GEORGIA BOARD OF PHARMACY

Conference Call June 17, 2013

Professional Licensing Boards 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217 4:00 p.m.

The following Board members were present:

Al McConnell, Chairperson Tony Moye, Vice-Chairperson Chris Jones Laird Miller Bill Prather Ronnie Wallace **Staff present:**

Tanja Battle, Executive Director Rick Allen, GDNA Janet Wray, Board Attorney Brandi Howell, Licensure Analyst

Chairperson McConnell established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

The Board discussed putting pharmacy technicians on notice as renewals may not be processed in a timely manner due to the transition of the Board from the Secretary of State's office to the Department of Community Health and the secure and verifiable document and affidavit requirements.

Bill Prather made a motion to approve the following statement. Chris Jones seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The Georgia State Board of Pharmacy is moving locations and affiliated state agencies effective July 1, 2013. This involves the migration of computer access for licensure and registration verification and printing of renewed licenses. It also involves a transition to a new staff.

A number of licenses expire on June 30, 2013. If you have timely submitted a complete renewal application by June 30, 2013, please save your receipt as proof of renewal. At its June 17, 2013 Board meeting, the Board voted not to sanction any licensee for unlicensed practice who can provide proof that the licensee has submitted a completed application for renewal by June 30, 2013. The Board voted to resume normal requirements of a renewed and posted license on September 1, 2013.

Pharmacy technician registrations expire on June 30, 2013. For the same reasons as stated above, at its June 17, 2013 Board meeting, the Board has voted not to sanction any pharmacy or pharmacy technician for unlicensed practice who can provide proof that the technician has submitted a renewal application for registration as a pharmacy technician by June 30, 2013. The Board voted to resume normal requirements of a renewed written registration on September 1, 2013.

Please be advised that O.C.G.A. Section 50-13-18 provides: "(b) When a licensee has made timely and sufficient application for the renewal of a license or for a new license with reference to any activity of a continuing nature, the existing license does not expire until the application has been finally determined by the agency and, in case the application is denied or the terms of the new license limited, until the last day for seeking review of the agency order or at a later date fixed by order of the reviewing court."

The Board anticipates to be fully operational by September 1, 2013, and as stated above, will begin regular enforcement of unlicensed practice at that time. Thank you for your patience with this move.

Ronnie Wallace made a motion to adopt the above statement as policy. Bill Prather seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The next meeting of the Georgia Board of Pharmacy is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health's office located at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 36th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

The Board meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Brandi P. Howell, Licensure Analyst Minutes edited by Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director