

GEORGIA BOARD OF PHARMACY
South University School of Pharmacy
709 Mall Blvd
Savannah, GA 31406
January 18, 2023
9:00 a.m.

The following Board members were present:

Michael Azzolin, President
Chuck Page, Vice-President
Jim Bracewell
Michael Brinson
Young Chang
Cecil Cordle
Chuck Page

Staff present:

Eric Lacefield, Executive Director
Dennis Troughton, Director, GDNA
Michael Karnbach, Deputy Director, GDNA
Max Changus, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Clint Joiner, Attorney
Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I

Visitors:

Ashish Shah, Walgreens
Stephanie Kirkland, Eldercare
Becca Hallum, GHA
Diane Sanders, Kaiser Permanente
Joshua Loch, CVS
Jonathan Marquess, GPhA-AIP
Reid Stone, Botanical Science
Patrick Barry, South University

Open Session

President Azzolin established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Brinson made a motion to approve the Public and Executive Session minutes from the December 14, 2022, Conference Call. Mr. Stone seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Report of Licenses Issued

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

Correspondences

Correspondence from Diane Sanders, Kaiser Permanente: Ms. Sanders was present and spoke to the Board regarding the expansion of Kaiser Permanente's Glenlake Medical Office. She inquired if the Board would allow two license types, Outpatient Clinic Pharmacy and Home Health Retail Pharmacy, to share the same common work room space, ante room, and multiple USP 797/800 clean rooms provided all pharmacies are closed door pharmacies with segregated inventories that are limited to licensed pharmacy staff only. In response, the Board referred Ms. Sanders to Rule 480-33-.02(4), which states:

"Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to prohibit an outpatient clinic from applying for a retail pharmacy license as provided for in O.C.G.A. §§ 26-4-110 and Rule 480-6-.01. Any retail pharmacy located in an outpatient clinic holding a retail pharmacy license, shall comply with all the laws, rules and regulations applicable to such licensed retail pharmacy."

Correspondence from Robert M. Brennan: The Board considered this correspondence seeking guidance as to whether Wellstar North Fulton Hospital's current hospital pharmacy license will allow it to service patients in hospital outpatient departments located in a medical office building that is in close proximity to North Fulton's main campus without the need for an additional pharmacy license. Discussion ensued regarding appropriate methods of obtaining medications for those departments. President Azzolin asked the board to consider what the organization is attempting to accomplish. He indicated that, simply put, the hospital is attempting to make sure the providers of the outpatient clinic have the medications they need to care for their patients. He went on to say that, in this case, it appears they feel the best operational solution is to have the pharmacy that is already setup and familiar with ordering the process to supply the drugs. Mr. Azzolin stated that the historical concern from the Board's perspective is that the drugs provided by the pharmacy would still be the responsibility of the pharmacy even though it is outside the pharmacy and not overseen by a pharmacist. As such, he asked Director Troughton to confirm if he was correct regarding the three potential solutions to the problem. First, Mr. Azzolin asked if the doctor's office in the clinic can create an account with a supplier and order their own drugs to be delivered directly to the clinic. Furthermore, he asked if the pharmacy could support the clinic administratively by ordering from the clinic's supplier account on the outpatient clinic's behalf? Director Troughton agreed that scenario would be appropriate. Mr. Azzolin then asked if a second solution could be for the hospital pharmacy to, under its license and account, purchase and deliver the drugs to the outpatient clinic and have the provider that is located at the clinic sign off indicating receipt of and acknowledging full responsibility for the drugs delivered while they are at the clinic. He commented that, if he understood past conversations by the Board correctly, at that point they would no longer be the responsibility of the pharmacy but rather the provider at the clinic. Mr. Azzolin tried to recall the third option to which Mr. Stone commented they could receive a clinic license. Mr. Azzolin agreed that was the third option and that a pharmacist would have to be designated as the PIC and would be responsible for that permit and be physically present to ensure those drugs are maintained according to clinic rules. He indicated that what Wellstar North Fulton Hospital seems to be asking about is the second option. Director Troughton agreed and commented that it is almost like a wholesale transaction without the wholesale license. He indicated that in order to provide the drugs to the outpatient clinic using the second option, the pharmacy would have to keep a record of what drugs and what quantities of drugs go out of the hospital to the facility and be in compliance with DEA rules. President Azzolin asked if the hospital pharmacy is providing controls to the outpatient clinic area, and if CII's are being provided, would they need to perform a DEA-222 transfer. Director Troughton confirmed that since GDNA performs hospital pharmacy inspections and would look for evidence of everything transferred that they would need to see the DEA-222 transfer form. The Board directed staff to respond to Mr. Brennan by stating that if the facility chooses to provide medications from the hospital pharmacy to the outpatient clinic located offsite, the facility must comply with federal and state laws regarding the transfer of medications.

Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency – Dennis Troughton

Director Troughton reported that GDNA conducted 1333 inspections and received 264 complaints for FY2023.

Attorney General's Report – Max Changus

No report.

Executive Director's Report – Eric Lacefield

Continuing Education Report: No report for January.

Reappointment: Mr. Lacefield congratulated Mr. Brinson on his reappointment to the Board.

Legal Services – Clint Joiner

No report.

Rules Discussion

Rule 480-10-.16 Security System Approval: Mr. Bracewell made a motion to table discussion on this topic until the Board's February meeting. Mr. Stone seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mr. Brinson made a motion and Vice-President Page 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, Chuck Page, and Dean Stone.

Executive Session

Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency – Dennis Troughton

- J.R.
- J.R.
- J.R.

Cognizant's Report – Chuck Page

- GDNA Case # B34531
- GDNA Case # A34520

Appearance

- D.B.L.

Cognizant's Report – Chuck Page

- GDNA Case # A34549
- GDNA Case # A34544
- GDNA Case # B34567
- GDNA Case # B34506
- GDNA Case # A34499
- GDNA Case # B34471
- GDNA Case # B34483
- GDNA Case # B34410
- GDNA Case # T34455

Attorney General's Report – Max Changus

Mr. Changus presented the following consent orders for acceptance:

- C.V.S.P.
- C.M.H.
- N.S.M.I.
- N.B.P.I.

Executive Director's Report – Eric Lacefield

No report.

Legal Services

No report.

Applications

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

Correspondences/Requests

- P.C.C.A.
- V.C.P.
- A.P.
- C.P.
- C.P.
- D.F.I.
- M.C.P.
- T.E.
- S.R.P.
- S.R.P.
- A.H.I.I.
- O.S.
- A.H.

- P.H.P.
- S.R.
- G.H.
- J.Q.H.
- C.T.M.
- J.J.H.
- S.D.G.
- S.J.H.
- E.M.H.

No votes were taken in Executive Session. President Azzolin declared the meeting back in Open Session.

Open Session

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

Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency – Dennis Troughton

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J.R. Security System Approval Request • J.R. Security System Approval Request • J.R. Security System Approval Request | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Denied request/Send Letter of Concern Denied request/Send Letter of Concern Denied request/Send Letter of Concern |
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Cognizant’s Report – Chuck Page

- GDNA Case # B34531 Accept Private Interim Consent Order
- GDNA Case # A34520 Refer to the Department of Law

Appearance

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D.B.L. Denied reinstatement applicant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table pending receipt of additional information |
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Cognizant’s Report – Chuck Page

- GDNA Case # A34549 Refer to the Department of Law
- GDNA Case # A34544 Refer to the Department of Law
- GDNA Case # B34567 Refer to the Department of Law
- GDNA Case # B34506 Close with Letter of Concern
- GDNA Case # A34499 Refer to the Department of Law
- GDNA Case # B34471 Close and refer complainant to HHS
- GDNA Case # B34483 Close with no action
- GDNA Case # B34410 Close with no action
- GDNA Case # T34455 Accept Voluntary Surrender

Attorney General’s Report – Max Changus

Mr. Changus presented the following consent orders for acceptance:

- C.V.S.P. Private Consent Order accepted
- C.M.H. Private Consent Order accepted
- N.S.M.I. Private Consent Order accepted
- N.B.P.I. Private Consent Order accepted

Executive Director’s Report – Eric Lacefield

No report.

Legal Services

No report.

Applications

- M.P.D. Pharmacy Technician Approved for registration
- D.A.W. Pharmacy Technician Denied registration
- J.O.K. Pharmacy Technician Approved for registration
- E.J.G. Pharmacy Technician Approved for registration
- Z.Y.S. Pharmacy Technician Approved for registration
- C.N.N. Pharmacist Renewal Table pending receipt of additional information

- D.K.S. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- E.A.S. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- J.E.J. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- J.C.J. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- J.D.L. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- A.N.W. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- A.L.W. Pharmacist Renewal Table pending receipt of additional information

- D.A.F. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- E.N.F. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- J.W.M. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- K.T.D. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- K.A.E. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- M.S.T. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- M.J. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- P.A.B. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- R.L.V.S. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- R.J.C. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- S.L.Y. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- T.A.B. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- V.R.S. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- S.A.M. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- O.A. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- M.P. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- R.D.S. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- B.M.Z. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal
- F.M.A. Pharmacist Renewal Approved for renewal

Correspondences/Requests

- P.C.C.A. Notice of Discipline No action
- V.C.P. Notice of Discipline No action
- A.P. Notice of Discipline No action
- C.P. Notice of Discipline No action
- C.P. Notice of Discipline No action
- D.F.I. Notice of Discipline No action

• M.C.P.	Notice of Discipline	No action
• T.E.	Notice of Discipline	No action
• S.R.P.	Notice of Discipline	No action
• S.R.P.	Notice of Discipline	No action
• A.H.I.I.	Notice of Discipline	No action
• O.S.	Notice of Discipline	No action
• A.H.	Notice of Discipline	No action
• P.H.P.	Notice of Discipline	No action
• S.R.	Notice of Discipline	No action
• G.H.	Request to Terminate Probation	Approved request
• J.Q.H.	Petition to Lift Suspension	Approved request
• C.T.M.	Appearance Request	Denied request
• J.J.H.	Appearance Request	Denied request
• S.D.G.	Request for 5 th attempt to retake MPJE	Approved request
• S.J.H.	Request for 5 th attempt to retake MPJE	Approved request
• E.M.H.	Remote Order Entry Policy	Approved request

Mr. Chang seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Pharmacy will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Community Health's office located at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 5th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Minutes recorded by Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I
 Minutes edited by Eric Lacefield, Executive Director