

Board of Pharmacy Minutes of October 2, 2025

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Edward Kane, Esq., Public Member, Board President
Eric Norberg, RPh, Pharmacist, Vice President and Complaint Officer
Timothy McCormack, Esq., Public Member
Nicholas Haar, PharmD, R.Ph., Hospital Pharmacist
Samantha Emmons, PharmD, Retail Pharmacist
Bradley Hamilton, R.Ph., Chain Pharmacist

MEMBERS ABSENT

Abdifatah Ahmed, R.Ph., Independent Pharmacist

STAFF PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Kane called the meeting to order at 8:33am.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

September 4, 2025

Haar moved to table draft minutes of September 4, 2025 pending corrections, seconded by McCormack. Emmons and Kane in favor; Hamilton and Norberg abstained. Ahmed was absent.

APPLICATION REVIEW AND BOARD ACTION

Ashley LaRose (Intitial)

After a review of the application materials during a meeting break, McCormack moved to preliminarily deny licensure to Ashley LaRose License No. PT60019858 with the offer of a consent agreement to include the following 1) Admission to violation 32 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(3) and (B), Pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(3) and (B), 2. Requirement to inform potential employers of conviction and provide a copy of consent agreement seconded by McCormack. Emmons and Kane in favor, Ahmed, Haar and Hamilton absent.

Matthew Merchant (Initial)

Hamilton moved to issue renewal application for *Covetrus North America*, license No. MO40003114 with letter from OPOR director reiterating boards law and rules of reporting requirements, seconded by Haar. Emmons, Kane, McCormack, and Norberg in favor; Abdi absent.

Office Location: 76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine 04345
Mailing Address: 35 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333

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Covetrus North America, LLC - MO40003114 (Renewal)

Hamilton moved to issue renewal application for *Covetrus North America*, license No. *MO40003114* with letter from OPOR director reiterating boards law and rules of reporting requirements, seconded by Haar. Emmons, Kane, McCormack, and Norberg in favor; Abdi absent.

Covetrus North America, LLC - MO40003121 (Renewal)

Hamilton moved to issue renewal application for *Covetrus North America*, license No. *MO40003121* with letter from OPOR director reiterating boards law and rules of reporting requirements, seconded by Haar. Emmons, Kane, McCormack, and Norberg in favor; Abdi absent.

Covetrus North America, LLC - MO40003122 (Renewal)

Hamilton moved to issue renewal application for *Covetrus North America*, license No. *MO40003122* with letter from OPOR director reiterating boards law and rules of reporting requirements, seconded by Haar. Emmons, Kane, McCormack, and Norberg in favor; Abdi absent.

Covetrus North America, LLC – PH50001716 (Renewal)

Hamilton moved to issue renewal application for *Covetrus North America*, license No. *PH50001716* with letter from OPOR director reiterating boards law and rules of reporting requirements, seconded by Haar. Emmons, Kane, McCormack, and Norberg in favor; Abdi absent.

Covetrus North America, LLC - WH70003254 (Renewal)

Hamilton moved to issue renewal application for *Covetrus North America*, license No. *WH70003254* with letter from OPOR director reiterating boards law and rules of reporting requirements, seconded by Haar. Emmons, Kane, McCormack, and Norberg in favor; Abdi absent.

Covetrus North America, LLC - WH70003255 (Renewal)

Hamilton moved to issue renewal application for *Covetrus North America*, license No. *WH70003255* with letter from OPOR director reiterating boards law and rules of reporting requirements, seconded by Haar. Emmons, Kane, McCormack, and Norberg in favor; Abdi absent.

Covetrus North America, LLC - WH70003256 (Renewal)

Hamilton moved to issue renewal application for *Covetrus North America*, license No. *WH70003256* with letter from OPOR director reiterating boards law and rules of reporting requirements, seconded by Haar. Emmons, Kane, McCormack, and Norberg in favor; Abdi absent.

Covertus North America, LLC - WH70003257 (Renewal)

Hamilton moved to issue renewal application for *Covetrus North America*, license No. *WH70003257* with letter from OPOR director reiterating boards law and rules of reporting requirements, seconded by Haar. Emmons, Kane, McCormack, and Norberg in favor; Abdi absent.

Covetrus North America, LLC - WH70003258 (Renewal)

Hamilton moved to issue renewal application for *Covetrus North America*, license No. *WH700032548* with letter from OPOR director reiterating boards law and rules of reporting requirements, seconded by Haar. Emmons, Kane, McCormack, and Norberg in favor; Abdi absent.



Covetrus North America, LLC - WH70003259 (Renewal)

Hamilton moved to issue renewal application for *Covetrus North America*, license No. WH70003259 with letter from OPOR director reiterating boards law and rules of reporting requirements, seconded by Haar. Emmons, Kane, McCormack, and Norberg in favor; Abdi absent.

Covetrus North America, LLC - WH70003260 (Renewal)

Hamilton moved to issue renewal application for *Covetrus North America*, license No. WH70003260 with letter from OPOR director reiterating boards law and rules of reporting requirements, seconded by Haar. Emmons, Kane, McCormack, and Norberg in favor; Abdi absent.

Covetrus North America, LLC - WH70003261 (Renewal)

Hamilton moved to issue renewal application for *Covetrus North America*, license No. WH70003261 with letter from OPOR director reiterating boards law and rules of reporting requirements, seconded by Haar. Emmons, Kane, McCormack, and Norberg in favor; Abdi absent.

Covetrus North America, LLC - WH70003454 (Renewal)

Hamilton moved to issue renewal application for *Covetrus North America*, license No. WH70003454 with letter from OPOR director reiterating boards law and rules of reporting requirements, seconded by Haar. Emmons, Kane, McCormack, and Norberg in favor; Abdi absent.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATION(S) AND BOARD ACTION

2025-PHA-20815

Hamilton moved to dismiss 2025-PHA-20815 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's law and rule, seconded by McCormack. Emmons, Haar and Kane in favor; Complaint Officer Norberg abstained; Abdi absent.

2025-PHA-20838

Haar moved to dismiss 2025-PHA-20838 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's law and rule, seconded by Emmons. Kane and McCormack in favor; Complaint Officer Norberg abstained; Hamilton recused; Abdi absent.

2025-PHA-20840

Haar moved to dismiss 2025-PHA-20838 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's law and rule, seconded by Emmons. Kane and McCormack in favor; Complaint Officer Norberg abstained; Hamilton recused; Abdi absent.

2025-PHA-20841

Haar moved to dismiss 2025-PHA-20838 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's law and rule, seconded by McCormack. Kane and McCormack in favor; Complaint Officer Norberg abstained; Hamilton recused; Abdi absent.

2025-PHA-20844

Haar moved to dismiss 2025-PHA-20844 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's law and rule, seconded by McCormack. Emmons and Kane in favor; Complaint Officer Norberg abstained; Hamilton recused; Abdi absent.



REQUESTS FOR WAIVER

Omni-Care of Maine, CSP50001737, request to amend existing ADM two-way waiver of Board Rule Chapter 20, Subchapter 2, Section 11.

Hamilton moved to approve Omni-Care of Maine Waiver Request of Board Rule Chapter 20, Subchapter 2, section 11, seconded by McCormack. Emmons, Haar, Kane and Norberg in favor; Abdi absent.

OTHER

Board discussed the Maine CDC Standing Orders for COVID-19 Vaccine Issued September 12, 2025 and FDA Letter Regarding Compounded Drug Products Obtained from Third Parties that was provided for review.

DIRECTOR REPORT

OPOR Director Vaillancourt discussed the list of substance use providers developed by the office that is used with other licensing boards when requesting applicants and/or licensees to obtain substance use assessments. A discussion with the board was held on how to use the assessments can be added as part of the Board's review of applications involving misuse of substances.

OPOR Director Vaillancourt discussed the upcoming National Association of Boards of Pharmacy Forum being held October 27-30, 2025. Hamilton made a motion to authorize travel, seconded by McCormack. Emmons, Haar, Kane and Norberg in favor; Ahmed absent.

2026 TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE REVIEW

Board approved the tentative meeting schedule, the board discussed importance of attending board meetings and giving staff notice if a board member is unable to attend in advance to ensure quorum.

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Nicole Cover from Walgreens thanked the OPOR Director for her hard work with the board and recognized board members as well. Nicole stated they wanted to be sure Central Fill laws and rules were still moving forward. Nicole also wished the board a Happy pharmacist month.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, McCormack moved to adjourn at 10:42 a.m., seconded by Kane. Emmons, Hamilton, Haar, and McCormack in favor; Ahmed absent.

Prepared By: Celia Robinson, Comprehensive Health Planner II

Board approved: November 6, 2025

