**. Dr. Mitchell called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Adam Jackson. The Board was represented by Assistant Attorney General Joe West. The respondent was not present for the hearing.

**BOARD ACTION**

Dr. Jolly made the motion in the matter of **Jennie Joplin, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2022-041**, that Allegations A1 – A14 are true, and Charge C1 is proven, and I move we deny her pharmacy technician application. Ms. Fore seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

The Board election for officers was held.

**BOARD ACTION:**


Dr. Newsome made the motion for Dr. Crouse to be the Board President, Dr. Jolly to be the Vice-President/Secretary, and Dr. Rebecca Mitchell to be the Past President/Chairperson. This change is to be effective at the end of today's meeting. Dr. Richmond seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by:

  
Lana Whitmore, CFO

Approved for the Board:

  
K. Lynn Crouse, Pharm.D., President