

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
Board Meeting
Conference Call
Friday, June 10, 2011
4:00 p.m.
Minutes

In attendance:

Steve Wilson, President
Judy Gardner
Al McConnell
Pat McPherson
Tony Moye

Absent:

Bill Prather, Vice President
Fred Barber
Ronnie Wallace, Consumer Member

Staff:

Janet Wray, Board Attorney
Lisa Durden, Executive Director

OPEN SESSION

Steve Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Lisa Durden presented status of technician registrations and explained that staff would not be able to process all of the applications we are receiving by June 30, 2011. Pharmacies are calling to find out whether or not their technicians may work after June 30, 2011 if they have submitted their applications for registration.

Pat McPherson motion to post Rule 480-15-.02 as amended; Tony Moye seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to post Rule 480-15-.02 as follows:

480-15-.02 Registration of Pharmacy Technicians.

- (a) Effective August 1, 2011 ~~June 30, 2011~~, a pharmacy may only employ registered pharmacy technicians to perform pharmacy technician duties.
- (b) In order to be registered as a Pharmacy Technician in this State, an applicant shall:
- (1) Submit a application to the Board on the form prescribed by the Board;
 - (2) Attest that applicant is at least 17 years old;
 - (3) Attest that applicant is currently enrolled in high school, or has a high school diploma, or has a GED, or has a postsecondary education or college degree;
 - (4) Consent to, provide the necessary information to conduct, and pay for a background check to be conducted by the Board, its agent or a firm or firms approved by the Board, which background check will include a criminal history, driver license history and other information as the Board deems necessary, and will authorize the Board and the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency to receive the results;
 - (5) Submit the name and address of employer and place of employment;
 - (6) Pay application fees; and

(7) If certified, submit evidence of training supporting designation as certified.

(c) The Board may deny registration or conditionally grant registration for any of the reasons set forth in Code sections 26-4-60 or 43-1-19. This includes convictions, pleas of nolo contendere and guilty pleas related to misdemeanor crimes of moral turpitude or marijuana and to felonies. In addition, no pharmacist whose license has been denied, revoked, suspended, or restricted for disciplinary purposes shall be eligible to be registered as a pharmacy technician.

(d) The denial of an application for registration as a pharmacy technician shall not be a contested case and the applicant shall not be entitled to a hearing under the Georgia Administrative Procedures Action, O.C.G.A. T. 50, Ch. 13, but such applicant may be entitled to an appearance before the Board.

(e) A registration, once issued, is renewable biennially, upon payment of a fee. A registrant has a responsibility to update the Board with a change of home address and employment address within ten (10) days of such change.

Tony Moyer Motion to adopt the following policy to follow until Rule 480-15-.02 can be adopted. Al McConnell seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following policy:

The Board has voted to amend rule 480-15-.02 Registration of Pharmacy Technicians which will change the date when all pharmacy technicians are required to be registered from June 30, 2011 to August 1, 2011. As a result of the Board's proposed action, the Board has stated that it will not sanction any pharmacy or pharmacy technician for violation of the existing rule who can provide proof that the technician has submitted an application for registration as a pharmacy technician by June 30, 2011. Proof of application submission may be the receipt from the application submission or online application status checklist.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

The next Pharmacy Board meeting will be Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Steve Wilson, President
The Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

Date

Lisa Durden, Executive Director
The Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

Date