

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY
7 Greenhouse Road
Room 205
KINGSTON, RHODE ISLAND 02881**

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017

8:30 AM

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Thomas Bourque, Kelly Orr, Lorraine Quirk, Stacey Ranucci, Maybelle Reyes, Dennis Riley

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Annmarie Arvanites, Robert Iacobucci, Leo Lariviere

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

**Peter Ragosta (Chief Administrative Officer), Colleen McCarthy, Esq.
(Senior Legal Counsel)**

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Daniel Hamm

Robert LiCalzi

Jeenu Philip

Chris Rizzo

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy was held on Thursday April 27, 2017 at the University of Rhode Island, College of Pharmacy Room 205, Kingston, RI 02881. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 838AM on a motion by Lorraine Quirk and seconded by Maybelle Reyes. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the March 23, 2017 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Kelly Orr and seconded by Lorraine Quirk to accept the Open Session minutes of March 23, 2017

The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. .

3. Chief Administrative Officer Report

a. Scott Campbell will return to work on May 1

b. Discussed new Provider Opioid prescribing regulations. Opioid naïve patient can only be prescribed 20 dose units and dose shall not exceed 30 MMEs (Morphine Equivalents). This is a prescriber regulation. Prescribers have been notified by mail and a general education meeting has been scheduled for all prescribers to attend. Pharmacy has a corresponding responsibility to follow the regulation.

4. Old Business

- Review and Draft Changes to Pharmacy Rules and Regulations**

A number of pages of the current regulations were reviewed and suggestions for changes were extensively discussed. Since 3 Board members who submitted some of those changes were absent for the meeting no final decision was made or vote was taken pending their

input into the process.

5. New Business

a. New Licensees - New Licenses: A motion was made by Thomas Bourque, Jr and seconded by Lorraine Quirk to approve the new licenses. Motion carried

b. New PICS - None

c. BOP Calendar – No Changes at this time

d. Review and Draft Changes to Pharmacy Rules and Regulations – Reviewed

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 Kelly Orr and seconded by Maybelle Reyes to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:40am. 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

e. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Dennis Riley and seconded by Lorraine Quirk at 1040AM 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.

f. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

The board reviewed and approved 2 status changes

g. Adjournment

The next Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy meeting will be held May 18, 2017 8:30AM at the Rhode Island Department of Health, DOC Conference Room , 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Kelly Orr and seconded by Maybelle Reyes to adjourn at 2:15PM Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M Riley, RPh

Board Secretary