

Meeting Minutes: Prescription Drug Affordability Advisory Council

Date: 6/12/2025

Minutes prepared by: Joe Sellwood

Location: Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 280
St. Paul MN 55101

Vice Chair Josh Ney called the meeting to order at 10:04AM. Recording was initiated.

Attendance

Members present:

Rae Blaylark (online)
Joe Sellwood (in-person)
Joel Farley (in-person)
Galen Benshoof (online)
Eric Tichy (online)
Josh Ney (in-person)
Buck Humphrey (online)
Hannah Thompson (online)
Heather Anderson (online)
Dirk Killelea (online)
Robert Miller (in-person)
Amy McNally (online)

Members not present:

Stefan Gildemeister
Randall Hannah
Gary Wertish
Kevin Brown
Jessica Intermill
Aaron Sapp – Note Aaron Sapp resigned on April 23, 2025

A quorum is present.

Adoption of Agenda

Member Sellwood moved adoption of the June 12, 2025 PDAAC Special Meeting Agenda.
Humphrey seconded.

Motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Approval of minutes of previous meeting

Ney moved approval of January 19, 2025 meeting minutes.

Motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Report from Interim Chair – Interim Vice Chair Ney reporting

- Introduction of PDAB Executive Director, Vernon Rowen
 - o Rowen not present for introduction, will revisit introduction at a future meeting
- Resignation of Pharmacologist Member
 - o Aaron Sapp's resignation from the PDAAC was accepted and Governor's Office was notified of the pharmacology position vacancy.

Report from the PDAB/PDAAC Interaction Task Force – Joel Farley

- Farley reviewed questions from the survey to collect councilmembers' answers on defining affordability and consideration.
- Timeline: suggested that the survey becomes available, due August 15.
- Responses could be presented at the next meeting.
- McNally and Thompson suggest we need more time for the public to comment.
- Blaylark concerned that we won't get a broad and diverse array of responses because the public isn't aware of the PDAAC.
- Farley suggested that members of the PDAAC represent stakeholders already.
- Sellwood suggested that PDAAC members are appointed to represent interests and that should be the priority.
- Ney says it's important to hear from the public but we need to hear from who we represent.

Ney moved that the survey is posted online and shared with the PDAB mailing list, comments from the public regarding the survey questions are due July 1, and public comments will be compiled. Dr. Farley has the authority to adjust the questions based on public comments. PDAAC members will have until August 15 to provide responses to the survey. Sellwood seconded.

The motion passes with 11 yes votes, 0 no votes.

Joe Sellwood (in-person) - Yes
Joel Farley (in-person) - Yes
Galen Benshoof (online) - Yes
Eric Tichy (online) - Yes
Josh Ney (in-person) - Yes
Buck Humphrey (online) - Yes
Hannah Thompson (online) - Yes
Heather Anderson (online) - Yes
Dirk Killelea (online) - Yes
Robert Miller (in-person) - Yes
Amy McNally (online) - Yes
Stefan Gildemeister
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Aaron Sapp

Schedule for Future Meetings

Intermill will send out possible meeting times for the 3rd quarter.

Open Discussion

No discussion from PDAAC members.

Public Comment

Lija Greenseid provided a comment in the chat that the survey looks good to ascertain PDAAC member responses on affordability.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 11:03AM.