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BOARD OF PHARMACY

Penny Vaillancourt  
Director



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Maine Board of Pharmacy

Minutes of August 7, 2025 Board Meeting

Virtual Meeting Public Notification and Hearing/Viewing Instructions Provided at the Opening of the Meeting by Board President Edward Kane.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Kane called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Edward Kane, Esq., Public Member, Board President  
Eric Norberg, RPh, Pharmacist, Vice President  
Timothy McCormack, Esq., Public Member  
Samantha Emmons, R.Ph., Retail Pharmacist

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Abdifatah Ahmed, PharmD, R.Ph., Independent Pharmacist  
Bradley Hamilton, R.Ph., Chain Pharmacist, Complaint Officer  
Nicholas Haar, PharmD, R.Ph., Hospital Pharmacist

**STAFF PRESENT**

Reid Hayton-Hull, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel  
Adam Wood, Regulatory Health Compliance Agent  
Thomas Avery, Chief Field Investigator  
Meagan McLaughlin, Comprehensive Health Planner II  
Dominic Cotone, Comprehensive Health Planner II  
Clark Phinney, Comprehensive Health Planner II

**ADJUDICATORY HEARING ITEM (8:30 a.m.)**

Hearing Officer Mark Terison provided Board members with a proposed Consent agreement to review in the matter of case No. 2025-PHA-20618. McCormack moved to accept the Consent Agreement as written, seconded by Norberg, Emmons and Kane in favor, Ahmed, Haar and Hamilton absent.

**BOARD DIRECTOR REPORT**

Director Penny Vaillancourt briefly spoke to Board members about upcoming rulemaking and referred to the upcoming item on today's agenda.

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## **RULEMAKING ACTIVITIES**

Director Penny Vaillancourt provided Board members with a rulemaking timeline and what this will look like including: public hearing, and public comment period. McCormack moved to accept proposed rulemaking language and accept rulemaking schedule, seconded by Norberg. Emmons and Kane in favor, Ahmed, Haar and Hamilton absent.

## **REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE RE: DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (“DEA”) AND FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (“FDA”)**

Director Penny Vaillancourt discussed with the Board members a licensure chart consisting of In State, Closed Shop, Wholesaler, Manufacturer, Mail Order Prescription, Mail Order Contact Lens, and Extended Hospital licensure requirements. Specifically, the requirements surrounding DEA and FDA. Investigator Tom Avery spoke of his current research with the DEA regarding timelines and requirements licensees have to obtain licenses.

## **APPLICATION REVIEW AND BOARD ACTION**

*Mary Ellen Spear, PT60013867*

Norberg moved to preliminarily deny licensure to Mary Ellen Spear License No. PT60013867 for the following 1) Admission to violation 32 M.R.S. § 13742-A(1)(A), for conviction for the misuse of alcohol, drugs, or other substances that has resulted or may result in the applicant or licensee performing duties in a manner that endangers the health or safety of patients; 2) Warning; 3) 250.00 Civil Penalty, seconded by McCormack. Emmons and Kane in favor, Ahmed, Haar and Hamilton absent.

## **REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION**

*Hien Nguyen (Eligibility for 6th attempt at the MPJE)*

Norberg moved to approve Hien Nguyen for a sixth attempt at the MPJE, seconded by McCormack. Emmons and Kane in favor, Ahmed, Haar and Hamilton absent.

*Walgreens – Nichole Cover, R.Ph., Director of Pharmacy Affairs*

Emergency Consideration Chapter 21 Central Fill Language Edits

The Board members discussed this matter during agenda item “Rulemaking Activities”

## **PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**

No public comment.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Norberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 a.m., seconded by McCormack. Emmons and Kane in favor, Ahmed, Haar and Hamilton absent.

*Prepared By: Meagan McLaughlin, Comprehensive Health Planner II*

*Board approved: September 4, 2025*

