

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF PHARMACY
3 CAPITOL HILL
BECK CONFERENCE ROOM
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

September 15, 2016

8:30AM

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Annemarie Arvanites, Thomas Bourque Jr., Robert Iacobucci, Jr., Leo Lariviere (Chairperson), Kelly Orr, Lorraine Quirk, Stacey Ranucci, Maybelle Reyes, Dennis Riley (Secretary)

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Peter Ragosta (Chief Administrative Officer), Scott Campbell (Chief

Compliance Officer), Colleen McCarthy, Esq.(Legal Counsel)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Tanya Campoverde, Shanice Frails, Dana Gagnon, Melinda Garner, Robert LiCalzi, Andrea Marrero, Scott Myers, Emily Oakey, Fred Polseno, Sampson Tona, Chris Wilkosz, Lisa Williams, Eileen Wynne

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Pharmacy was held on September 15, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Beck Conference Room, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:37 a motion to open the meeting was made by Kelly Orr and seconded by Lorraine Quirk, motion carried.

2. Presentation of the August 18, 2016 Open Session Meeting

Minutes

Motion was made by Thomas Bourque Jr. and seconded by Kelly Orr to accept the Open Session minutes of August 18, 2016. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Board Manager Report: Peter Ragosta

a) Legislative Update-(APA) Administrative Procedures Act. The (ORR) Office of Regulatory Reform will be distributing new templates for use by all professional boards. Peter Ragosta informed the Board that Governor's Office expects all Departments across the state to update their regulations and do so on the new template that will be distributed in approximately 2 weeks. The Governor's deadline for all regulations to be updated and in the new format is January 2019.

b) Legislative group- no appearance

c) PDMP discussion Monica Tavares and Victoria Ayers - no appearance. Peter Ragosta (who also serves as the administrator of the PDMP) explained the success the PDMP program has had with 100% prescriber enrollment. RI PDMP program is now sharing information with MA., CT., NY., NJ., VA., MN.,MS., SC. Monica Tavares is the outreach coordinator who visits with prescribers to see how the RI DOH may help them with the PDMP. She also hands them their own prescriber profile.

4. New Business

a) New Licenses: Motion was made by Thomas Bourque Jr., and seconded by Dennis Riley to approve the new licenses. Motion carried

b) New PICS: Three new Pharmacists in Charge attended the board meeting. Eileen Wynne, Melinda Garner, Sampson Tona. The board reminded them of the responsibility they are accepting, and answered questions they had.

c) Legislative Updates: Leo Lariviere mentioned he has started re-writing the RI Rules and Regulations for Pharmacy and asked board members for feedback on the first draft.

d) New Regulations: Leo would like to have feedback on the updated regulations he is drafting by 10/15/2016.

e) Pharmacy Technician II continuing education audit: Scott Campbell (Chief Compliance Officer) mentioned how there is a lack of understanding of the regulation requiring continuing education credits for pharmacy technician II's. It was suggested the department do a better job of communicating the requirements. There is also suggestion of changing the present system from 10 credits every year to 20 credits every two years to mimic the PTCB requirements. This will need a regulation change. The department will also add an attestation question to the license renewal application asking pharmacy technician II to confirm that they have completed their continuing education requirements.

5. Old business

No old business

6. Motion to adjourn to closed session

Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

Motion was made by Annemarie Arvanites and seconded by Lorraine Quirk to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:25. The motion carried.

Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

5. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Stacy Ranucci and seconded by Robert Iacobucci Jr. at 12:20 to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

6. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- The board accepted the following actions in closed session**

3 No unprofessional conduct (NUPC)

5 letters of concern (LOC)

1 Suspension of license

7. Adjournment

The next Board of Pharmacy meeting will be held October 27, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion to close the meeting was made by Robert Iacobucci and seconded by Thomas Bourque Jr. to

adjourn at 12:24. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Campbell, RPh.

Chief Compliance Officer

RI Board of Pharmacy

Peter Ragosta, RPh.

Chief Administrative Officer

RI Board of Pharmacy

Dennis Riley, RPh.

Secretary

RI Board of Pharmacy