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ALSO PRESENT:

Theresa M. Talbott, R.Ph., Director, Pharmacy and Retail Advocacy, CVS Health Daniel Longyhore, System Director, Knowledge Management for Pharmacy at Geisinger

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Rhonda Thomas, PharmD, MBA, BSPS, BCSCP, Director of Pharmacy, Lehigh Valley Health Network

Anthony Bixler, WellSpan Health, York Hospital/Pennsylvania Society of Health-System Pharmacists

Jennifer Gronski, PharmD, WellSpan Health, York Hospital/Pennsylvania Society of Health-System Pharmacists

Jill Rebuck, PharmD, MBA, FCCM, FCCP Executive Director Pennsylvania Society of Health-System Pharmacists

Natalie Klek, PharmD, TTS, Executive Fellow, Student - Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association

Alexis Hutzel, APPE Student, Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association

Joshua Finger, PharmD, Enclara Pharmacia

Brian Swift, PharmD, MBA, Chief Pharmacy Officer, Jefferson Health

Sarah Everingham, MJ, CCEP, CPhT, Cardinal Health

Brett Rodgers, Senior Manager for Pharmacy

Automation, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Leigh Shirley, Director of Pharmacy Operations, Giant Food Stores

Jessica Adams, PharmD, BCPS, AAHIVE, Scientific Director, Infectious Diseases at Clinical Care Options

Megan Ammon, PharmD, BCMTMS, Clinical Program Coordinator at Weis Markets

Matthew Eberts, Pennsylvania Society of Health-System Pharmacists

Regan Ceraso, RPh, BPharm, Quality Director, Medical - Health Professions Program, Carnegie Mellon University

Trisha Miller, PharmD, MPH, BCACP, Ambulatory Care & Public Health Pharmacist, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Rick Seipp, PharmD, Value Drug Company

Rebecca Taylor, Pharm.D., Vice President, Pharmacy Services, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Katie Medei, Healthcare Specialty Supervisor, Walgreens Pharmacy

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Misha Patel, M.D., Curriculum Education Assistant, Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine

Christopher Miller, Pharm.D., Giant Eagle Tiffany Booher, MA, LPC, CAADC, CIP, CCSM, Director, Peer Assistance Monitoring Programs; Program Director, Pharmacist' Health Program, Pennsylvania Medical Society

Victoria Elliott, RPh, MBA, CAE, Chief Executive Officer, Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association

Heather Wilson, MSW, CFRE, Executive Director, Pharmacists' Health Program, Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society

Katie Gruber, Manager, Pharmacists' Health Program, Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society

Madisyn Irace, PGY1 Resident, WellSpan York Hospital/Pennsylvania Society of Health-System Pharmacists

Nicole Sidle, Republican Executive Director, House Professional Licensure Committee

Michael Barbato Manager, Quality and Regulatory Operations, Cencora

Catherine Hankins, Student, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Jennifer Welch, PharmD, ACME/Sav-On Pharmacy

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Chelsey Walker, Pharmacy Manager, Meadville Medical Center

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Taylor Jones, Account Manager, New Markets at PANTHERX Rare Pharmacy

Yvonne Zeng, Pharmacy Compliance

39 Rachel DiPaolantonio, PharmD, Wilkes University

40 | Marcin Cebula, PharmD, Variety Drugs

41 A. Rodgers

Michelle Omari-Okyere BS, PharmD, BCPS, BCGP, Lehigh Valley Health Network

Heather Sakely, PharmD, BCPS, BCGP, University of Pittsburgh

Allen Solomon, PharmD

Steven Zahn, Pharmacy Inspector, Bureau of Enforcement and Investigation, Department of State Margaret Barcam, Senior Manager, Pharmacy Technical,

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

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ALSO PRESENT: (cont.)

Jacquelyn Sassaman, Pentec Health Brittany Venturella, PharmD, Manager of Clinical, Specialty and Central Fill Pharmacy Services at Weis Markets

JP Burkhart

Jennifer Hall, RPh

Lauren Finoli, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP, Manager of Pharmacy Clinical Services, Allegheny General Hospital

Amanda Abernathy, Director of Population Health and Quality at UNC Health Blue Ridge

Sheetal Kamath, MPharm, RPh, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Presbyterian Shadyside

Michael Barbato

Rachel Wilbur-Adams, Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.

6 * * * 1 2 State Board of Pharmacy 3 March 3, 2025 * * * 4 5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at 9:00 a.m., the Board entered into Executive 6 7 Session with Sean C. Barrett, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations and to receive the advice of Board 10 Counsel. The Board returned to open session at 10:30 a.m.] 11 * * * 12 13 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State 14 Board of Pharmacy was held on Monday, March 3, 2025. 15 Christine Roussel, Pharm.D., BCOP, BCSCP, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 16 10:33 a.m. 17 * * * 18 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees 19 20 [Christine Roussel, Pharm.D., BCOP, BCSCP, 21 Chairperson, requested an introduction of Board 22 members and attendees.] 23 24 [Sean C. Barrett, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the 25 the meeting was being recorded, and those who

1 continued to participate were giving their consent to 2 be recorded.

Mr. Barrett also noted the Board entered into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on a number of matters that are currently pending before the Board and to receive the advice of counsel.]

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Appointment - Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society Pharmacists' Health Program
[Heather Wilson, MSW, CFRE, Executive Director, Pharmacists' Health Program, Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, presented to the Board to discuss new branding for pharmacists. She addressed their mission, which includes the Physicians' Health Program, Pharmacists' Health Program, and dental professionals sometime in the

future. She referred to feedback from participants

and professional associations looking to have their

own brand.

Ms. Wilson stated Foundation Board members

unanimously approved creating a unique brand identity

for pharmacists served by the Foundation as the

Pharmacists' Health Program, a peer assistance

monitoring program of the Foundation of the

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Pennsylvania Medical Society. She noted it to be the identity they use moving forward as they represent pharmacy.

Ms. Wilson thanked the Pennsylvania Pharmacists
Association for welcoming the change and inviting
them to their conference to assist with getting that
brand identity out. She mentioned there is a
frequently asked question sheet with the new
branding. She noted having a creation of a joint
press release, but it will not be released until the
webpage is completely redesigned just for the
Pharmacists' Health Program.

Ms. Wilson also noted there will be a unique page just for pharmacists, and they are invested as a provider to pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and potentially pharmacy techs.

Chair Roussel commented that it is exciting to have branding that specifically says Pharmacists'

Health Program and asked what else is being done content-wise to take a program that was originally meant for providers who prescribe and tailor it to providers who are surrounded by bottles of narcotics.

Tiffany Booher, MA, LPC, CAADC, CIP, CCSM, Director, Peer Assistance Monitoring Programs; Program Director, Pharmacists' Health Program,

Pennsylvania Medical Society, explained that the evaluation process would take into consideration the professional's specific specialty, because they serve more than just physicians and pharmacists.

Ms. Booher noted their evaluators specialize in working with safety-sensitive professionals and would adjust recommendations based on what their access to substances and shape their treatment plan based on their specific unique needs. She mentioned the professionals are aware of the unique needs of the pharmacists and are very well educated in working with healthcare professionals.

Ms. Wilson stated they are also developing asynchronous learning for pharmacy students to understand the impact of addiction and well-being and how that can impact a license, which will be translated across all of the disciplines.

Ms. Booher noted working with Mr. Knipe and Ms. Droddy at the Professionals Health Monitoring Program to modify their paperwork so that it reflects a Pharmacists' Health Program and not a Physicians' Health Program. She also mentioned there will be a listening session with schools of pharmacy on March 25, 2025.

Jill Rebuck, Executive Director, Pennsylvania

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   everyone that the Pennsylvania Society of Health-
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        Chair Roussel thanked the Foundation of the
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        Board members wished to return to Executive
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   [Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecution
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   Preston's Pharmacy Inc.; and agenda item 7, Case No.
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   24-54-016214, Uttam G. Sheladiya, R.Ph.]
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   Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Adjudications and
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13 1 MR. BARRETT: 2 Agenda item 10. Based on Executive 3 Session deliberations, I believe the Board Chair would entertain a motion to 4 5 adopt the Proposed Adjudication and Order at Case No. 24-54-005912, United Pharmacy 6 7 Upper Darby Inc., and Case No. 24-54-005979, Kayode C. Jacobs, R.Ph. 8 9 CHAIR ROUSSEL: 10 I would entertain a motion. 11 MR. SLAGLE: So moved. 12 13 MR. REED: 14 Second. 15 CHAIR ROUSSEL: 16 Any discussion? Let's call the vote. 17 18 Reed, aye; Slagle, aye; Claggett, aye; 19 Esterbrook, aye; Hart, aye; Roussel, aye. 20 [The motion carried unanimously.] * * * 21 22 Report of Board Counsel - Final Adjudication and 23 Order 24 MR. BARRETT: 25 Agenda item 11. Based on Executive

14 Session deliberations, I believe the 1 2 Board Chair would entertain a motion to 3 approve the Final Adjudication and Order at Case No. 24-54-008533, Victor Glen 4 5 Spearman, R.Ph. 6 CHAIR ROUSSEL: 7 I'd be happy to entertain a motion. 8 MR. SLAGLE: 9 So moved. 10 MR. REED: 11 Second. CHAIR ROUSSEL: 12 13 Any discussion? Let's call the vote. 14 15 Reed, aye; Slagle, aye; Claggett, aye; 16 Esterbrook, aye; Hart, aye; Roussel, aye. 17 [The motion carried unanimously.] * * * 18 19 Review of Applications 20 MR. BARRETT: 21 Agenda item 12. Based on Executive 22 Session deliberations, I believe the 23 Board Chair would entertain a motion to 24 provisionally deny the Civic Center 25 Pharmacy, LLC, for a New Nonresident

15 1 Pharmacy Application Registration. 2 CHAIR ROUSSEL: 3 I will entertain the motion. MR. SLAGLE: 4 5 So moved. MR. REED: 6 7 Second. 8 CHAIR ROUSSEL: 9 Any discussion? Let's call the vote. 10 11 Reed, aye; Slagle, aye; Claggett, aye; 12 Esterbrook, aye; Hart, aye; Roussel, aye. 13 [The motion carried unanimously.] * * * 14 15 Discussion - DOH Accreditation Review - Evidence-16 Based Prescribing: Tools You Can Use to Fight the Opioid Epidemic 17 18 MR. BARRETT: Agenda item 13. Based on Executive 19 20 Session deliberations, I believe the Board Chair would entertain a motion to 21 22 approve the curriculum for pain 23 management, identification of addition, 24 and the practices of prescribing or

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   Chairperson, asked for another Board member to join
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[Christine Roussel, Pharm.D., BCOP, BCSCP, mentioned the Board's big focus is the regulatory work session but also wanted to have Ms. Hart share some information of value for pharmacists in Pennsylvania.

Ms. Getzey Hart informed Board members that the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) put together a Pulse platform for pharmacies and their need to follow the the Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA) rules and regulations that have been passed by following the drug manufacturer to dispensing to a patient to make sure there are not any drugs that are contraband making their way into the drug supply chain.

Ms. Getzey Hart stated Pulse has a very good platform that is not only recognized in the United States, but also in countries such as South Africa. She believed a brief Board meeting presentation from NABP and Pulse may be beneficial as far as the importance and showing how boards of pharmacy are utilizing this for counterfeit drugs and following their own individual state pharmacy rules and regulations.

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Chair Roussel thanked Ms. Hart and mentioned that
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   Report of Executive Secretary - No Report
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19 54-004940. 1 2 MR. SLAGLE: 3 I will make that motion. 4 MR. REED: 5 Second. 6 CHAIR ROUSSEL: 7 Any further discussion? Seeing none. Let's call the vote. 8 9 10 Reed, aye; Slagle, aye; Claggett, aye; 11 Esterbrook, aye; Hart, aye; Roussel, aye. 12 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's 13 name at item 4, Case No. 24-54-004940 is Wedgewood Pharmacy, LLC.] 14 15 * * * 16 Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Status Report -17 Update on Final Regulation 16A-5433 (Pharmacy 18 Technician Registration) 19 [Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, Office of 20 Chief Counsel, Department of State, informed Board 21 members that 16A-5433 regarding the pharmacy 22 technician regulation has two of the three Governor's 23 Office approvals and would be on the April 10, 2025 24 Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) 25 Meeting agenda if approved soon.

Mr. Farrell mentioned the more realistic effective date of the regulation is May 15, 2025. He explained that the Attorney General's Office has 30 days after it is approved by IRRC and then it goes to the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) to be published as final in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Chair Roussel commented that pharmacy technicians in the state of Pennsylvania having access to the PharmHealth program will be very valuable to them.

A question was noted from the last meeting about the intent to stagger the reapplication years for pharmacists and technicians.

Chair Roussel commented that they would not be ready for it in August if it is approved at the May meeting. She noted they could push it to make the time for technician licenses to be 2027 if they did not make 2025 and believed they would err on the side of being able to do it successfully from a Board labor standpoint.

Chair Roussel suggested further Board discussion because it may be too accelerated to anticipate all would be able to be registered and force a renewal in 2027. She noted the Board should not put speculative dates on it at this moment until it is actually through and should also consider the labor under the

direction of Acting Commissioner Claggett.

Acting Commissioner Claggett commented that the Board will follow up with the direction at the next meeting.]

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Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Annex - Combined

Parts I, II, and III of Regulation 16A-5427

(General Revisions)

[Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of State, provided a proposed combined annex of Parts I, II, and III for 16A-5427 regarding the general revisions last week. He mentioned there are some issues with the Uniform Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (UPJE) with early graduation.

Chair Roussel referred to the definitions, noting they changed the language pharmacist manager to pharmacist in charge to be consistent with other states but still need to remove pharmacist manager throughout the document.

Larry Jones, Pennsylvania Society of HealthSystem Pharmacists, mentioned there is one instance
where changing manager to pharmacist in charge does
not work and referred to § 27.11(g), if the
pharmacist in charge ceases to hold that position,

the pharmacist will inform the Board but do not know the name of the new pharmacist in charge and would be up to the owner at that point to notify the Board of the new pharmacist in charge or new person taking over.

Mr. Jones suggested it read, "on a Board-approved form," either the pharmacy owner or new pharmacist in charge will notify the Board of the new appointment.

Chair Roussel repeated for clarity, if the pharmacist in charge ceases to hold that position, the permit holder shall inform the Board in writing of this fact on the Board-approved form. She also suggested it read, shall inform this Board in writing or electronically as opposed to the approved form.

Mr. Jones believed Board-approved form was used to encompass both paper and electronic.

Chair Roussel noted it to read, the new pharmacist in charge will inform the Board not more than 30 days later.

Chair Roussel suggested removing MPJE from the definition section.

Theresa M. Talbott, R.Ph., Director, Pharmacy and Retail Advocacy, CVS Health, asked why the Board would want a two-step process, noting they already have one form. She mentioned that if she was a

pharmacist in charge (PIC) and quit that it is her
right to tell the Board she is no longer the PIC for
that store. She noted the permit holder currently
has 15 days to tell the Board the current PIC is gone
and the name of the new PIC.

Ms. Talbott mentioned that the intent was to expand that to 30 days and not make it a two-step process. She believed it would be more difficult to have two forms from an execution standpoint, and it puts the burden on the permit holder. Board members agreed.

Rhonda Thomas, PharmD, MBA, BSPS, BCSCP, Director of Pharmacy, Lehigh Valley Health Network, commented that the pharmacist in charge is usually the one submitting all of the applications, and the registration in the Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS) is under the pharmacist in charge. She mentioned there really is not a definition of permit holder and all seems to fall to the pharmacist in charge.

Dr. Thomas mentioned that it is a broken process, because it is difficult to make those changes if the pharmacist in charge left on bad terms. She noted having the same issue with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), because they were the Power of

Attorney (POA) and going through that.

Dr. Thomas again noted it to currently be a broken system, especially with PALS, where it is her login and then renewing that license every two years in addition to her login for her pharmacist license.

It was noted that a pharmacist in charge who has a medical emergency or passes away cannot notify the Board and believed having the burden on the business entity makes sense.

Dr. Trimmer reported having two instances in seven months, where they left and she cannot give them the registration code, noting they have to reach out to the owner, and it is cumbersome for the pharmacy to get the information for them to be able to release the information.

Ms. Getzey Hart believed there is a disconnect and the pharmacist is the one who is in the place of leaving employer one and wanting to go to employer two to be the PIC but cannot be the PIC because they have not been released from being the PIC where they were previously.

Mr. Jones suggested it read, "pharmacy permit holder (facility/owner) and where they had the sentence, they write "of the new pharmacist in charge if known period." He noted "if the pharmacy permit

holder is unable to replace the pharmacist in 30 days" language already exists and just have to define the pharmacy permit holder as facility/owner. He noted the password and ID needs to be cleaned up in the next computer system.

It was suggested that what they have in place, other than changing from 15 to 30 days, needed to be fixed. Community practice typically are having that done centrally and the pharmacist in charge is not filling out their PALS paperwork, because there is someone designated for all of the different permits within the chain.

Mr. Giunta mentioned that one of the first consent agreements approved was that exact situation, and they look at it as the facility, not the individual. He mentioned that they look at pharmacy manager as the company. He noted they will not go after the PIC because the PIC may not be there and is kind of not on them to change who is replacing them.

Mr. Barrett expressed concern with the idea of writing in solutions to potentially a software issue that could change in the future and then make the reg really cumbersome if they change systems. He did not believe the goal is to shift the responsibility to the PIC himself, where there might be liability for

sanctions if the language is not clear.

Mr. Jones again suggested it read, permit holder
(facility/owner).

Dr. Rebuck referred to the definition under drug order (ii), the term does not include an order for a drug for a patient in an institution which the patient will self-administer which will be considered a prescription. She recommended removing (ii) because it is still a drug order from an institutional perspective and not a prescription. She explained that just because patients are administering the drug themselves, the provider still needs to write an order for that medication.

Mr. Barrett expressed concern with the effect of it throughout the rest of the act. He believed it was placed there to exempt that from certain other provisions and taking out that exemption from the definition may cause unintended consequence where a drug order might be mentioned later on to include things that were not originally within the scope of that provision.

Dr. Rebuck commented that the act talks about prescriptions more in the noninstitutional setting and drug orders more in the institutional setting and cannot think of an institutional setting where self-

administered medication would not be considered a drug order. She noted a self-administered medication in an institution is a drug order.

Chair Roussel noted self-administration is also listed under § 27.18(o) for everyone's review.

Dr. Rebuck stated § 27.18(o) supports what they are recommending with the removal of (ii).

Chair Roussel noted the issue could be revisited at the April meeting if anybody has any concern about the removal of (ii) they found later. She encouraged hospital pharmacists to revisit and double check that because they have the greatest impact.

Dr. Rebuck referred to the the definition of satellite pharmacy and suggested adding satellite pharmacy may include a retail pharmacy operated by an institutional pharmacy on off hours of the institution-owned retail pharmacy on evenings and weekends for the purpose of continuation of care and off hours.

Dr. Rebuck noted the retail pharmacy is allowed to have the same license as the retail pharmacy on site or within 5 miles of the retail pharmacy because patients are discharged from the hospital and the nearest open retail pharmacy in rural areas in many of their health systems may be 30 miles away.

Dr. Rebuck suggested the language read, satellite pharmacy may include a retail pharmacy operated by an institutional pharmacy on off hours only if it is the institution-owned retail pharmacy on evenings and weekends for the sole purpose of continuation of care on off hours. The retail pharmacy is allowed to have the same license as the retail pharmacy on site or within 5 miles of the retail pharmacy.

Dr. Rebuck referred to § 27.11(i), where each pharmacy in this Commonwealth will require a separate permit regardless of ownership, unless the pharmacy is a satellite pharmacy.

Dr. Rebuck noted it to be another conflicting area and is just the idea of consideration of allowing a retail pharmacy to have a satellite location in the institution for dispensing when the retail pharmacy location is closed, not requiring a separate license and only within that same health system for that reason of the pharmacy deserts that they are seeing.

Dr. Rebuck noted the change under § 27.11(i) may make more sense with the exception there or recommend the Board consider a change to the satellite pharmacy definition.

Mr. Jones expressed concern with the details of

the off hours and weekend language and suggested it be changed to when the main pharmacy is closed.

Dr. Rebuck suggested it read, satellite pharmacy may include a retail pharmacy operated or owned or operated by an institutional pharmacy when the retail pharmacy is closed.

Chair Roussel requested seeing that in writing because they have institutions and then a retail pharmacy operating in that institution. She noted there are two ways to do it but are currently a little vague, where some places feel that since there is no difference between an HP and an RP license that they could operate both retail and hospital out of the same license.

Chair Roussel mentioned that other people take a more conservative approach and will license their retail pharmacy separately. She noted a separate DEA license comes with that because they are doing different things with that and provided an example.

Dr. Rebuck offered to provide proposed language and further discussion, and Mr. Farrell suggested Dr. Rebuck send in comments to the draft that went out last week. She also mentioned the language could be in either location and referred to § 27.11(i), where each pharmacy in the Commonwealth will require a

separate permit regardless of ownership unless the pharmacy is a satellite pharmacy as defined in \$ 27.1.

Dr. Rebuck noted they could make a comment in that section or add it to the definition section, where they are requesting consideration of allowing a retail pharmacy to have a satellite location in the institution for dispensing when the retail pharmacy location is closed, not requiring a separate license and only within the same health system.

Chair Roussel commented that the hospital pharmacy becomes the satellite of the retail pharmacy when the retail pharmacy is closed.

Ms. Talbott asked whether NABP has a definition and recommended the Board look there.

Rebecca Taylor, Pharm.D., Vice President,

Pharmacy Services, University of Pittsburgh Medical

Center, expressed concern with missing the

opportunity to file the Prescription Drug Monitoring

Program (PDMP) for the controlled substances and is

asking, especially for rural sites, for a 5-mile

allowance. She discussed how they can dispense

discharge medications on off hours with the decrease

in 24/7 pharmacies across our state and mentioned

operating with a to-go pack or become duly licensed

as an in-patient and retail pharmacy in the same space.

Chair Roussel recommended looking at the Model Practice Act and then other states to see if there is anything that supports what she is suggesting. She addressed the conflicts and recommended putting everything in writing, along with seeking regulatory language in other states.

Chair Roussel also suggested PSHP convene a group of stakeholders to work on that language.

Dr. Rebuck referred to § 27.11(g), a pharmacy may not operate without a pharmacist in charge more than 30 days. She reported hearing from several health-system stakeholders about concerns with not being able to include individual PICs on Family and Medical Leave (FMLA), which is a maximum of 12 weeks, and asked the Board to consider either a temporary PIC provision for FMLA purposes or an exemption for FMLA purposes.

Ms. Talbott explained that it goes back to 2010 when it was 15 days and was expanded to 30 days with a provision, because it may be more than 30 days. She noted the Board wanted to make it clear that if someone is the PIC and would not be there for more than 30 days that somebody else needs to be

responsible. She referred to the previous sentence,
where the pharmacy cannot obtain from the Board an
extension of time.

Dr. Rebuck noted PSHP is comfortable with that and requested no additional changes.

Mr. Jones referred to the definition of the management of drug therapy and noted prior Board discussion in 2018, 2020, and 2022. He noted they adjust regiments based on protocols, order lab tests, perform tests, and monitor the patients.

Mr. Jones also noted they discontinue and initiate meds, which were supposed to get added to the definitions and allowances for institutional practice or within the definition of management of drug therapy, so when they got to a collaborative practice agreement (CPA), they would have to get further defined not under § 27.301 with this institution but under § 27.302 if the contract would allow that.

Mr. Jones stated management of drug therapy and pharmaceutical care does include those two items based on protocol definitions and medical staff review and approval.

Chair Roussel stated a pharmacist can initiate a drug and discontinue a drug secondary to a

- relationship with the provider. She mentioned it would need a caveat that it is secondary to a collaborative practice agreement, because independently they cannot do that.
- Mr. Jones noted it is allowable in § 27.301 but has to be clarified in § 27.302 for outside institutions.
 - Chair Roussel suggested Mr. Jones send specific language to Mr. Farrell for Board review at the next meeting.

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- Mr. Barrett noted there is a discrete definition in the act of management of drug therapy under 63

 P.S. § 390(9.1) of the act, where there is an actual legislative definition that this is largely copying and not a creation of the Board. He mentioned they may be constrained in expanding or modifying it in any substantial way.
 - Mr. Farrell noted many of the changes to § 27.11 are from what they are calling Part I general revisions. He mentioned lifting a lot of language out of the pharmacy tech regs with changing manager to in charge.
- Dr. Rebuck referred to § 27.12(c)(2), a pharmacy intern may neither intern nor be in a pharmacy if a pharmacist is not on duty. She noted being under the

the impression that the intern or technician may be in the pharmacy while the pharmacist is on break but did not see it listed under (c)(2) or (3)(ii). She suggested a clause, where the pharmacy intern may neither enter or be in a pharmacy if the pharmacist is not on duty with the exception of a 30-minute

break.

Dr. Rebuck referred to § 27.12(3)(3)(ii), a pharmacy technician or trainee may not enter or be in a pharmacy if a pharmacist is not on duty.

Dr. Rebuck referred to § 27.12(6), a tech trainee shall wear a name tag that clearly identifies the trainee's first name with the title pharmacy technician trainee. She believed it adds unnecessary requirements to the pharmacist in charge to enforce. She noted the same issue with the registered pharmacy technician.

Chair Roussel noted that is from the tech act but wanted to check the act to see if there is anything they can do to liberalize that.

Dr. Rebuck referred to § 27.16(b)(1)(i), within the prescription area, there must be a prescription working counter of at least 10 linear feet in length. She preferred it ends at the word counter for it to read, within the prescription area, there must be a

prescription working counter to provide adequate space for equipment and medication processing.

Dr. Rebuck mentioned that if it is not agreed upon that they would like to leave one as is,

(b)(1)(i) and add a statement that the counter space requirement is not applicable to an institutional pharmacy.

Dr. Rebuck referred to recommendation (b)(1)(i) within the prescription area, there must be a prescription working counter and then add the verbiage prescription working counter to provide adequate space for equipment and medication processing.

Ms. Getzey Hart commented that the state of Pennsylvania still licenses a pharmacy as a pharmacy without designations of different types. She noted their registration is a pharmacy and interpretation of the square footage should be left broad for assessments to be made on the blueprints.

Chair Roussel noted she did not find anything in the act that specifically speaks to countertop.

Dr. Rebuck referred (b)(1)(i) and suggested leaving the whole first sentence that talks about the 250 square feet and then that second sentence, within the prescription area, there must be a prescription

working counter to provide adequate space for equipment and medication processing and get rid of the 10 linear feet through the end of that sentence.

Chair Roussel suggested leaving within the prescription area, there must be at least 10 linear feet and then remove the part that talks about if there are more pharmacists on duty and get rid of the two seconds sentences.

Dr. Rebuck suggested a working counter of at least 10 feet in length, not worrying about the word adequate, and getting rid of remaining language.

Chair Roussel noted it to be changed to (b) building standards (1) minimum size (i) and stopping at 10 linear feet in length by 2 linear feet in width of countertop and eliminating the second two sentences.

Chair Roussel informed Board members that she would be submitting a comment about refrigerators with thermometers being required in pharmacies but no language to say that they also need a log and will submit that language.

Mr. Jones noted it is in the Department of Health (DOH) Life Safety Code regulations and suggested taking the verbiage from there. He offered to submit examples of DOH regulation regarding the temperature

log.

Chair Roussel suggested having a 3- or 4-hour power session at the April or May meeting to wrap things up, and Mr. Barrett mentioned the Board can do that but what is being discussed has to be noted on the agenda.

Mr. Farrell noted changes under § 27.18 standards of practice are from Part I of the general revisions.

Dr. Rebuck referred to § 27.18(f) and recommended changing the brand name Dilaudid to the generic name hydromorphone. No pharmacist or pharmacy may dispense, dispose of, or sell a Schedule V cough preparation containing codeine, hydromorphone or other narcotic cough preparation.

Dr. Rebuck referred to § 27.18(h)(i), prescriptions for nonproprietary drugs may be refilled for one year from the date of the prescription if refills have been authorized. She requested consideration to allow pharmacists to dispense up to a 90-day supply if the patient has enough refills to comply with their insurance allowance. She suggested adding verbiage, if written for a 30-day supply but has 11 refills, the pharmacist can change to a 90-day supply with three refills for noncontrolled substance prescriptions.

Chair Roussel informed Dr. Rebuck that they cannot change the quantity on a prescription, because it is prohibited in the act.

Dr. Rebuck referred to § 27.18(p)(1), a pharmacist practicing in a hospital, institution, or similar place or specialized ambulatory care unit may not be required to extend pharmaceutical services to other than registered patients of that hospital or institution. She suggested changing institution to health system.

Mr. Barrett expressed concern with the use of health system because there is no definition for that, noting the clause is limited to hospital, institution, similar place, or specialized ambulatory care and suggested putting that back out instead of hospital or institution.

Dr. Rebuck referred to § 27.18(v)(1), a drug order in an institution. She suggested an addition at the end of the paragraph "and the initials of the pharmacist." She requested placing a comma and adding the language, except nonpatient-specific medications when being vended from central automation or an automated dispensing cabinet.

Dr. Rebuck referred to § 27.19(d)(3)(iii), the pharmacist may send a written. She suggested the

addition of "or electronic" offer to counsel.

Ms. Talbott suggested language, a pharmacist may send an offer to counsel and then the form would say an offer to counsel must include the telephone number or other means of communication to be consistent in both.

Dr. Rebuck referred to § 27.19(e)(2) and suggested the addition of "video" for it to read, at the discretion of the patient or caregiver by telephone or video.

Chair Roussel referred to § 27.21, a candidate for licensure to practice pharmacy by examination must pass both the North American Pharmacist Licensure Exam (NAPLEX) and the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination identified by the Board but then complete an application for licensure with the Board, which functions for applying to take the NAPLEX.

Chair Roussel noted they can apply and sit for both, but if they will allow a Jurisprudence Exam, they are now only applying to sit for the NAPLEX.

She stated the candidate must pass both, apply to be able to take the NAPLEX, but a Jurisprudence Examination may be taken by a pharmacy student in their final year.

Chair Roussel asked whether the student has to apply to take the NAPLEX to be eligible, and if so, she believed they may need to ask NABP about what that looks like. She could not find which states are allowing a student to take the test before graduating, because most are still being written and in play.

Chair Roussel stated the candidate has to pass both, apply for NAPLEX, and then a Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam may be taken. She asked whether the Board has to approve them taking the Jurisprudence Exam.

Dr. Trimmer noted they are granted eligibility based off of the application submitted, where somebody applying for reciprocity would submit their NABP license transfer application, which includes their education, which includes their intern hours, which allows her to grant them the ability to sit for the test.

Chair Roussel suggested scheduling a discussion concerning the logistics with somebody at NABP to understand how the process would go if they allow a student to do an undergraduate.

Ms. Getzey Hart noted the idea is to have it done the last year of school and get it out of the way.

She also noted there is a movement that has been discussed in many states from an NABP perspective.

She offered to set up a call with NABP.

Chair Roussel referred to § 27.21(b) and asked what that would look like, noting she did not anticipate new applicants with anything other than a Doctor of Pharmacy degree at this point.

Mr. Farrell noted that he was not sure what to do about what is left after they make that revision because all of the ACPE schools accredited are the Doctor of Pharmacy now. He believed they could leave it as is.

Mr. Farrell noted he added § 27.24(d), the Board may require evidence of additional Pennsylvania-specific jurisprudence training in addition to the Board-identified Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination.

Mr. Farrell noted § 27.24(a) was removed.

Victoria Elliott, RPh, MBA, CAE, Chief Executive Officer, Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association, stated given the timing and not an invitation officially for comments, that not everyone has had a chance to comment, to not presume that whatever they discussed is final.

Chair Roussel commented that they do need to put a wrap on what they are going to do at some point.

- She noted the comment about satellite pharmacists and the definition is not a small concept. She requested everyone send substantiative changes ahead of the April meeting.
- 5 Dr. Rebuck referred to § 27.302(h), the collaborative agreement shall be filed with the 6 7 Bureau, submitted electronically and added all of 8 that language. She mentioned Ms. Talbott made a 9 recommendation asking why they need to file 10 collaborative agreements formally with the Bureau and instead allow them to be maintained on site and 11 12 available on request, as noted in (i), which she 13 suggested be removed.
- Mr. Farrell stated it is in the statute and has to be filed with the Board.

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- Chair Roussel asked whether anyone had any substantive edits that have not been addressed that might be helpful in advance of April. She recommended everyone submit any edits electronically to Mr. Farrell to be reviewed and cross-referenced before the meeting.
- Dr. Rebuck § 27.204(b)(2), the automated medication system was tested and validated by the pharmacy and found to dispense accurately prior to the implementation of the system. She noted they

will subsequently be asked to validate every six months, where the Board may independently validate the accuracy of the system.

Dr. Rebuck commented that there is no way to prove or validate the accuracy as it is written in the regulations with automated dispensing systems and believed it is more about changing the text to have products meet vendor specifications of accuracy and current working conditions. She mentioned that will be the theme when they come back to this section in April, because they do not want something written in the regulations that cannot be met.

Dr. Rebuck also referred to § 27.204(h)(2), establishes mechanisms and procedures to test the accuracy of the automated medication system at least every six months and whenever any upgrade or change is made to the system. She noted they do not want to promise something they cannot actually deliver. She recommended the language read, refer to the equipment working within vendor-specified operations.

Chair Roussel agreed it to be an issue, noting there are literature evaluations and research studies done on pieces of technology that are published speaking to their accuracy but speaks to a broader sense of accuracy of the systems rather than the

individual ones. She noted it almost requires them to separate out Pyxis automated dispensing cabinets and pill packaging machines.

Dr. Rebuck stated PSHP wanted to ensure health systems can comply with the regs as written.

Chair Roussel suggested looking at the Model Practice Act and looking at other states.

Mr. Jones reported another large issue has come up in hospitals concerning immunizations and actually came out as extensions of COVID. He addressed retail operations, where pharmacists in retail settings have been giving not only the COVID and the flu vaccine as they do in retail places, but they are giving them in retail pharmacies within the institutions.

Mr. Jones noted they are also, under that immunization license, authorized to give "other injectable meds," which are long-acting psychiatric meds and HIV meds that Medicaid and some of the other state agencies are asking pharmacy to take on.

Mr. Jones stated the Department of Health has jurisdiction over the State Board of Pharmacy on who is authorized to administer medications in the confines of the hospital walls. He referred to \$ 27.42, where the pharmacy will comply with all Department of Health regulations in order to be

compliant with this Board.

Mr. Jones noted Department of Health medical staff regulations under § 107.64 gives them the out they need, where the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee must approve the process, it must go to the medical staff, and the medical staff must approve it when a pharmacist gives the medications in the confines of the hospital.

Mr. Jones noted the documentation as it exists satisfies both the Department of Health and the Board of Pharmacy and hoped to be able to do a reference for institutions giving immunizations, where they can refer to those statutes for compliance. He mentioned it ties together the Department of Health issue with the Board of Pharmacy compliance to the Department of Health regulations. He offered to provide wording for the next meeting.

Chair Roussel again mentioned the regulatory work session in April would bring everything across the finish line, and Mr. Farrell noted to send written comments to wherever the draft they received on Wednesday came from.

Chair Roussel thanked everybody for their help and effort to the State Board of Pharmacy.]

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	10:33	Introduction of Board Members/Attendees
	10:37	Appointment - Physicians' Health Program, Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society
20	10:45	Approval of Minutes
22 22 22 22 22 22 23 33 33 33 33 33 41 42 44 44 44 45 67	10:46	Report of Board Prosecution
	10:59	Report of Board Counsel
	11:00	Review of Applications
	11:02	Discussion
	11:04	Report of Board Chairperson
	11:07 11:14	Executive Session Return to Open Session
	11:16	Report of Board Counsel (cont.)
	1:06	Adjournment