

**GEORGIA BOARD OF PHARMACY**  
**Conference Call Agenda**  
**2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Atlanta, GA 30303**  
**March 10, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**The following Board members were present:**

Michael Brinson, President  
Dean Stone, Vice-President  
Carrie Ashbee  
Michael Azzolin  
Cecil Cordle  
Chuck Page  
Bill Prather

**Staff present:**

Eric Lacefield, Executive Director  
Dennis Troughton, Director, GDNA  
Michael Karnbach, Deputy Director, GDNA  
Max Changus, Assistant Attorney General  
Kimberly Emm, Attorney  
Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst

**Visitors:**

Travis Clark  
Diane Sanders  
Helen Sloat  
Becca Hallum, GHA

**Open Session**

President Brinson established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Mr. Lacefield asked the visitors on the call to send an email via the “Contact Us” portal on the website if he/she would like his/her name reflected as being in attendance in the minutes.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Prather made a motion to approve the February 17, 2021 Public Session Conference Call minutes and the February 18, 2021 Public and Executive Session Conference Call minutes. Vice-President Stone seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Report of Licenses Issued**

Vice-President Stone made a motion to ratify the list of licenses issued. Mr. Cordle seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Correspondence from Dr. Lois Lassiter**

The Board viewed this correspondence for informational purposes only.

**Correspondence from Jill Bonnin, NABP Solutions**

The Board considered this correspondence asking if the Board would issue a non-resident pharmacy permit to an entity that does not dispense drugs and only has a limited license in another state. The Board directed staff to respond to Ms. Bonnin by stating that the Board does not issue limited licenses and therefore, would not consider an out-of-state limited license for licensure.

**Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency – Dennis Troughton**

Director Troughton reported that GDNA has conducted 1762 inspections and 225 investigations for FY2021.

Director Troughton complimented the GDNA agents for all of their hard work during the pandemic. He reported that GDNA is still not doing routine hospital inspections as long as the State of Emergency is in place. Director Troughton stated that, at this time, GDNA does not plan on going into hospitals as part of a routine inspection; only if GDNA is needed to for an investigation.

Director Troughton reported on the recent PDMP Committee meeting he attended. He stated that it was reported that as of February 26<sup>th</sup>, the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission had received 70 applications for the six growers to be licensed. Additionally, there are 18,151 patients that have registered with the Department of Public Health’s Low THC Oil Registry.

In regards to the PDMP, Director Troughton reported that Appriss is working with some of the major hospital chains to integrate records to make it easier for the pharmacist and physician to access the information and create a better workflow.

Mr. Prather reported that the Medical Cannabis Commission is hoping in the near future to begin the contract award review process to select companies to begin to construct facilities and begin production.

**Attorney General’s Report – Max Changus**

Mr. Changus reported that “Crossover Day” was on Monday and there are a few bills effecting pharmacy. He stated that one bill concerns the technician ratio. Mr. Changus stated that House Bill 653 attempts to revise the definition of pharmacy care to be a little more inclusive and includes screening for disease and Covid-19 tests. Additionally, Mr. Changus stated that there are a few others touching on low THC oil and medical cannabis.

**Executive Director’s Report – Eric Lacefield**

**Continuing Education Report:** Report presented. Mr. Prather made a motion to ratify the below continuing education programs approved since the previous meeting. Vice-President Stone seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Date of Program	Hours	Sponsoring Group	Program Title	CE Code
03/11/2021	1	Kaiser Permanente	Let’s Relax and Talk Laxatives	2021-0001
03/25/2021	1	Kaiser Permanente	Silence of the Limbs: Management of Diabetic Retinopathy	2021-0002

**Legal Services – Kimberly Emm**

No report.

**Miscellaneous**

**Quarterpoint:** The Board considered correspondence from Quarterpoint regarding its treatment facility. President Brinson commented that it looks like a great facility; however, when it is compared to the treatment facilities that are currently approved by the Board, it does not correspond. He stated that the information provided to the Board appears to be more of a “PR” type of correspondence. Vice-President Stone agreed with President Brinson and suggested staff send Quarterpoint the Board’s criteria for becoming an approved facility. The Board agreed with the recommendation.

**Correspondence from Dr. Lois Lassiter**

Mr. Azzolin requested the Board revisit the correspondence received from Dr. Lassiter. Mr. Azzolin stated that she sent a correspondence to the Board last month regarding compounded buprenorphine to dispense for use for cats. In her letter, she stated that she “cannot even legally dispense postoperative pain control that is safe in cats according to the current law”. At that time, the Board suggested she provide further information regarding what she sees as the legal barrier that would prevent her from

compounding and dispensing patient-specific prescriptions. Mr. Azzolin stated that Dr. Lassiter has provided further clarification. He stated that Dr. Lassiter is wanting to send the medication home from her office and is implying that she can only get medications from a mail order location. Mr. Azzolin suggested directing staff to respond to Dr. Lassiter by stating that, based on the information she provided, the Board suggests she contact a local pharmacy in her area that would be able to meet the needs of her patients. The Board agreed with the recommendation.

Mr. Prather 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)(2) and § 43-1-2(k) 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 Carrie Ashbee, Michael Azzolin, Michael Brinson, Cecil Cordle, Chuck Page, Bill Prather, and Dean Stone.

## **Executive Session**

### **Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency – Dennis Troughton**

- M.M.

### **Cognizant's Report – Dean Stone**

- GDNA Case # B33441
- GDNA Case # B33526
- GDNA Case # A33550
- GDNA Case # B33599
- GDNA Case # B33598
- GDNA Case # A33451

### **Attorney General's Report – Max Changus**

Mr. Changus presented the following consent orders for acceptance:

- M.S.H.M.I.
- E.U.
- A.M.
- P.H.
- M.L.P.

Mr. Changus discussed the following individual:

- M.D.

Mr. Changus discussed the following cases:

- GDNA Case #A-33188
- P.T.I.R.
- U.O.U.

### **Appearances**

- O.B.I.
- J.A.S.

At this point in the meeting, the Board recessed from Executive Session for lunch at 12:23 p.m. and for the Initial Decision Review Hearing at 1:00 p.m.

## Hearing

Initial Decision Review Hearing held regarding Uko Owu Ukoh, RPH022392.

The Board heard arguments from attorney Stephen Katz and Assistant Attorney General Caroline Lugo, and interviewed Mr. Ukoh.

Vice-President Stone made a motion and Mr. Azzolin seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session for the Board to confer on the arguments presented. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Carrie Ashbee, Michael Azzolin, Michael Brinson, Cecil Cordle, Chuck Page, and Dean Stone.

The hearing resumed at 2:24 p.m.

Mr. Azzolin made a motion for the Board to uphold the Initial Decision, the Findings of Fact, the Conclusions of Law and the decision of the Administrative Law Judge. Vice-President Stone seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The Initial Decision Review Hearing concluded at 2:28 p.m.

The board meeting resumed at 2:31 p.m.

Vice-President Stone made a motion and Mr. Page seconded, and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(h)(2) and § 43-1-2(k) 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 Carrie Ashbee, Michael Azzolin, Michael Brinson, Cecil Cordle, Chuck Page, and Dean Stone.

## Executive Session

### **Executive Director's Report – Eric Lacefield**

No report.

### **Legal Services – Kimberly Emm**

No report.

### **Applications**

- S.B.F.
- N.D.E.
- S.A.D.
- R.R.F.
- N.L.S.
- M.S.P.
- A.T.E.
- G.D.G.
- K.Q.K.
- D.S.H.
- J.R.A.
- W.C.M.
- L.L.K.
- R.A.C.

- B.R.J.

**Correspondences/Requests**

- O.M.D.I.
- O.M.D.I.
- O.M.D.I.
- O.M.D.I.
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- O.M.D.I.
- O.M.D.I.
- O.M.D.I.
- O.M.D.I.
- O.M.
- O.M.H.C.L.
- B.U.I.
- A.I.S.
- A.P.S.P.
- A.R.W.P.
- D.S.P.D.
- W.P.N.
- P.S.
- M.P.
- J.R.B.
- M.D.
- J.C.A.
- J.L.K.
- G.L.R.
- R.P.
- P.B.
- F.O.A.

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

**Open Session**

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

**Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency – Dennis Troughton**

- M.M. Denied Pharmacy Technician No action taken

**Cognizant’s Report – Dean Stone**

- GDNA Case # B33441 Close with letter of concern
- GDNA Case # B33526 Close with no action
- GDNA Case # A33550 Refer to the Department of Law
- GDNA Case # B33599 Close with no action

- GDNA Case # B33598 Close with no action
- GDNA Case # A33451 Technician-Letter of concern  
PIC-Refer to Department of Law  
Pharmacist-Close with no action

**Attorney General’s Report – Max Changus**

Mr. Changus presented the following consent orders for acceptance:

- M.S.H.M.I. Public Consent Order accepted
- E.U. Public Consent Order accepted
- A.M. Private Consent Order to be accepted and signed with express permission upon receipt of the original.
- P.H. Private Consent Order to be accepted and signed with express permission upon receipt of the original.
- M.L.P. Public Consent Order accepted

Mr. Changus discussed the following individual:

- M.D. Close case with no action

Mr. Changus discussed the following cases:

- GDNA Case #A-33188 Accept counterproposal
- P.T.I.R. Close case and approve application
- U.O.U. Update provided

**Appearances**

- O.B.I. Denied Renewal Overturn denial and Refer to the Department of Law
- J.A.S. Denied Pharmacist Examination Overturn denial and grant 5<sup>th</sup> attempt at NAPLEX

**Executive Director’s Report – Eric Lacefield**

No report.

**Legal Services – Kimberly Emm**

No report.

**Applications**

- S.B.F. Pharmacy Technician Approved for registration
- N.D.E. Pharmacy Technician Approved for registration
- S.A.D. Pharmacy Technician Tabled pending receipt of additional information
- R.R.F. Pharmacy Technician Approved for registration
- N.L.S. Pharmacy Technician Approved for registration
- M.S.P. Pharmacist Intern Approved application
- A.T.E. Pharmacist Reciprocity Approved application
- G.D.G. Pharmacist Reciprocity Approved application
- K.Q.K. Pharmacist Reciprocity Approved application
- D.S.H. Pharmacist Reinstatement Approved application
- J.R.A. Pharmacist Reinstatement Schedule to meet with the Board
- W.C.M. Pharmacist Reinstatement Schedule to meet with the

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| • L.L.K. | Nuclear Pharmacist              | Board                                           |
| • R.A.C. | Renewal Pending                 | Approved application                            |
| • B.R.J. | Pharmacist Certification of DTM | Table pending receipt of additional information |
|          |                                 | Approved application                            |

**Correspondences/Requests**

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|--------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| • O.M.D.I.   | Notice of Discipline                          | No action                                                             |
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| • O.M.       | Notice of Discipline                          | No action                                                             |
| • O.M.H.C.L. | Notice of Discipline                          | No action                                                             |
| • B.U.I.     | Notice of Discipline                          | No action                                                             |
| • A.I.S.     | Notice of Discipline                          | No action                                                             |
| • A.P.S.P.   | Notice of Discipline                          | No action                                                             |
| • A.R.W.P.   | Notice of Discipline                          | No action                                                             |
| • D.S.P.D.   | Notice of Discipline                          | No action                                                             |
| • W.P.N.     | Notice of Discipline                          | No action                                                             |
| • P.S.       | Notice of Discipline                          | No action                                                             |
| • M.P.       | Notice of Discipline                          | No action                                                             |
| • J.R.B.     | Request for 4 <sup>th</sup> attempt at NAPLEX | Denied request                                                        |
| • M.D.       | Request for 6 <sup>th</sup> attempt at NAPLEX | Denied request                                                        |
| • J.C.A.     | Request for 4 <sup>th</sup> attempt at MPJE   | Approved request                                                      |
| • J.L.K.     | Request for extension on intern license       | Approved request for extension through 06/30/2021.                    |
| • G.L.R.     | Correspondence                                | The Board viewed this correspondence for informational purposes only. |
| • R.P.       | Correspondence                                | The Board viewed this correspondence for informational purposes only. |
| • P.B.       | Correspondence                                | The Board viewed this correspondence for informational purposes only. |
| • F.O.A.     | Request regarding misfill course              | Denied request                                                        |

Mr. Cordle seconded and the Board voted in favor of the motion, with the exception of Vice-President Stone, who recused himself from the vote regarding GDNA Case #A33451.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Pharmacy will be held via conference call on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Community Health's office located at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

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