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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

December 10, 2024

State Board of Pharmacy
December 10, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:

Christine Roussel, Pharm.D., BCOP, BCSCP, Chairperson
Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
Professional and Occupational Affairs
Eric Esterbrook, R.Ph., Vice Chairperson
Janet Getzey Hart, R.Ph., Secretary
John R. Slagle, R.Ph.
Tyler W. Ritchie, Esquire, Deputy Attorney General,
Office of Attorney General
James Reed Jr., R.Ph.

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Sean C. Barrett, Esquire, Board Counsel
Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Caroline A. Bailey, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Ashley P. Murphy, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Sara Trimmer, Pharm.D., R.Ph., Executive Secretary
Thomas Leech, Board Administrator
Michael P. Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel, State
Board of Barber Examiners
Jennifer Jumper, Fiscal Management Specialist 2,
Bureau of Finance and Procurement, Department of
State
Amanda Richards, Fiscal Supervisor, Bureau of Finance
and Procurement, Department of State
Tamie Laudenslager, Fiscal Management Specialist,
Bureau of Finance and Procurement, Department of
State
Taylor Koch, Fiscal Management Specialist 3,
Bureau of Finance and Procurement, Department of
State
Mercedes Newby, Fiscal Management Specialist 1,
Bureau of Finance and Procurement, Department of
State
Jessica Zukoski, Senior Legal Analyst, Department of
State
Steven Zahn, Pharmacy Inspector, Bureau of
Enforcement and Investigation, Department of State
Piri Pantoja Jr., Deputy Director of Legislative
Affairs, Department of State

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ALSO PRESENT:

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6 Theresa M. Talbott, R.Ph., Director, Pharmacy and
7 Retail Advocacy, CVS Pharmacy
8 Samuel Ludlow PharmD/MBA, Walgreens
9 Katie Medei, Walgreens Pharmacy
10 Christina Antoun Pharmacy Licensing, Research, and
11 Regulatory Affairs, REAL Solutions Group LLC
12 Joshua Finger, PharmD, Enclara Pharmacia
13 Geoffrey Christ, Senior Pharmacy Compliance Manager,
14 Chewy Pharmacy
15 Tiffany Booher, MA, LPC, CAADC, CIP, CCSM, Director,
16 Peer Assistance Monitoring Programs; Program
17 Director, Physicians' Health Program, Pennsylvania
18 Medical Society
19 Cory Ulisse, PharmD, Pharmacy Clinician Services
20 Grace Sesi, Executive Director, Regulatory Affairs at
21 CVS Health/Chairperson, Michigan Board of Pharmacy
22 Charlotte Harris, Student at Duquesne University
23 Sarah Everingham, MJ, CCEP, CPhT, Cardinal Health
24 William Lebak II, PharmD, Walgreens Boots Alliance
25 David Klinger, RPh, Director of Pharmacy, Geisinger
26 Medical Center
27 Mark Newkirk, President at Pharmacy Compliance
28 Consulting, LLC
29 Jacquelyn Sassaman, Pentec Health
30 Rachel DiPaolantonio, PharmD, PGY1 Pharmacy Resident-
31 Wilkes University/Weis Markets Community Pharmacy
32 Program
33 Susan DelMonico, R.Ph., JD
34 Brittany Venturella, PharmD, Manager of Clinical,
35 Specialty and Central Fill Pharmacy Services at
36 Weis Markets
37 Joseph Millward, Pharmacy Quality and Accreditation,
38 PANTHERx Rare Pharmacy
39 Judy Kutchman, R.Ph., AllianceRx Walgreens Prime
40 Valerie Pentland, PharmD, ConnectiveRx
41 Misha Patel, M.D., Curriculum Education Assistant,
42 Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine
43 Nicole Fidler, Associate, Malady & Wooten
44 Michelle Aytay, Manager, Pharmacy Affairs, Walgreens
45 Victoria Elliott, RPh, MBA, CAE, Chief Executive
46 Officer, Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association
47 Natalie Klek, Executive Fellow, Pennsylvania
48 Pharmacists Association
49 Lauren Gusherowski, Sargent's Court Reporting
50 Service, Inc.

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2 State Board of Pharmacy

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
6 at 9:00 a.m., the Board entered into Executive
7 Session with Sean C. Barrett, Esquire, Board Counsel,
8 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
9 deliberations and to receive the advice of Board
10 Counsel. The Board returned to open session at
11 10:30 a.m.]

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13 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
14 Board of Pharmacy was held on Tuesday, December 10,
15 2024. Eric Esterbrook, R.Ph., Vice Chairperson,
16 called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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18 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

19 [Vice Chair Esterbrook requested an introduction of
20 Board members and attendees. A quorum of Board
21 members was present.]

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23 [Sean C. Barrett, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
24 Board entered into Executive Session for the purpose
25 of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on a

1 number of matters that are currently pending before
2 the Board and to receive the advice of counsel.

3 Mr. Barrett also informed everyone that the
4 meeting was being recorded, and those who continued
5 to participate were giving their consent to be
6 recorded.]

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8 Approval of the Minutes

9 VICE CHAIR ESTERBROOK:

10 The first thing on our agenda is approval
11 of the minutes from October 22, 2024.

12 Any additions or corrections to the
13 minutes? Not hearing any.

14 I'll entertain a motion to accept
15 the minutes.

16 MR. SLAGLE:

17 So moved.

18 MS. GETZEY HART:

19 Second.

20 VICE CHAIR ESTERBROOK:

21 We'll call to a vote.

22
23 Esterbrook, aye; Reed, aye; Slagle, aye;
24 Hart, aye; Ritchie, aye; Claggett, aye;
25 Roussel, aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 Report of Board Prosecution

4 [Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecution
5 Liaison, on behalf of Ashley P. Murphy, Board
6 Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreements for Case
7 No. 23-54-006110 and Case No. 24-54-000072.]

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9 [Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecution
10 Liaison, on behalf of Caroline A. Bailey, Board
11 Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreement for Case
12 No. 24-54-005287.]

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14 [Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecution
15 Liaison, presented the Consent Agreements for Case
16 No. 22-54-014770, Case No. 24-54-003191, and Case No.
17 24-54-015074.]

18 MR. BARRETT:

19 Based on the presentation from
20 prosecution, does any Board member wish
21 to reenter Executive Session for further
22 deliberations? Hearing none.

23 Item 4 on the agenda, Case No. 23-
24 54-006110. Based on Executive Session
25 deliberations, I believe the Vice Chair

1 would entertain a motion to grant the
2 Consent Agreement at that number.

3 MR. SLAGLE:

4 So moved.

5 MS. GETZEY HART:

6 Second.

7 VICE CHAIR ESTERBROOK:

8 We'll call to a vote.

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10 Esterbrook, aye; Reed, aye; Slagle, aye;
11 Hart, aye; Ritchie, aye; Claggett, aye;
12 Roussel, aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
14 name is Brian Scott George, R.Ph.]

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16 MR. BARRETT:

17 Item 5, Case No. 24-54-000072. Based on
18 Executive Session deliberations, I
19 believe the Board Chair would entertain a
20 motion to grant the Consent Agreement at
21 that number.

22 MR. SLAGLE:

23 So moved.

24 MS. GETZEY HART:

25 Second.

1 VICE CHAIR ESTERBROOK:

2 We'll call to a vote.

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4 Esterbrook, recuse; Reed, aye; Slagle,
5 aye; Hart, aye; Ritchie, aye; Claggett,
6 aye; Roussel, aye.

7 [The motion carried. Eric Esterbrook recused himself
8 from deliberations and voting on the motion. The
9 Respondent's name is George Michael McAlanis, R.Ph.]

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11 MR. BARRETT:

12 Item 6, Case No. 24-54-005297. Based on
13 Executive Session deliberations, I
14 believe the Board Chair would entertain a
15 motion to reject that Consent Agreement
16 as too harsh.

17 CHAIR ROUSSEL:

18 I'll make a motion on that.

19 MS. GETZEY HART:

20 Second.

21 VICE CHAIR ESTERBROOK:

22 We'll call to a vote.

23

24 Esterbrook, aye; Reed, aye; Slagle, aye;
25 Hart, aye; Ritchie, aye; Claggett, aye;

1 Roussel, aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 MR. BARRETT:

5 Item 7, Case No. 22-54-014770; item 8,
6 Case No. 24-54-003191; item 9, Case No.
7 24-54-015074.

8 Based on Executive Session
9 deliberations, I believe the Board Chair
10 would entertain a motion to approve all
11 three of those Consent Agreements.

12 MR. SLAGLE:

13 So moved.

14 MS. GETZEY HART:

15 Second.

16 VICE CHAIR ESTERBROOK:

17 We'll call to a vote.

18
19 Esterbrook, aye; Reed, aye; Slagle, aye;
20 Hart, aye; Ritchie, aye; Claggett, aye;
21 Roussel, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
23 name at item 7 is Richard Sarfo Boahene, R.Ph.; item
24 8, William Livingston Ross, R.Ph.; and item 9,
25 Jessica D'Aurora, R.Ph.]

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2 Report of Board Counsel - Final Adjudication and
3 Order

4 MR. BARRETT:

5 Item 10. Based on Executive Session
6 deliberations, I believe the Board Chair
7 would entertain a motion to adopt the
8 Final Adjudication and Order at Case No.
9 23-54-011183.

10 MR. RITCHIE:

11 So moved.

12 MS. GETZEY HART:

13 Second.

14 VICE CHAIR ESTERBROOK:

15 We'll call to a vote.

16
17 Esterbrook, aye; Reed, aye; Slagle, aye;
18 Hart, aye; Ritchie, aye; Claggett, aye;
19 Roussel, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
21 name is Anthony Albert Grejda, R.Ph.]

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23 Appointment - Bureau of Finance and Procurement
24 Annual Budget Presentation

25 [Amanda Richards, Fiscal Supervisor, Bureau of

1 Finance and Procurement, Department of State,
2 presented the Annual Financial Report. She referred
3 to the license population over the last seven years
4 by class. She noted the prior biennial renewal
5 period reflected approximately 40,670 licenses, and
6 the current license count was 41,161, showing an
7 increase of 501 licenses.

8 Ms. Richards addressed the next four renewal
9 cycles and how much each class pays to renew their
10 license. She noted the Board had a fee increase in
11 2005.

12 Ms. Richards addressed revenue on a biennial
13 basis, noting the Board brings about \$6.2 million for
14 this biennial period. She noted FY22-23 is revenue
15 from pharmacists and authorization to administer
16 injectables license classes. She also noted FY23-24
17 revenue is made up of pharmacy and nonresident
18 pharmacy license classes. She reported on the total
19 biennial revenue, noting 93.4% of that revenue came
20 from renewals and applications.

21 Ms. Richards addressed expenses, which can hit
22 the Board through direct charges, timesheet-based
23 charges, and charges based on license population.
24 She noted the two main categories used for expenses
25 are administrative costs and legal costs. She

1 referred to expenses, noting their prior biennial
2 period expenses were about \$6.3 million.

3 Ms. Richards addressed the budget for FY24-25 and
4 the proposed budget for FY25-26 and projected a
5 budget of \$7.5 million. She explained that the
6 increase was caused by the new Pennsylvania Licensing
7 System (PALS), along with a new legal information
8 technology (IT) system and the move of the legal
9 staff from Penn Center to a new location.

10 Ms. Richards addressed expenses and revenue,
11 noting the Board's starting balance in their
12 restricted account. She reported expenses started to
13 exceed revenue in the last renewal cycle. She noted
14 expenses continue to increase and recommended the
15 Board consider a fee increase in the future. She
16 offered to provide a presentation concerning the fee
17 increase in the spring.]

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19 Report of Board Chairperson

20 [Christine Roussel, Pharm.D., BCOP, BCSCP,
21 Chairperson, informed Board members that she
22 discussed the general revisions packet with counsel
23 concerning the three major sections left for review.

24 Chair Roussel noted the grouping of regulations
25 will be referred to as General Revisions Part 3,

1 which includes Pharmacists, § 27.21 to § 27.26;
2 Management of Drug Therapy, § 27.301 to § 27.302; and
3 Compounding, § 27.601 to § 27.606.

4 Chair Roussel explained that the goal is to work
5 through the sections at the January and March
6 meetings and then have a work session. She noted the
7 goal is for the Board to move forward with a vote for
8 the general revision package consisting of all
9 changes to Part 1, Part 2, and Part 3 and move on to
10 the next steps in the April or June timeframe.

11 Chair Roussel reiterated that no substantive
12 discussion or action was taken when seeking advice
13 from counsel, and she only wanted to be in compliance
14 with the Sunshine Act, determine a timeline, and
15 provide good communication to stakeholders about the
16 upcoming regulatory work sessions.]

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18 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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20 Report of Executive Secretary - No Report

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22 Report of Board Members - No Report

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24 Discussion - Election of Officers and Selection of
25 Committee Members

1 MR. BARRETT:

2 Are there any nominees for the position
3 of Chairperson?

4 MS. GETZEY HART:

5 I make a motion for Christine Roussel to
6 remain the Chair.

7 MR. BARRETT:

8 Chairperson Roussel, if you receive that
9 position, do you wish to serve as the
10 Chair of the Board?

11 CHAIR ROUSSEL:

12 Yes, sir, I accept that nomination.

13 MR. BARRETT:

14 Are there any other nominations for that
15 position? Hearing none.

16 Can we have a roll call vote for the
17 election of Christine Roussel as
18 Chairperson of the Board?

19 VICE CHAIR ESTERBROOK:

20 Esterbrook, aye; Reed, aye; Slagle, aye;
21 Hart, aye; Ritchie, aye; Claggett, aye;
22 Roussel, aye.

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 MR. BARRETT:

1 Are there any nominations for a member to
2 serve as Vice Chairperson of the Board?

3 MS. GETZEY HART:

4 I nominate Eric Esterbrook.

5 MR. BARRETT:

6 Are there any other nominations for that
7 position?

8 Vice Chair Esterbrook, after being
9 nominated, if elected, would you wish to
10 serve in that position?

11 VICE CHAIR ESTERBROOK:

12 I accept.

13 MR. BARRETT:

14 Roll call vote for the election of Eric
15 Esterbrook as Vice Chairperson of the
16 Board.

17 VICE CHAIR ESTERBROOK:

18 Esterbrook, aye; Reed, aye; Slagle, aye;
19 Hart, aye; Ritchie, aye; Claggett, aye;
20 Roussel, aye.

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 MR. BARRETT:

24 Are there any nominations for the
25 position of Secretary?

1 MR. RITCHIE:

2 I nomination Janet Hart for Secretary.

3 MR. BARRETT:

4 Secretary Hart, based on that nomination,
5 if elected, would you wish to serve in
6 that position?

7 Could we have a roll call vote for
8 the election of Janet Getzey Hart as
9 Secretary of the Board?

10 VICE CHAIR ESTERBROOK:

11 Esterbrook, aye; Reed, aye; Slagle, aye;
12 Hart, aye; Ritchie, aye; Claggett, aye;
13 Roussel, aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 DR. TRIMMER:

17 The only committees that have a vacancy
18 would be the CPR Injectables Training and
19 Regulations.

20 MS. HART:

21 I nominate Jim Reed for the two
22 committees.

23 MR. BARRETT:

24 Would you wish to serve on those
25 committees?

1 MR. REED:

2 Yes, sir, I do.

3 CHAIR ROUSSEL:

4 I would very much like to appoint Jim to
5 the committees.

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7 Discussion - Proposed 2026 Board Meeting Dates

8 DR. TRIMMER:

9 The proposed 2026 Board meeting dates are
10 February 24, April 28, July 7, August 25,
11 October 20, and December 22.

12 MR. BARRETT:

13 Does anyone have any issues with those
14 dates? Hearing none.

15 I believe the Board Chair would
16 entertain a motion to adopt the proposed
17 2026 Board meeting dates.

18 MR. RITCHIE:

19 So moved.

20 MR. HART:

21 Second.

22 VICE CHAIR ESTERBROOK:

23 Esterbrook, aye; Reed, aye; Slagle, aye;
24 Hart, aye; Ritchie, aye; Claggett, aye;
25 Roussel, aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 CHAIR ROUSSEL:

4 May I make a motion to the March 18, 2025
5 meeting to March 3, 2025?

6 VICE CHAIR ESTERBROOK:

7 I'll second the motion.

8 VICE CHAIR ESTERBROOK:

9 Any discussion? We'll call to a vote.

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11 Esterbrook, aye; Reed, aye; Slagle, aye;
12 Hart, aye; Ritchie, aye; Claggett, aye;
13 Roussel, aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 [Christine Roussel, Pharm.D., BCOP, BCSCP,
17 Chairperson, requested an update on the pharmacy
18 technician regulations. She also asked whether the
19 Board would see comments from the Independent
20 Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC).

21 Mr. Barrett offered to provide information from
22 Mr. Farrell to the Board. He explained that IRRC
23 looks at the public comments and may have their own
24 comments, which would be reviewed during a Board
25 meeting.]

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2 [The Board recessed from 11:01 a.m. till 11:30 a.m.]

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4 [A Formal Hearing was held from 11:32 a.m. till
5 12:51 p.m. in the Matter of the Reinstatement of
6 James T. Josiah, R.Ph., Case No. 24-54-011733.]

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8 Adjournment

9 VICE CHAIR ESTERBROOK:

10 Motion to close.

11 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

12 So moved.

13 VICE CHAIR ESTERBROOK:

14 The meeting is adjourned.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 [There being no further business, the State Board of
18 Pharmacy Meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Pharmacy meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision and the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Pharmacy meeting.



Lauren Gusherowski,
Minute Clerk
Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
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