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DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL & FINANCIAL REGULATION
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF PHARMACY



Joan F. Cohen
Commissioner

Penny Vaillancourt
Director

Minutes of July 28, 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 8:38 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Edward Kane, Esq., Public Member, Board President
Nicholas Haar, PharmD, R.Ph., Hospital Pharmacist
Timothy McCormack, Esq., Public Member
Samantha Emmons, R.Ph., Chain Pharmacist

MEMBERS ABSENT

Abdifatah Ahmed, PharmD, R.Ph., Independent Pharmacist
Eric Norberg, RPh, Pharmacist, Vice President and Complaint Officer
Bradley Hamilton, R.Ph., Chain Pharmacist

STAFF PRESENT

Penny Vaillancourt, OPOR Director
Reid Hayton-Hull, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Thomas Avery, Chief Field Investigator
Adam Wood, Field Investigator
Meagan McLaughlin, Comprehensive Health Planner II
Clark Phinney, Comprehensive Health Planner II
Dominic Cotone, Comprehensive Health Planner II
Celia Robinson, Comprehensive Health Planner II

ADJUDICATION HEARING

Hearing Officer Mark Terison, Esq., convened the hearing at 9:05 a.m. Thomas Dorion represented himself in the hearing. Kathryn Horst, Esq. represented Board Staff. Hearing Officer Terison conducted a roll call vote to confirm that Board Members had access to the hearing exhibits with all members voting in the affirmative.

After the presentation of evidence, the Board discussed the two grounds for discipline identified in the Amended Notice of Hearing. After crediting the testimony of the Board Staff's witnesses, and discrediting the Licensee's testimony concerning his denial of the allegations in the Amended Notice of Hearing, and his ability to practice pharmacy safely on Memorial Day weekend 2025; June 2, 2025; and June 16, 2025; and accepting

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his admissions concerning the consumption of liquor on three or four days each week; and further based upon the evidence and findings recounted above and otherwise appearing in the record of the hearing but not specifically mentioned in this decision and order, the Board reached the following conclusions:

1. By motion made and seconded and adopted unanimously upon a vote of 4-0, the Board found that a preponderance of the evidence established that the Licensee engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by the Board Rule Ch. 30(1)(14) by being unable to practice pharmacy with reasonable skill and safety by reason of illness, use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type of material; and
2. By motion made and seconded and adopted unanimously upon a vote of 4-0, the Board found that a preponderance of the evidence established that the Licensee misused alcohol, drugs or other substances that may result in the Licensee performing services in a manner that endangers the health or safety of patients, in violation of 32 M.R.S. § 13742-A(1)(A).

As discipline for the above violations of law and rule and citing the overwhelming evidence of the Licensee's impairment on the job and his refusal to acknowledge the risks of his behavior to the public, by motion made and seconded and adopted upon a vote of 3-1, the Board REVOKED the Licensee's license to practice as a pharmacist in the State of Maine.

OPOR DIRECTOR REPORT

Penny Vaillancourt introduced herself to Board members as Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation and spoke of upcoming tasks with regard to rulemaking and other Board business.

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, McCormack moved to adjourn, seconded by Haar. Emmons and Kane in favor; Ahmed, Hamilton and Complaint Officer Norberg absent.

Prepared By: Celia Robinson, Comprehensive Health Planner II

Board approved: September 4, 2025

