

GEORGIA BOARD OF PHARMACY
2 MLK Jr. Drive, 11th Floor East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30341
Minutes for August 13, 2025 Board Meeting

Board Members present:

Cecil Cordle, PharmD, President
Young Chang, Vice-President
Michael Azzolin, PharmD
Jim Bracewell
Michael Brinson
Dean Stone

Board Staff present:

Clint Joiner, Executive Director
Michael Karnbach, Director, GDNA,
Alec Mathis, Deputy Director, GDNA
Mike Poblet, Special Agent, GDNA
Marci Cospy, GDNA
Dowlin Ryals, Assistant Attorney General
Stacy Altman, Deputy Director of Compliance
and Investigations
Itovia Evans, Deputy Director of Licensing
Angela Johnson, Board Administrative
Secretary

Visitors:

Stephanie Kirkland, Elder Care Pharmacy
Helen Sloat, Nelson Mullins
Heather Hughes, Publix
Beth Jarrett, Walmart
Susan Delmonico, Genoa
Chris Cline-Dahlman, Pharm Tech Forward
Bill Dahlman, Pharm Tech Forward
Ben Wright, The Hudson Group
Greg Mullis, Midnight Rider Consulting
Kamryn Wham, Georgia Hospital Association
Megan Scott, Goodson Drug

Jordan Khail, UGA
Michael Pedreira, UGA Veterinary Teaching
Hospital
Jonathan Marquess, GPhA/ AIP
Nabil Elkareh, Genoa
Patrick Gutherie, Cardinal Health
Diane Sanders, Kaiser Permanente
Mary Kate Snead, Guardian
Thomas Tucker, Cap City
Morgan Fordham
Lee Goodson – Goodson Drug

Open Session

President Cordle established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

President Cordle greeted the members of the public who were present.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the Open and Executive Session minutes from the July 23, 2025, meeting. Mr. Brinson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Report of Licenses Issued

Director Joiner reported that the Board has issued 555 licenses since the previous meeting. He further advised that the issue with the payment software has been successfully resolved.

Mr. Brinson made a motion to ratify the list of licenses issued. Mr. Stone seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Petitions for Rule Waiver or Variance

None.

Correspondences

Email from Dean Sara “Mandy” Reece at PCOM inquiring if the Board plans to utilize the universal MPJE in 2026 and if they are considering allowing students to take the exam at the end of

their third year of pharmacy school.

The Board considered Dr. Reece's correspondence and discussed the possibility of accepting the Universal MPJE. Several members expressed concern that a universal exam might not sufficiently address Georgia-specific laws and could move the profession toward a compact license. It was suggested that, if the Board were to adopt the Universal MPJE, it would likely need to require a continuing education course specifically on Georgia law.

Director Joiner noted that accepting the Universal MPJE could also make it easier for the Board to comply with the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA).

The Board then discussed the second point in the correspondence—allowing students to take the MPJE before their fourth year. Members generally agreed this could be beneficial by reinforcing learning and giving schools an opportunity to provide tutoring if a student fails. It was also noted that data shows no statistical difference in pass rates for students who test earlier.

The Board thanked Dr. Reece for her correspondence and advised that it is in the early stages of considering both the Universal MPJE and the option for students to take the MPJE earlier. No final decisions have been made, and both topics will be revisited.

Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency – Mr. Michael Karnbach

Director Karnbach introduced Ms. Marci Cospy who has been with GDNA for 12 years. Her focus within GDNA is on applications. He also introduced Special Agent Mike Poblet. Agent Poblet has been with GDNA for 11 years. He is the supervisor of the Northern region of the State.

Director Karnbach reported that GDNA has conducted 298 inspections year-to-date and received 127 complaints year-to-date.

He advised that with the new system it allows for more detailed breakdowns of the investigations. Of the complaints, 121 were for drug loss, 8 for prescription errors, 2 for suspicious orders, 8 for nonprofessional conduct, and 1 for improper compounding.

He reported that GDNA is observing a significant number of loss notifications with the implementation of the new system, which highlights these incidents. GDNA is exploring methods to track incidents more effectively, and he suggested the Board could revisit the definition of a 'significant' loss and how such cases should be addressed once more data can be collected. Director Karnbach asked if the Board wanted the more detailed breakdown information for every meeting or quarterly. President Cordle responded that quarterly breakdown would be preferable at this time.

Attorney General's Report – Mr. Dowlin Ryals

No Report.

Executive Director's Report – Mr. James Joiner

No Report

Legal Services – Mr. James Joiner

No Report.

President Cordle asked if anyone had any questions or comments. President Cordle reminded everyone that the next scheduled meeting of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

(PCOM) located at 625 Old Peachtree Road NW, Suwanee, GA 30024.

He requested that any department or member of the public that wishes to be added to an upcoming meeting must submit the information prior to the Wednesday before the scheduled meeting to be considered for the agenda. He thanked the public for their attendance and participation.

Mr. Bracewell made a motion and Mr. Stone seconded, and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(h) and § 43-1-2(h) to deliberate and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and the Assistant Attorney General’s report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Michael Azzolin, Jim Bracewell, Michael Brinson, Young Chang, Cecil Cordle, and Dean Stone.

Executive Session

Appearances:

None.

Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency - Mr. Michael Karnbach

No Report.

Cognizant’s Report – Mr. Young Chang

B35744	B35798	A35659	B35745	B35801	A35827
A35835	25-143	B35474	B35833	B35869	

Attorney General’s Report – Mr. Dowlin Ryals, Assistant Attorney General

Mr. Ryals presented the following consent orders for acceptance:

L.F.	J.B.G.	G.H.	P.F.	P.P.	M.P.
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Status Open Cases

E.S.P.	A.H.	P.A.J.	B.T.Y.	W.P.	C.H.E.D.	C.P.
C.P.	A.M.S.	V.L.R.	B.W.D.	R.H.	W.M.S.	

Executive Director’s Report – Mr. Clint Joiner

- Board discussed administrative approval process
- Illegal compounding

Legal Services – Mr. Clint Joiner

E.H. / C.P.S. – Agency Review Decision

Applications

K.P.	R.G.B.	T.N.	I.S.	E.O.	V.M.	S.A.	K.R.	T.L.
E.M.	S.S.	A.Y.	H.H.	D.W.	M.H.	M.S.	M.H.	T.O.
R.I.	G.S.	M.B.	B.R.	M.F.	M.D.	S.T.	T.J.	V.C.
S.R.	N.S.M.							

Notices of Discipline

A.B.P.I.	C.H.A.L.	A.H.C.	W.S.P.	O.I.S.	E.C.
W.G.	A.P.L.	A.P.L.	B.U.C.	B.P.I.	C.H.H.
G.M.P.	P.R.	Q.L.	T.I.	U.S.M.S.L.	U.S.M.S.L.

Miscellaneous

M.J.	R.T.	J.R.	R.C.	J.F.	J.N.	A.T.	W.P.	W.P.	W.G.	W.G.
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At the close of the Executive Session, President Cordle declared the meeting to be back in Open Session.

Open Session

Mr. Stone made a motion for the Board to take the following actions:

Cognizant's Report – Mr. Young Chang

GDNA Case #	Licensee	Recommendation
B35744	P.D.C. / C.H. / A.C.J. / J.L.B.	Misfill Guidance #1A
B35798	L.P.D.	Misfill Guidance #1A
A35659	W.S.C.P. / C.A.M. / B.D.W.	Referral to AG's Office & Letter of Concern to PIC
B35745	W.P. / C.T.E.	Misfill Guidance #1A
B35801	C.P. / E.P.P.	Misfill Guidance #1A
A35827	W.G. / C.S.S.	Referral to AG's Office
A35835	M.V.I. / C.S.N.	Referral to AG's Office
A35835	V.C.	Cease & Desist Letter
25-143	C.P. / C.E.T.W.	Referral to AG's Office
B35474	C.P.	Close
B35833	C.P.	Close
B35869	W.P.	Close

All proposed orders were approved for docketing and no formal counterproposals were submitted.

Applications

Licensee	Type of License	Status
K.P.	Pharmacy Technician	Approve
R.G.B.	Pharmacy Technician	Approve
T.N.	Pharmacy Technician	Approve
I.S.	Pharmacy Technician	Approve
E.O.	Pharmacy Technician	Approve
V.M.	Pharmacy Technician	Approve
S.A.	Pharmacy Technician	Approve
K.R.	Pharmacy Technician	Approve
T.L.	Pharmacy Technician	Approve
E.M.	Pharmacy Technician	Approve
S.S.	Pharmacy Technician	Approve
A.Y.	Pharmacy Technician	Approve
H.H.	Pharmacy Technician	Approve
D.W.	Pharmacy Technician	Approve
M.H.	Pharmacy Technician	Approve
M.S.	Pharmacist	Approve
M.H.	Pharmacist	Approve
T.O.	Pharmacist	Approve
R.I.	Pharmacist	Approve
G.S.	Pharmacist	Approve
M.B.	Pharmacist	Approve
B.R.	Certification of DTM	Tabled for more information
M.F.	Certification of DTM	Tabled for more information

M.D.	Certification of DTM	Tabled for more information
S.T.	Certification of DTM	Approve
T.J.	Certification of DTM	Approve
V.C.	Certification of DTM	Approve
S.R.L.	Durable Medical Supplier	Needs to Apply for New License
N.S.M.	Durable Medical Supplier	Approve

Notices of Discipline: The Board reviewed the notices and agreed that these notices are for information only and that no further action is necessary at this time

Correspondences/Requests

Licensee	Request	Decision
M.J.	Request 4 th Attempt to take NAPLEX	Approve
R.T.	Request 6 th Attempt to take NAPLEX	Approve
J.R.	Request 5 th Attempt to take NAPLEX	Approve
R.C.	Request Extension through 9/30/2026	Approve
J.F.	Request for Reinstatement	Referral to AG's Office
J.N.	Request Extension through 12/31/2025	Approve
A.T.	Request Extension through 12/31/2027	Approve
W.P.	Remodel	Needs to contact GDNA directly for inspection
W.P.	Remodel	Needs to contact GDNA directly for inspection
W.G.	Remodel	Needs to contact GDNA directly for inspection
W.G.	Remodel	Needs to contact GDNA directly for inspection

Mr. Brinson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Pharmacy will be held on Wednesday, September 10, at 9:00 a.m. at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) located at 625 Old Peachtree Road NW, Suwanee, GA 30024.

Minutes recorded by Angela Johnson, Board Administrative Secretary
 Edited by J. Clinton Joiner, II, Executive Director