

**GEORGIA BOARD OF PHARMACY**  
**2 MLK Jr. Drive, SE, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334**  
**Minutes for November 7, 2024 Board Meeting**

**Board Members present:**

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

**Board Staff present:**

James Joiner, Executive Director  
Dennis Troughton, Director, GDNA  
Michael Karnbach, Deputy Director, GDNA  
Justin Cotton, Assistant Attorney General  
Itovia Evans, Deputy Director of Licensing  
Angela Johnson, Board Administrative  
Secretary

**Visitors:**

Jonathan Marquess, GPHA & AIP  
Christi Heys, Emory  
Brandon Brooks, Publix  
Ben Cowart  
Blake Fulenwider  
D. Scott Bass  
J. Reinke  
VTH-Vet Pharmacy  
Ryan Kelly  
John Mayhall  
Danielle DiCiolla  
Nicole Scott  
Stan Jones  
Zackery Moreno  
Rebecca Johnson

Dawn Saoine  
Becca Hallum, GHA  
Emily Doppel, McKesson  
Stephen Snow, Norcross Pharmacy  
Sarah Frizzell, Pharm Script  
Jordan Khali  
Jennifer Duckett  
Alex Garel-Frantzen  
Dawn Randloph  
Katie Johnston  
Kimberly Watson  
Patrick Guthrie  
Lauren Paul  
Jamie Withrow  
Mary Catherine Cheeley

**Open Session**

President Page established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

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

President Page acknowledged Director Troughton for comment. Director Troughton apologized that he would not be able to attend the entire meeting today as he is preparing for his testimony in a federal case. Director Troughton announced his retirement from Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency (GDNA) effective December 1, 2024.

Director Troughton has been a licensed pharmacist for 38 years. He spent 23 years of those years serving Georgia through his work with GDNA. He has been director of GDNA for the last 7 years.

Director Troughton thanked the Board for trusting him as director. He commented that achieving the role of director was a professional goal for him and he is extremely proud of his work. He added that he believes the work that is being done by the Board, GDNA and the Attorney General's Office is tremendously important in protecting Georgians.

President Page thanked Director Troughton for his honesty, integrity, and work ethic in his service with GDNA. Several Board members, Director Joiner and Mr. Cotton also thanked Director

Troughton for his dedication and hard work.

President Page announced that Deputy Director Michael Karnbach would be replacing Director Troughton effective December 1, 2024. President Page commented that Deputy Director Karnbach will continue the great work that the agency is doing for Georgia and that the Board is happy to have him step into that role. President Page commented that the role of Deputy Director would be announced at a later date.

Deputy Director Karnbach thanked Director Troughton for mentoring him and making the agency what it is today. He added that Director Troughton's professionalism and respect is exhibited from everybody at the agency, from the top down and that the agency has maintained integrity and honor. He stated that Director Troughton's legacy will continue thanks to the agency's amazing staff and agents.

Director Troughton commented that it was an honor to serve Georgia, and he thanked everyone that has worked with him.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Brinson made a motion to approve the Public and Executive Session minutes from the October 16, 2024, meeting. Mr. Bracewell seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **Report of Licenses Issued**

Director Joiner reported that the Board has issued 458 licenses since the last meeting. Since October 1, 2024, the Board has issued approximately 2,500 renewals, which is approximately 15% of total pharmacists that will need to be renewed.

Director Joiner commented that the new survey had some technical issues which are being addressed. He added that moving forward the process should be easier for the rest of the renewal period.

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

### **Petitions for Rule Waiver or Variance**

None.

### **Correspondences**

#### **Correspondence from Lori McGinley – Mercy Health Pharmacy**

President Page asked if anyone was present on behalf of Mercy Health Pharmacy. It was established that a representative was not present.

Ms. McGinley requested permission to use a lock box to store the entry key for Mercy Health Pharmacy and provided documentation for the request.

The Board reviewed the documentation provided and discussed this correspondence. It was determined that the Board and GDNA did not see any problems with the request.

Mr. Azzolin made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Bracewell seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion

President Page directed Board Staff to respond to the correspondence as discussed.

### **Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency – Mr. Michael Karnbach**

Deputy Director Karnbach reported that GDNA has conducted 1,430 inspections and were involved in 159 investigations for FYD.

Deputy Director Karnbach commented that the job posting for the deputy director will be closed on November 8, 2024, at the close of business, and that the decision will be announced after 5:30 pm. Also, the job posting to replace the agent that will become deputy director will be posted sometime next week.

He advised that the agency will be delaying testing of the new system due to unforeseen issues, but that the tablets for the agents have been ordered and the agency hopes to test the new system in the next couple of weeks.

### **Attorney General's Report – Mr. Justin Cotton**

No Report.

### **Executive Director's Report – Mr. James Joiner**

No Report.

### **Legal Services – Mr. James Joiner**

No Report.

### **Discussion Topics**

- The planned work session for November 6-7, 2024, has been pushed to December's agenda.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Jenkins County Medical Center – Request for remote order entry policy for review and response. The Board discussed the request and did not see any problems approving the request. Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Farmer seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. President Page directed Board Staff to respond to the correspondence as discussed.
- Monroe County Hospital/ Natalie Hearn - Remote pharmacy services for review and response. The Board discussed the request and did not see any problems approving the request. Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Farmer seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. President Page directed Board Staff to respond to the correspondence as discussed.
- Mr. Brinson commented he was asked to speak at the Georgia Pharmacy Associations (GPhA) TechU event on October 19, 2024. He attended and commented at it was a great event.

President Page asked if anyone had any questions or comments.

Mr. Azzolin 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, Michael Farmer, Chuck Page, and Dean Stone.

## Executive Session

### Appearances:

None.

### Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency – Mr. Dennis Troughton

No Report.

### Cognizant's Report – Mr. Cecil Cordle

GDNA A35437	GNDA B35442	GDNA B35488	GDNA B35403
GDNA B35493	GDNA B35473	GDNA B35432	GDNA B35424
GDNA B35485	GNDA B35448		

### Attorney General's Report – Mr. Justin Cotton, Assistant Attorney General

Mr. Cotton presented the following consent orders for acceptance:

A.A.	U.S.I.P.	W.G.
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### Counterproposals

M.R.B.
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### Status Open Cases

N.D.	E.F.P.	J.M.	C.P.S.	E.J.H.
A.K/ P.A.J.	C.P.	C.P.	H.M.G.	D.S.I.

### Executive Director's Report – Mr. James Joiner

- A.D.F.
- J.D.S.

### Legal Services – Mr. James Joiner

N.M.D.

### Applications

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

### Correspondences/Requests

M.C.C.	E.P.	C.P.A.	P.C.P.W.
G.P.	M.R.	T.T.	

## Open Session

Mr. Stone made a motion for the Board to take the following The Board voted to accept all of their recommendations.

### Cognizant's Report – Mr. Cecil Cordle

GDNA #A35437	H.P.	Refer to the Department of Law
GDNA #B35442	R.G.H.E.I.	Approve application & Refer to Department of Law
GDNA #B35488	C.P. /E.N.D.	Misfill guidance #1A

GDNA #B35403	C.P. / R.A.H.	Letter of Concern
GDNA #B35493	C.P. / N.T.U.	Close no action
GDNA #B35473	K.B.G.	Close no action
GDNA #B35432	P.P. / R.D.W.	Close no action
GDNA #B35424	P.I.D.P.	Close no action
GDNA #B35485	K.P.H.P.	Close no action
GDNA #B35448	M.C.P.E.L.	Close no action

**Attorney General's Report** – Mr. Justin Cotton. Assistant Attorney General

**Orders**

- U.S.I.P. Public Consent Order Accepted
- W.G. Public Consent Order Accepted

**Counterproposals**

- M.R.B. – Pending Public Consent Order – Board denied counterproposal.

**Applications**

M.Q.S.	Pharmacy Technician	Approved
H.R.	Pharmacy Technician	Approved
I.K.	Pharmacy Technician	Approved
J.H.	Pharmacy Technician	Approved
J.B.	Pharmacy Technician	Approved
S.J.	Pharmacy Technician	Approved
Y.R.	Pharmacy Technician	Approved
P.H.	Pharmacist	Approved
P.W.	Pharmacist	Approved
V.P.	Pharmacist	Approved
J.H.L.	DME	Approved
J.K.C.D.S.	Wholesaler Pharmacy	Tabled for further investigation
P.A.E.	Wholesaler Pharmacy	Tabled for further investigation

**Correspondences/Requests**

M.C.	Notice of Discipline	No Action
E.P.	Notice of Discipline	No Action
E.P.	Notice of Discipline	No Action
C.P.A.	Notice of Discipline	No Action
P.C.P.W.	Notice of Discipline	No Action
G.P.	Request for 4 <sup>th</sup> attempt to retake NAPLEX	Approved
M.R.	Request to reactivate license	Approved
T.T.	Request to extend Intern License through October 2025	Approved

Mr. Azzolin seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Georgia Board of Pharmacy will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at 2 MLK Jr., Drive, SE, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334.

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