

GEORGIA BOARD OF PHARMACY
2 Peachtree St., NW, 6th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303
March 16, 2022
9:00 a.m.

The following Board members were present:

Dean Stone, President
Michael Azzolin, Vice-President
Carrie Ashbee
Michael Brinson
Young Chang
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
Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I

Visitors:

Diane Sanders
Catherine Akin, PharmD
Lauren Paul, PharmD
Stephanie Kirkland
Becca Hallum, Georgia Hospital Association
Dr. Christine Klein, Mercer University
Lea Winkles, Mercer University

Open Session

President Stone established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:01 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. Brinson made a motion to approve the Public and Executive Session minutes from the February 16, 2022, Conference Call. Mr. Prather seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Report of Licenses Issued

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

Petition for Rule Waiver or Variance

Rule Waiver Petition from Palmetto Health Council, PHRE009623: Mr. Azzolin made a motion to grant the petition. Mr. Brinson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Correspondences

Correspondence from Catherine Cordy, Affiliated Monitors, Inc.: The Board discussed this correspondence requesting consideration for independent monitoring as an alternative sanction for those matters where the Board believes that the deficiencies identified in a practice can improve with some mentoring and oversight of practitioners, rather than a more severe form of sanction. Additionally, Ms. Cordy requested to make a short presentation at an upcoming Board meeting. Discussion was held regarding the Georgia Drug and Narcotics Agency providing enforcement for

the Board. The Board viewed this correspondence for informational purposes only and declined the request for an appearance.

Correspondence from Christopher E. Adams: Mr. Adams was on the call and spoke to the Board regarding his correspondence. Mr. Adams requested clarification regarding FAQ 16 on the Board’s website which states, “A pharmacist may be assisted by and directly supervise one pharmacy intern and one pharmacy extern”. He specifically asked the following questions:

1. *What does it mean to “directly supervise” an intern or extern in the hospital setting?*
2. *Who must be physically present? Typically in a university pharmacy program, an intern/extern has a preceptor who oversees the student. Does this preceptor need to be physically present? Or can it be another licensed pharmacist, such as the Director of Pharmacy for the hospital?*

Discussion was held by the Board. Dr. Christine Klein, Mercer University College of Pharmacy, was on the call and spoke to the Board. She stated that this question is specifically related to an adult medicine rotation that was supervised and precepted by one of Mercer’s clinical practice faculty. She explained that no dispensing functions occur during an adult medicine rotation. Dr. Klein stated that this is really geared toward higher level thinking skills. She further stated that clinical practice faculty and preceptors will work with students and give assignments to complete such as reviewing the electronic record, therapy optimization, etc. She explained that under no circumstances is a student making independent judgement. Dr. Klein stated that if the student found something in the record, he/she may hand off that recommendation to a nurse. She stated that there is nothing being done independently by that student. She explained there is a clinical coordinator at all of the hospitals. Director Troughton thanked Dr. Klein for her input and stated that what Dr. Klein described is an extern and is considered “pharmacy care” in O.C.G.A. § 26-4. Director Troughton explained that the intern/extern still has to fit within that ratio because he/she is performing pharmacy care. Mr. Azzolin stated that O.C.G.A. § 26-4-4 defines “practice of pharmacy” and includes drug regimen reviews and drug related research. He further stated that even if an individual is researching drugs on behalf of a patient or doctor as an extern that person is performing the practice of pharmacy under supervision. Mr. Changus commented that ultimately the purpose of supervision is that those being supervised are able to perform his/her jobs with skill. He added that “hypotheticals” can be problematic. Mr. Changus stated that the point of supervision is someone is paying attention to what that person is doing. He further stated that whatever system is set up, either a school or a hospital attached to a school, the actions of the externs/intern are being appropriately supervised and monitored.

After further discussion, the Board directed staff to respond to Mr. Adams by stating that in response to his first question, he needs to refer to Rule 480-13-.03(3) regarding supervision. The rule states, “All of the activities and operations of each hospital pharmacy shall be personally and directly supervised by its Director of Pharmacy. All functions and activities of non-licensed pharmacy personnel shall be personally and directly supervised by an adequate number of licensed pharmacists to ensure that all such functions and activities are performed competently, safely, and without risk of harm to patients. Personal supervision can only be accomplished by the physical presence of a licensed pharmacist in the hospital.”

Additionally, if there are pharmacy services occurring in a hospital, those services are the responsibility of the Director of Pharmacy. In response to who must be physically present, the Board stated that it does not have to be a preceptor. It can be any licensed pharmacist. Whether it is the preceptor providing the direct supervision or not, that is considered a business arrangement

between the school and the hospital. All ratio limitations set forth in O.C.G.A. § 26-4-82(e) must be adhered to.

Mr. Adams thanked the Board for its time. He inquired as to whether it would be helpful for him to submit additional questions that would be more detailed to a specific situation. President Stone added that Mr. Adams could submit additional questions; however, he was unsure as to whether the Board would discuss the matter further.

Correspondence from Leigh Carpenter, Hemophilia of Georgia: The Board considered this correspondence requesting permission to distribute life-saving hemophilia medication outside of the United States. President Stone explained that this facility was previously granted approval in June 2018; however, the facility moved to a new location and would like the letter to reflect the new address. The Board directed staff to respond by stating the request is approved, and to be advised that the facility must have continued compliance with FDA rules and regulations.

Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency – Dennis Troughton

Director Troughton reported that GDNA conducted 1663 inspections and received 358 complaints for FY2022.

Director Troughton reported that the office manager for GDNA, Ms. Carla Leary, had been named, along with her little sister Leah, as Big Sister and Little Sister of the Year for Metro Atlanta. Ms. Leary and Leah have been matched for more than seven years. Ms. Leary was chosen from nearly 1200 volunteers across 12 metro counties. Director Troughton stated that Ms. Leary is very active in her community and this was an incredible award. He added that Ms. Leary is not just doing work for the Georgia Board of Pharmacy, but also for the citizens of Georgia. The Board congratulated Ms. Leary. The Board directed staff to send a letter of commendation to Ms. Leary regarding this accomplishment.

Attorney General’s Report – Max Changus

No report.

Executive Director’s Report – Eric Lacefield

Continuing Education Report: Mr. Brinson made a motion to ratify the below continuing education programs approved since the previous meeting. Ms. Ashbee seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Date of Program	Hours	Sponsoring Group	Program Title	CE Code
03/17/22	1	Kaiser Permanente	Let's get DIGITAL: Exploring Digital Therapeutics	2022-0001
03/22/22	1	Kaiser Permanente	Anemia Management in Chronic Kidney Disease	2022-0002
03/24/22	1	Kaiser Permanente	PrEPared: Updates to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis	2022-0003

House Bill 884: Mr. Brinson inquired if Mr. Lacefield had been following HB884 related to expedited licensure for military spouses. He added that the license shall be issued no later than 30 days from the date of receipt. Mr. Lacefield responded by stating that he had seen the bill, but was not aware if it had passed. Mr. Changus commented that the bill did make it through crossover.

April Meeting: In regard to the April meeting, Mr. Lacefield stated that the Board previously discussed holding the meeting in person for board members only with the public calling in.

President Stone commented that the Board originally planned for the April meeting to be a two day meeting; however, he proposed the Board only meet on the 13th as there are only a few items that require discussion. He added that it may be a long day, but suggested the meeting only be one day instead of two. President Stone asked for the Board's thoughts on the matter. The Board agreed to only meeting on April 13th. Mr. Azzolin commented that a one day meeting would be good as long as the agenda did not change. President Stone stated that there are currently four items to discuss and thinks it can be done in one day.

Georgia Pharmacy Association Annual Meeting: President Stone reported that the annual meeting is scheduled for June 9th-12th. He stated that members of the Board are invited to address the attendees as a panel. Mr. Prather commented that through the years, there has been a panel of board members that would address attendees at the meeting. He added that it is the best type of meeting for the Board to have a Q&A session with attendees. He continued by stating that it is popular with the members of GPhA because it gives them the opportunity to meet the members of the board and ask questions.

MPJE/NABP Workshop: President Stone thanked Deputy Karnbach and Mr. Page for attending the workshop.

Student National Pharmaceutical Association: Mr. Brinson reported that he was honored to be the keynote speaker at the Student National Pharmaceutical Association hosted by the SNPhA chapter of the University of Georgia. He stated that over 400 students attended the conference from pharmacy colleges across the eastern United States. He added that this year's conference theme was "Reigniting The Flame" and the motivation was to "reignite" the passion for the profession of pharmacy.

Rules Discussion

Chapter 480-36 Retail Pharmacy Requirements for Remote Prescription Drug Order

Processing: President Stone stated that the Board briefly discussed this matter at its February meeting and recommended tabling it until the March meeting. He stated that proposed amendments had been posted to Sharepoint for the members to review. He explained that when he thinks about remote order entry and where the Board has come from in the last few years in terms of trying to adapt to the pandemic and other issues, he feels there are some places for remote prescription drug orders in retail pharmacy that are a benefit. President Stone stated that the Board hears about working conditions for pharmacists and workloads. He further stated that the Board needs to continue to keep patients safe, but also raise the bar for pharmacy care. In terms of making changes to the rules, he asked that the members pay attention and think of all the possibilities there could be. He added that the goal was not to post the rule today, but to discuss it and work on it slowly.

Mr. Azzolin asked if there were any questions from the board members before he went through each rule amendment. In order for the Board to have accountability, Mr. Page inquired if there should be language concerning what steps were taken, what was touched, and would there be technology or data that could identify the person who did the remote data entry. Mr. Azzolin responded by stating that he believed that is addressed in the draft. He stated that the Board could further discuss that issue.

Mr. Page inquired as to what GDNA's concerns were in regard to someone located outside the state and what GDNA could do as far as follow up. Director Troughton responded that GDNA had some questions from an enforcement standpoint that the Board would need to consider.

Mr. Azzolin discussed the purpose of making the amendments. He stated that the purpose and the way they were made was to maintain the essence of the original rule. He further stated the changes

require all pharmacists providing remote retail order processing to be licensed in Georgia. Mr. Azzolin stated that the changes allow remote drug processing by a secondary pharmacist to occur anywhere in the United States.

Mr. Azzolin discussed the following proposed changes to Rule 480-36-.01 Definitions:

- (3) Primary dispensing pharmacy. A primary dispensing pharmacy shall be defined as the retail pharmacy located in this State from which a prescription is physically received and dispensed to the patient or the patient's caregiver.
- (4) Secondary remote entry pharmacist. A secondary remote entry pharmacist shall be defined as ~~the retail pharmacy which~~ a pharmacist licensed in this state and located anywhere in the United States who performs remote prescription drug order processing but does not dispense the medication to the patient or the patient's caregiver. There shall only be one secondary remote entry pharmacist to assist the primary dispensing pharmacy with remote prescription drug order processing per prescription.

Mr. Azzolin explained that the proposed amendments mirror the language in the law. He stated the essence of the original rule was to not have more than one remote pharmacy in a retail setting touching one prescription. He stated that the Board did not want one prescription to go to one remote pharmacy and then to another and another. Mr. Azzolin explained that the amendments ensure only one pharmacist could touch one given prescription. He stated that it does not mean there cannot be two pharmacists supporting one location.

Mr. Prather commented that when the Board wrote the rules, what Mr. Azzolin described is what companies at the time wanted the Board to do. He stated that the Board decided at that time that it did not want it that way. He expressed his concerns with the out of state element. He stated that allowing the location to be anywhere in the United States was concerning. Additionally, Mr. Prather stated if someone has a Georgia license and goes out of state and makes a mistake, there is no question the Board could discipline that licensee; however, he asked if the Board was limited to what it could do. Mr. Azzolin responded that the remote secondary pharmacist would not have access to drugs, and if they are supervising, he/she would be within a Georgia licensed pharmacy. He added that the only thing he/she can do wrong is have a misfill. He stated that if a misfill were to occur, the Board would discipline with Misfill Policy #1, #2, or #3. Mr. Azzolin stated that the Board has to keep in mind there is a primary pharmacy. He added that the Board is not taking away any responsibility the primary pharmacy has. Mr. Azzolin stated that if there is a secondary pharmacist that is deficient, then that primary pharmacist could still be held accountable. Mr. Azzolin deferred to Director Troughton on the details of what that enforcement would look like. Director Troughton commented that the Board has non-resident pharmacies licensed now. He added that GDNA would follow up with those investigations just like it does in state, except the investigation would not be in person. He added that GDNA would reach out to the pharmacist and attempt to determine exactly who was involved and what happened. Director Troughton stated the investigation would essentially be the same. He continued by stating that from GDNA's standpoint, it would still gather the facts and investigate.

Mr. Prather asked if there was a shortage of pharmacists or pharmacies inside the state of Georgia. He stated that he felt sorry for unemployed pharmacists in other states, but he is most concerned about pharmacies and pharmacists within the Georgia and Georgia citizens. Mr. Azzolin responded by stating that he does not think that is necessarily the question. Mr. Azzolin discussed a rule petition from a specialty pharmacy that the Board considered at a previous meeting. He stated that the pharmacy processes prescriptions for patients that have pulmonary issues. Mr. Azzolin explained that the pharmacy has specialty trained people located in other states and instead of hiring people in Georgia, they wanted to hire those pharmacists. He stated that limiting something because

the Board felt there were enough pharmacists in the state of Georgia is a subjective thing that the Board does not get into. Mr. Prather responded by stating he does not think it is subjective if there is a pharmacist that is wanting to do this in Georgia, or a pharmacist that is seeking employment in Georgia. He inquired as to why the prescription would be sent out of state. Mr. Azzolin responded by stating that there are mail order pharmacies or central fill pharmacies, for example, located outside of Georgia. He stated there are multiple reasons to have out of state licensed pharmacists doing things. He further stated that, without a reason or documentation saying it has been found to be unsafe and for the Board to limit the operations of a particular business within the state lines particularly in this day and age was not appropriate. Discussion ensued. President Stone stated that the dispensing pharmacy would still be here in Georgia.

Mr. Azzolin discussed the following proposed changes to Rule 480-36-.02 Licensing:

- (1) Secondary remote entry Ppharmaciests who which perform remote prescription drug order processing shall be independently licensed as a retail pharmacy by the Board and physically located within the State of Georgia.
- (2) When a secondary remote entry pharmacist performs Rremote prescription drug processing from any location other than a retail pharmacy, the pharmacy must be licensed in this State is prohibited.
- (3) Secondary remote entry Ppharmaciests who which perform remote prescription drug order processing shall either have the same owner be employed by or contracted with the primary dispensing pharmacy or be employed by an organization that hasve a written contract describing the scope of services to be provided and the responsibilities and accountabilities of each pharmacy and the contractor. Such contract shall be available for review by the Board or its representative.

Mr. Azzolin discussed the following proposed changes to Rule 480-36-.03. Personnel and Supervision:

- (1) The primary dispensing pharmacy shall have a licensed pharmacist on site during business hours and his/her ~~shall~~ duties shall include the verification of the validity of all prescriptions. Such pharmacist shall be responsible for obtaining and recording all information needed. This shall include but not be limited to the following patient information: biographical information, medication history, drug allergies, and other information as required. Pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns/externs may assist a pharmacist located at the primary dispensing pharmacy with remote prescription drug order processing. Such pharmacies shall comply with Georgia laws and rules set forth pertaining to ratios and the supervision of pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns/externs.
- ~~(2) The secondary remote entry pharmacy shall have a pharmacist on duty, licensed in this State, who is physically present and personally supervising all pharmacy activities. Remote prescription drug order processing in a retail pharmacy without the direct supervision of a pharmacist is prohibited.~~
- (3) If the secondary remote entry pharmacist is engaging in the remote services listed in rule 480-36-.01 from a Georgia Board of Pharmacy licensed pharmacy, then Ppharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns/externs may assist a the secondary remote entry pharmacist located at the secondary remote entry pharmacy with remote prescription drug order processing. Such Secondary remote entry pharmaciests shall comply with Georgia laws and rules set forth pertaining to ratios and the supervision of pharmacy technicians and

pharmacy interns/externs.

- (43) The secondary remote entry pharmacist on duty at the secondary remote entry pharmacy shall be responsible for assuring the accuracy of prescriptions for which he/she performed or supervised remote prescription drug order processing. This responsibility shall exclude the compounding, preparation, dispensing, and counseling for prescriptions for which he/she has performed remote prescription drug order processing. The pharmacist shall verify the data entered into the computer system is consistent with the prescription. The pharmacist shall conduct a drug regimen review for each prescription. Any activity requiring the exercise of professional judgment shall be performed by the secondary remote entry pharmacist on duty and shall not be delegated to pharmacy technicians. The secondary remote entry pharmacist on duty at the secondary remote entry pharmacy shall be responsible for verification of all activities performed by pharmacy technicians, or pharmacy interns/externs.

Mr. Azzolin discussed changes to section (2). Director Troughton commented that the proposed language addresses many of his questions. Director Troughton requested language be added that states, “If a pharmacy technician or pharmacy intern/extern is assisting the secondary remote entry pharmacist, he/she must be located within the licensed pharmacy.” Mr. Azzolin responded by stating that the suggested language would be helpful. Mr. Azzolin requested the word “pharmacist” in section (2) be unstricken and asked if Mr. Changus would be making the suggested changes. Mr. Lacefield commented that he would contact Mr. Azzolin and Director Troughton regarding the changes. He stated that he understood all members had not had a chance to review the suggested changes. He further stated that it was his hope that Mr. Azzolin could go over the suggested amendments at today’s meeting and the Board have more discussion next month when board members could chime in with any concerns. Mr. Azzolin responded that this same document was made available to the board members months ago. He stated that the purpose of it being on the agenda was to discuss the proposed changes, provide modifications where needed, and bring it back to the April meeting reflecting those modifications. President Stone stated that some of the delay to the rules being placed on the agenda was his fault. He stated that he had to discuss them with Mr. Lacefield and further stated that he was under the impression members had the version that was being discussed. President Stone stated that the Board has an appearance scheduled for 10:30 and suggested Mr. Azzolin finish going through the proposed changes. He requested each member think of questions he/she may have and address those at the April meeting.

Mr. Azzolin discussed the following proposed changes to Rule 480-36-.04. Policy and Procedures:

The primary dispensing pharmacy ~~and the secondary remote entry pharmacy~~ shall have a written policy and procedure that relates to the remote processing ~~at each pharmacy involved in the processing~~ of a prescriptions and such policy shall be available for inspection by the Board or its representative. The policy shall at a minimum include the following:

- (a) The responsibilities of ~~each~~ the primary dispensing pharmacy and secondary remote entry pharmacist;
- (b) A list of the name, address, telephone numbers, and permit/registration/license numbers of all pharmacies and pharmacists involved in remote processing;
- (c) Procedures for protecting the confidentiality and integrity of patient information;
- (d) Procedures for ensuring that pharmacists performing prospective drug reviews have access to appropriate drug information resources;
- (e) Procedures for maintaining required records;

- (f) Procedures for complying with all applicable laws and regulations to include counseling.

Mr. Azzolin discussed the following proposed changes to Rule 480-36-.05 Record Keeping:

- (1) The primary dispensing pharmacy and the secondary remote entry pharmacist shall share a common electronic file or have technology which allows sufficient information necessary to process a non-dispensing function.
- (2) In addition to any other required records, the primary dispensing pharmacy and the secondary remote entry pharmacy shall maintain retrievable records which show, for each prescription remotely processed, each individual processing function and identity of the pharmacist or pharmacy technician who performs a processing function and the pharmacist who checked the processing function.
- ~~(3) The primary dispensing pharmacy and the secondary remote entry pharmacy may maintain records separately at each pharmacy, or in a common electronic file shared by both pharmacies provided the system can produce a record showing each processing task, the identity of the person performing each task, and the location where each task was performed.~~
- (4) These records maintained by the primary dispensing pharmacy and the secondary remote entry pharmacy shall be readily retrievable for at least two years through the primary dispensing pharmacy, and shall be available for inspection by the Board or its representative.
- (5) The record keeping required by this rule is in addition to the record keeping required under Rule Chapter 480-10 and any other Board rules and state and federal laws.

Mr. Azzolin discussed the following proposed changes to Rule 480-36-.06 Patient Counseling:

- (2) The secondary remote entry pharmacist shall not perform patient counseling on behalf of the primary dispensing pharmacy.

Mr. Azzolin discussed the following proposed changes to Rule 480-36-.07 Notification to Patients

- (1) Prior to utilizing remote prescription drug order processing, the primary dispensing pharmacy shall:
 - (a) Notify patients their prescription drug order may be processed in part by another offsite pharmacist or pharmacy. Such notification may be provided ~~through a one time written consent from the patient or the patient's authorized representative and~~ through use of a sign in the pharmacy which states: "Remote Order Processing Utilized Here." Such sign must be clear and legible with letters at least three (3) inches in size, and the sign shall be free from obstruction and visible to patients at the time the prescription is presented to the pharmacy.
 - ~~(b) Give the name of that pharmacy, or if the pharmacy is part of a network of pharmacies under a common ownership and any of the network pharmacies may process the prescription order, the patient shall be notified of this fact. Such notification may be provided through a one time written consent from the patient or the patient's authorized representative and through use of a sign in the pharmacy which states: "Remote Order Processing Utilized Here." Such sign must be clear and legible with letters at least three (3) inches in size, and the sign shall be free from obstruction and visible to patients at the time the prescription is presented to the pharmacy.~~

~~(2) Prior to utilizing remote prescription drug order processing, written consent from the patient or the patient's authorized representative shall be obtained by the primary dispensing pharmacy when the primary dispensing pharmacy and the secondary remote entry pharmacy do not share the same owner.~~

Mr. Azzolin stated the Board would not be voting on the changes today, but if members had any questions, those could be discussed later in the day in Open Session prior to adjourning the meeting. President Stone commented that the delay on getting the rules on the agenda for discussion was on him. He stated that he would like for the Board to work through these carefully as the Board is trying to look out for the patient, but also trying to improve patient care. He further stated this matter would be tabled until the April meeting. President Stone asked if there were any comments from the Board. Mr. Brinson inquired if the Board had reached out to GPhA to see how they felt about the proposed changes. He stated that he would like to have their opinion and utilize their expertise.

President Stone stated he thought the Board had previously discussed other states that utilized remote order entry. Mr. Azzolin commented that he provided that information to President Stone and inquired if he could email that same information to Mr. Lacefield to add to the agenda for April. He added that he loved the idea of keeping things in a rule that allows the Board the ability to modify changes as needed. President Stone requested any additional information be shared with the members of the Board. President Stone thanked Mr. Azzolin for his time and hard work.

Mr. Cordle stated that he liked the idea of reaching out to GPhA for their input and inquired if the Board asked for public comments. Mr. Azzolin responded by stating that the opportunity for public comment would be at the public hearing. President Stone agreed and stated that the public can submit written comments for when the rules are considered at the public hearing.

Mr. Cordle stated that Mr. Azzolin did a great job with the proposed language and aligning this with other aspects of pharmacy that fall under the Board's purview. He stated that in his 25 plus year career of being responsible in hiring from various companies, there was never a period of time of when he did not have the opportunity to hire quality pharmacists. He stated there was plenty of opportunity. Mr. Cordle stated that south Georgia they hear about the medical deserts they have with healthcare in that area. He added that pharmacy is the front door of health care in these communities, and thinks that allowing some of this to be handled differently allows the door to be opened to allow for other opportunities.

Mr. Azzolin stated that he appreciated the privilege of having the opportunity to go through these rules and present them to the Board. He further stated that aligning the rules with how the world functions was important.

Mr. Brinson made a motion and Mr. Prather 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 Carrie Ashbee, Michael Azzolin, Michael Brinson, Young Chang, Cecil Cordle, Chuck Page, Bill Prather, and Dean Stone.

Executive Session

Appearance

- H.A.F.

Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency – Dennis Troughton

No report.

Cognizant’s Report – Michael Azzolin

- GDNA Case # A34134
- GDNA Case # B34110
- GDNA Case # A34096
- GDNA Case # B34073
- GDNA Case # B34037
- GDNA Case # A34135
- GDNA Case # B34068
- GDNA Case # B34051
- GDNA Case # B34078
- GDNA Case # B34098
- GDNA Case # B34093
- GDNA Case # B34080
- GDNA Case # B34106
- GDNA Case # B34084
- GDNA Case # B34081
- GDNA Case # B34063
- GDNA Case # B34022
- GDNA Case # B34107
- GDNA Case # A34124

Attorney General’s Report – Max Changus

Mr. Changus presented the following consent orders for acceptance:

- H.M.I.W.
- R.O.M.
- O.D.H.N.I.
- M.D.P.

At this point in the meeting, the Board paused discussion of the Attorney General’s Report.

Applications

- K.J.J.
- M.D.S.
- F.R.M.
- N.C.B.
- T.N.G.
- A.S.M.
- G.C.B.

At this point in the meeting, the Board resumed discussion of the Attorney General’s Report.

Attorney General’s Report – Max Changus

Mr. Changus discussed the following cases:

- C.S.R.A.V.P.H.
- R.C.P.
- P.N.B.

- GDNA Case #B33944

Mr. Changus presented the following consent order for acceptance:

- M.Y.

Executive Director’s Report – Eric Lacefield

- Mr. Lacefield discussed staffing matters.
- Mr. Lacefield discussed the potential move from 2 Peachtree Street.

Applications

- G.H.
- M.B.W.
- S.L.
- H.L.D.
- K.E.T.
- A.L.R.
- B.C.P.
- C.D.R.
- T.L.P.I.
- E.U.S.I.

Correspondences/Requests

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

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

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

Appearance

- H.A.F. Pharmacist Reinstatement Denied application

Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency – Dennis Troughton

No report.

Cognizant’s Report – Michael Azzolin

- GDNA Case # A34134 Refer to the Department of Law
- GDNA Case # B34110 Misfill Policy #1
- GDNA Case # A34096 Refer to the Department of Law
- GDNA Case # B34073 Close with letter of concern
- GDNA Case # B34037 Close with letter of concern
- GDNA Case # A34135 Change status of facility to “Closed”
- GDNA Case # B34068 Misfill Policy #2
- GDNA Case # B34051 Refer to the Department of Law
- GDNA Case # B34078 Close with no action
- GDNA Case # B34098 Close with no action
- GDNA Case # B34093 Close with no action
- GDNA Case # B34080 Close with no action
- GDNA Case # B34106 Close with no action
- GDNA Case # B34084 Close with no action
- GDNA Case # B34081 Close with no action
- GDNA Case # B34063 Close with no action
- GDNA Case # B34022 Close with no action
- GDNA Case # B34107 Close with no action
- GDNA Case # A34124 Accept Private Interim Consent Order

Attorney General’s Report – Max Changus

Mr. Changus presented the following consent orders for acceptance:

- H.M.I.W. Public Consent Order accepted
- R.O.M. Private Consent Order accepted
- O.D.H.N.I. Private Consent Order accepted
- M.D.P. Private Consent Order accepted

At this point in the meeting, the Board paused discussion of the Attorney General’s Report.

Applications

- K.J.J. Pharmacy Technician Approved for registration
- M.D.S. Pharmacy Technician Approved for registration
- F.R.M. Pharmacy Technician Approved for registration
- N.C.B. Pharmacy Technician Denied registration
- T.N.G. Pharmacy Technician Approved for registration
- A.S.M. Pharmacy Technician Approved for registration
- G.C.B. Pharmacy Technician Denied registration

At this point in the meeting, the Board resumed discussion of the Attorney General’s Report.

Attorney General’s Report – Max Changus

Mr. Changus discussed the following cases:

- C.S.R.A.V.P.H. Accepted counterproposal
- R.C.P. Close with no action
- P.N.B. Accepted counterproposal
- GDNA Case #B33944 Denied counterproposal

Mr. Changus presented the following consent order for acceptance:

- M.Y. Public Consent Order accepted

Executive Director’s Report – Eric Lacefield

- Mr. Lacefield discussed staffing matters.
- Mr. Lacefield discussed the potential move from 2 Peachtree Street.

Applications

- G.H. Pharmacist Reciprocity Approved application
- M.B.W. Pharmacist Reciprocity Approved application
- S.L. Pharmacist Examination Approved request to take NAPLEX/MPJE
- H.L.D. Pharmacist Reinstatement Approved application
- K.E.T. Pharmacist Reinstatement Approved application
- A.L.R. Pharmacist Certification of DTM Approved application
- B.C.P. Non-Resident Pharmacy Approved for renewal
- C.D.R. Non-Resident Pharmacy Approved for renewal
- T.L.P.I. Non-Resident Pharmacy Approved for renewal
- E.U.S.I. Wholesaler Pharmacy Approved for renewal

Correspondences/Requests

- A.R.P. Notice of Discipline No action
- I.N.J.O.F. Notice of Discipline No action
- P.H.I. Notice of Discipline No action
- B.P. Notice of Discipline No action
- C.D. Notice of Discipline No action
- B.E.T.P. Notice of Discipline No action
- W.P.N. Notice of Discipline No action
- W.P.N. Notice of Discipline No action
- W.P.N. Notice of Discipline No action
- Z.O.S.H.I. Notice of Discipline No action
- W.C.M. Request to lift supervised practice restriction Approved request
- S.P.C. Request to terminate probation Approved as of 04/20/2022
- J.M.J. Request to terminate probation Approved as of 04/13/2022
- K.A.O. Request to terminate probation Approved as of 04/20/2022
- M.H.K. Request for extension of intern license Approved thru 09/2022
- A.A.L. Request for 7th attempt to retake MPJE Denied request
- A.J.M. Request for 4th attempt to retake MPJE Approved request

- N.V. Request for 5th attempt to retake MPJE Approved request
- D.P. Request for extension with NABP Approved request

Ms. Ashbee seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Miscellaneous

Newsletter: President Stone thanked Mr. Chang and Mr. Page for their hard work with putting together the newsletter. Mr. Page and Mr. Chang provided the Board with an update on the contents of the draft. Mr. Page stated that a draft copy would be emailed to the members of the Board, Mr. Lacefield, GDNA, and Mr. Changus for review prior to publishing.

Meeting Space: President Stone stated that he spoke with Bob Coleman, Georgia Pharmacy Association, who stated that GPhA has a room that seats 130 and could be used as an alternative space for board meetings if needed. Mr. Brinson commented that the room may be too small to utilize as the room only fit around sixty individuals when he was last there.

April Meeting: Mr. Lacefield commented that the Board has not met in person in two years. He stated that the cafeteria is no longer open, so lunch will not be available. He explained that the members will need to break long enough to walk out of the building to get something to eat, or everyone would need to agree to order from one place and have that delivered. Mr. Brinson commented that when he first joined the Board, everyone would order lunch from the same place.

Mr. Page inquired if there would be a mask requirement when the Board meets in person in April. Mr. Lacefield responded by stating that masks are not required, but social distancing is encouraged.

Georgia Pharmacy Association Annual Meeting: Mr. Brinson inquired as to how many members would be attending the meeting. Mr. Prather, Mr. Page, President Stone, and Mr. Chang confirmed they would attend, as well as Director Troughton.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Pharmacy will be held via conference call on Wednesday, April 13, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Community Health's office located at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 6th floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

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