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Maine Board of Pharmacy
Minutes of January 6, 2022 Board Meeting

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Hamilton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bradley Hamilton, R.Ph., Chain Pharmacist, President
Edward Kane, Public Member, Vice President
Nicholas Haar, R.Ph., Hospital Pharmacist
John House, R.Ph., Independent Pharmacist
Timothy McCormack, Public Member
Eric Norberg, R.Ph., Pharmacist
Cassandra White, R.Ph., Pharmacist

STAFF PRESENT

Geraldine L. Betts, Administrator
Thomas Avery, Chief Field Investigator
John Nichols, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Andrew Black, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Jessica Gowell, Professional Licensing Supervisor

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the minutes of November 4, 2021

Harr moved to accept the minutes of November 4, 2021 as presented, seconded by Norberg.
Unanimously voted. White abstained.

Review and approval of the minutes of December 9, 2021

Harr moved to accept the minutes of December 9, 2021 as presented, seconded by House.
Unanimously voted. White abstained.

ADJUDICATORY HEARING

8:30 a.m. 2021-PHA-17884 - Melinda Sue Richardson

The hearing was resolved with a signed interim consent agreement.

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OFFICE LOCATION: GARDINER ANNEX
76 NORTHERN AVENUE, GARDINER, MAINE

COMPLAINT PRESENTATION(S) AND BOARD ACTION

2021-PHA-17739

McCormack moved to table 2021-PHA-17739 and request staff to open an investigation of the pharmacy involved, seconded by White. Unanimously voted.

2021-PHA-17773

Haar moved to dismiss 2021-PHA-17773 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules, seconded by Norberg. Unanimously voted.

2021-PHA-17796

White moved to dismiss 2021-PHA-17796 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules, seconded by McCormack. Unanimously voted.

McCormack moved to amend the motion to include the request for staff to open an investigation on the pharmacy involved, seconded by White. Unanimously voted.

2021-PHA-17811

Hamilton recused. Audio and video were turned off.

House moved to dismiss 2021-PHA-17811 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules, seconded by White. Unanimously voted. Hamilton recused.

2021-PHA-17834

Hamilton recused. Audio and video were turned off.

White moved to dismiss 2021-PHA-17834 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules, seconded by House. Unanimously voted. Hamilton recused.

2021-PHA-17837

Hamilton recused. Audio and video were turned off.

House moved to dismiss 2021-PHA-17837 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules, seconded by Norberg. Unanimously voted. Hamilton recused.

2021-PHA-17912

McCormack moved to table 2021-PHA-17912 and request staff to open an investigation of the pharmacy involved, seconded by House. Unanimously voted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jonathan Anderson, Cary Medical Center regarding providing out of drug box medications to local ambulance providers

The Board discussed the correspondence and refers Jonathan Anderson to contact the Director, Sam Hurley of the Emergency Medical Services Department (EMS) for guidance.

REVIEW OF GUIDANCE PAPER #01-2020, BOARD'S POSITION DURING THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY

The Board reviewed the guidance paper #01-2020 issued April 18, 2020 regarding the Board's position during the Coronavirus Emergency and agreed to remove it from the Pharmacy website.

REVIEW OF BOARD STATEMENT #01-2021 ON DISPENSING IVERMECTIN

Ivermectin letter from the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA)

The Board discussed the Statement and requested no changes be made.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2022

The board tabled the matter until the February 3, 2022 Board Meeting.

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Fred Barlow commented regarding the guidance document the Board requested to be sent to licensees regarding Chapter 13, Section 2 of the Board Rules regarding posting notice to the public of a nearby pharmacy that is available to serve the public during the period of closure.

Nichole Cover commented that she would like to have a meeting with the Board to share information on Walgreen's operation and initiatives and commented on pharmacists to pharmacy technician ratio.

Steven Ingalls commented encouraging the Board to revisit the pharmacists to pharmacy technician ratio.

ADJOURN

There being no further business Norberg moved to adjourn at 10:48 a.m., seconded by House. Unanimously voted.

*Prepared By: Jessica Gowell, Professional Licensing Supervisor
Board approved: February 3, 2022*