

Minnesota Board of Pharmacy

EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY SECOND MEETING

At approximately 9:00 a.m. on August 21, 2019, the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy met in Conference Room A at the University Park Plaza Building, 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a general business meeting. Members of the Board that attended were Dr. Stacey Jassey, Dr. Mary Phipps, Mr. Stuart Williams, Dr. Amy Paradis, Ms. Samantha Schirmer, and Mr. James Bialke. Also, in attendance were the Board's Executive Director, Dr. Cody Wiberg; Deputy Director, Dr. Beth Ferguson; Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Hans Anderson; and Board staff members, Ms. Tami Wier, Ms. Ame Carlson, Dr. Aaron Patterson, and Mr. Tim Litsey.

President Jassey called the meeting to order. A quorum was confirmed. The Board went into open session.

The Board then discussed the minutes of the July 24, 2019 business meeting. Mr. Williams recommended an edit to the minutes to reflect that the Board went into a closed session to discuss disciplinary cases immediately after the open session. After discussion, President Jassey declared the minutes approved as distributed, with the exception of the correction noted by Mr. Williams.

Next, the Board considered the Consent Agenda. Mr. Bialke moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Nahas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board then considered the Remainder of the Agenda. Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Bialke seconded that the Remainder of the Agenda be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda were policy and variance reviews deferred to the full Board so the members can recuse themselves. The Variance and Policy Review Committee Report included in the packet of meeting materials contained details of the requests.

Dr. Phipps recused herself and left the meeting for the following variance and policy requests.

The first variance request was from Centra Care Health, the Melrose and Paynesville locations. They requested the Board to allow the pharmacist to be a pharmacist-in-charge at both Centra Care Health - Paynesville and Centra Care Health - Melrose. After discussion, the recommendations of the Variance and Policy Review Committee (VPRC) were accepted unanimously by the Board.

The next variance before the Board came from Cardinal Health Pharmacy Services, LLC. They requested the Board allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by Cardinal Health in Westmont, IL for various Minnesota hospitals. After discussion, the recommendations of the VPRC were accepted unanimously by the Board.

Next, Carris Health – Redwood Falls, requested a variance to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by Cardinal Health in Westmont, IL or Sward-Kemp Drug. After discussion, the recommendations of the VPRC were accepted unanimously by the Board.

The next variance before the Board was from United Hospital District, Inc., to allow remote pharmacy after hours order review and entry of physician medication orders by Cardinal Health in Westmont, IL for United Hospital District, Inc. when the hospital pharmacy is closed from normal business hours of operation. After discussion, the recommendations of the VPRC were accepted unanimously by the Board.

Dr. Phipps returned to the meeting.

With no other variance and policy review before the Board moved to the next agenda item: Statutes, Rules and Guidances. Dr. Wiberg reviewed updates to the guidance document for centralized prescription processing and filling and asked the Board to approve the document as a Board approved guidance for pharmacies and other interested parties seeking to write policies in compliance with Minnesota Rules 6008.4075. Mr. Williams moved for the Board to approve the document as guidance for centralized services for filling prescriptions as presented. Mr. Bialke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Wiberg next reported on the recent provisions passed concerning CBD testing requirements and the challenge to ensure that CBD is safe. Effective January 1, 2020, under a new state law, if certain requirements are met, it will be legal to sell some CBD products. Dr. Wiberg discussed the testing requirements and what the Board's role may be in the regulation of the product after January 1, 2020, pending completion of a formal rule-making process. Dr. Wiberg recommended that the Board issue guidance consistent with the testing recommendations published in the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia (AHP) Cannabis monograph and the American Herbal Products Association (AHPA) Guidance Policies to meet the testing requirements found in Minn. Stats §151.72, subd. 4. After discussion, Mr. Williams moved to accept Dr. Wiberg's recommendation. Mr. Bialke seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Schirmer abstaining.

Next, Dr. Wiberg gave an in-depth legislative implementation update concerning the provisions passed at the last legislative session and the steps the Board has taken in response. Since this was informational only, no action was necessary.

Next, Dr. Wiberg covered office administration updates, including additional staff and the status of the office expansion remodel. No action was necessary.

Dr. Wiberg mentioned the availability of the Pharmacist Licensure Report and CE Report. The reports are informational only, so no action was necessary.

With no other business before the Board, President Jassey declared the meeting to be adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m. There was not a closed session scheduled.