

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
322 South Main St., Suite 600
Little Rock, AR 72201

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy met for a regular scheduled Board meeting on June 4, 2024. The meeting originated from the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy office located at 322 South Main Street, Suite 600, Little Rock, AR., and was held in person with some participants via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Debbie Mack, P.D., Vice President.

Members present:

- * Lenora Newsome, P.D.
- * Clint Boone, Pharm.D.
- * Rodney Richmond, Pharm.D. (Late)
- * Harold Simpson
- * Beth Ann Davenport, Pharm.D.

Staff present:

- * John Kirtley, Pharm.D., Executive Director
- * Brenda McCrady, P.D, Assistant Director
- * Ashley Vailes, General Counsel
- * Kevin Robertson, Pharm.D.
- * Brandon Holland, Pharm.D.
- * Lana Whitmore, CFO

Dr. Crouse and Dr. Jolly were not present at roll call. Dr. Richmond came in later in the morning.

Mrs. Whitmore presented the Board with the financial report for review.

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Newsome made the motion to accept the financial report. Dr. Boone seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

The minutes from the June 4-5, 2024, Board Meeting, the July 8, 2024, Emergency Hearing, and an August 19, 2024, Emergency Hearing were presented for approval.

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Newsome made the motion that the minutes from the June 4-5, 2024, Board Meeting, the July 8, 2024, Emergency Hearing, and the August 19, 2024, Emergency Hearing be approved as presented. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Act 575 of 2023 – Gold Star Legislation as it relates to prescriptions. Physicians no longer have to apply for prior authorizations. The legislation requires the Arkansas State Medical Board and the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy to work together to approve a list of drugs meeting certain criteria that would no longer require prior authorization. Dr. Kirtley provided a list of the medications for the Board to review and

approve the overall packet. He said the list was presented to the Medical Board and approved. Dr. Kirtley said in for the list has to be agreed upon by both boards to be eligible for approval.

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Newsome made a motion to approve the list as presented. Dr. Boone seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

The Board interviewed candidates for Reciprocity. Each applicant was asked to complete a questionnaire regarding practice history, type of business, and background. The Board interviewed the candidates in five separate groups, spoke to them all regarding Arkansas CE requirements, and made motions for each specific group. The following candidates appeared before the Board via ZOOM:

Ashlee	Rene	Adams
Akash		Agarwal
Gabriel		Alcocer
Ayat	Jabbar Mohammed	Aljuboori
Mark	David	Alspach
Sunni	Anne	Amyx
Marissa	Janae	Bradley
Leslie	David	Brewer
Marc	Joseph	Brozovich
Andrew	Thomas	Bruggeman
Bethanne	Puihar	Carpenter
Thomas	Hayden	Carter
Anthony	David	Carvitti
Gena	Grace	Casey
Tess	Ye Jin	Chang
Nicole	Nitake	Chiu
Parag		Choksi
Sally	Marie	Collie
Christian	Renford	Cox
Ben	W.	Creel
Said	Issam	Dabliz
Nimita	Niranjan	Davis
Salvatore	Michael	DeCaria

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Newsome made the motion to approve the above applicants for reciprocity. Dr. Boone seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

The Board's interview process continued for the following candidates for Reciprocity:

Brooke	Nicole	Elliott
Sarah	Marie	Fetty
Riann	Michelle	Forbes
Lisa	Sulzer	Ford
Matthew	Jacob	Fortner
Charles	Douglas	Frye
Raul		Fuller Jr.
Marta	Maria	Giammarino
Lindsey	Jane	Gillette
Romena	Orlando	Haddad
JoAnna	Gregory	Hayes
Teri	Anna	Hills
Justin	Matthew	Hodges
Scott	Joseph	Hoffman
Tamara	Jacqueline	Hoffman
Jeremy	Chase	Howard
Eric		Huckins
Kyuwon		Hwang
Jacob	Richard	Kachelmeier
Kirandeep		Kaur
Melissa	Elyse	Korres

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Boone made the motion to approve the above applicants for reciprocity. Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Dr. Richmond joined the meeting, and Dr. Mack turned the proceedings over to him.

The Board's interview process continued for the following candidates for Reciprocity:

Yun-Ho		Lee
Dionne	Dannette	Maddox
Melissa	Anne	Mangis
Christina	Marie	Marinari
Steven	Emory	Marker
Alexandria	Taylor	McKinley
Jenna	Marlee	Meixsell
Casey	Jacob	Melby

Ashley	Nicole	Mendez
Katelyn	Nicole	Miller
Abena	Saabea	Mpere
Andrea	Lyn	Murray
Anthony	Quang-Vu	Nguyen
Harry	Phan	Nguyen
Adam	Charles	Niemeyer
Noreen	Lianna	Ohye
Dina		Omar
Sarah	Nicole	Paolini
LaTayne	Lea	Peirce
Lindy	Marie	Porco
Benjamin	Garett	Reed
Justin	William	Richards
Matthew		Rogan

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Newsome made the motion to approve the above applicants for reciprocity.
Dr. Mack seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

The Board's interview process continued for the following candidates for Reciprocity:

Batoul	Naji	Saad
Khaled		Salhab
Clinton	Christopher	Sanders
Mason	Garrett	Schroeder
Robert	Ray	Seefried
Hetal	Girishkumar	Shah
Lauren	Elisabeth	Siciliano
Loredana	Dee	Silveria
Angela	Carol	Squires
Brian	Thomas	Straub
Whittney	Danielle	Steele
Janice	Marie	Swett
Elle	Kate	Tarver
Alan	Paul	Theriault
Natasha	Eva	Thompson
Linda		Tran
Bryce	Camron	Vallo
Julie	Hien	Vu
Jennie	Marie	Villarreal
Catherine	Inzina	Whipple

Stephen Weston Wilson

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Mack made the motion to approve the above applicants for reciprocity pending all requirements are met. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

The Board discussed the continuing education requirements as well as the benefits of joining the Arkansas Pharmacists Association with each group of reciprocity candidates.

Dr. Kirtley presented the Board with Consent Agreements, CE Consent Agreements, Voluntary Surrenders, Preliminary Consent Orders, and Investigative Costs Recuperations.

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Mack made the motion to approve and accept all orders and agreements as presented. Dr. Davenport seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Jessica Hopper appeared before the Board to discuss her application for reciprocity.

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Mack made the motion to approve her reciprocity. Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Tate Berger appeared before the Board by request to discuss his application for reciprocity.

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Newsome made the motion to approve his reciprocity application. Dr. Mack seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Pending Pharmacy Intern Applicant, Ricquel Richardson, appeared before the Board to request permission to retake the Arkansas Jurisprudence Examination for the third time.

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Mack made the motion to allow Ms. Richardson to retake the jurisprudence exam for the third time. Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Support Group Discussion

INFORMAL PROCEDURE – Novitium Pharma

Kristin Swann, Andrew Brown, and Brian Parker with Cardinal Health Nuclear & Precision Health Solutions appeared before the Board to request approval to use the NPHS Authorized User Training Program per Arkansas Regulation 04-02-0100(a)(4)(B) for their pharmacists at their nuclear pharmacies.

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Boone made the motion to approve the program as presented once staff reviews the 825 portion of it. Dr. Davenport seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Greg Turner and Kelly Stanley appeared in front of the Board to request approval for a central fill agreement between each pharmacy and a remote order entry policy to help with staffing and workload balancing in their stores.

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Boone made the motion to approve the central fill and off-site order entry as part of the central fill for the Stanley Pharmacy group as presented. Dr. Davenport seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

PHARMACY INTERN & TECHNICIAN INFORMAL PROCEDURES

The Board adjourned for the day.

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Rodney Richmond, Pharm.D., President.

Members present:

- * Debbie Mack, P.D.
- * Brian Jolly, Pharm.D.
- * Lenora Newsome, P.D.
- * Clint Boone, Pharm.D.
- * Beth Ann Davenport, Pharm.D.
- * Harold Simpson

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- * Ashley Vailes, General Counsel
- * Kevin Robertson, Pharm.D.
- * Brandon Holland, Pharm.D.
- * Lana Whitmore, CFO

Lynn Crouse was not present for the meeting.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to Orders and Notice of Hearings in the matter of **Linda Susan O'Keefe, PD07106, Case #2024-029**. Dr. Richmond called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Joshua Baxter. The Board was represented by Ashley Vailes. The respondent was represented by Darren O'Quinn.

BOARD ACTION

Mr. Simpson made the motion in the matter of **Linda Susan O'Keefe, PD07106, Case #2024-029**, the Board finds all allegations in the Order and Notice of Hearing, with the exception of A15 and 16 are true. The Board finds that Charges C1 – C4 are proved, and as a result of those findings the Board takes the following two actions: one, it upholds the prior temporary suspension; and two, suspends Dr. O'Keefe's pharmacist license indefinitely. Dr. Jolly seconded the motion. The vote for the motion is unanimous.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to Orders and Notice of Hearings in the matter of **Karen Bond, PD09238, Case #2024-058**. Dr. Richmond called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Joshua Baxter. The Board was represented by Ashley Vailes. The respondent was represented by Darren O'Quinn. Debbie Mack recused from the hearing.

BOARD ACTION

Mr. Simpson made the motion in the matter of **Karen Bond, PD09238, Case #2024-058**, the Board finds Allegations A1 – A5 set forth in the Order and Notice of Hearing are proved, and the Board sustains Charges C1 – C5, and takes the action of revoking her license. Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. The vote for the motion is four to one – the motion carries.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to Orders and Notice of Hearings in the matter of **Elizabeth Smith, PD13928, Case #2024-082**. Dr. Richmond called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Joshua Baxter. The Board was represented by Ashley Vailes. The respondent was not present for the hearing.

BOARD ACTION

Dr. Jolly made the motion in the matter of **Elizabeth Smith, PD13928, Case #2024-082**, the Board finds Allegations A1 – A9 are true, and Charges C1 – C3 are proven. We are going to suspend her pharmacist license and impose a \$5,000 disciplinary fine and require 24 hours of live continuing education be met and she must appear before the board before the license can be considered for reinstatement. Dr. Mack seconded the motion. The vote for the motion is unanimous.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to Orders and Notice of Hearings in the matter of **Jasmine Davis, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-086**. Dr. Richmond called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Joshua Baxter. The Board was represented by Ashley Vailes. The respondent was not represented by counsel.

BOARD ACTION

Mr. Boone made the motion in the matter of **Jasmine Davis, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-086**, the Board finds Allegations A1 – A5 are true, and Charges C1 – C2 are proven, and vote to uphold the denial. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The vote for the motion is unanimous.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to Orders and Notice of Hearings in the matter of **Shavonne Beasley, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-087**. Dr. Richmond called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Joshua Baxter. The Board was represented by Ashley Vailes. The respondent was not represented by counsel.

BOARD ACTION

Dr. Jolly made the motion in the matter of **Shavonne Beasley, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-087**, the Board finds Allegations A1 – A8 are true, and Charges C1 – C2 are proven, and would make a motion to overturn the denial and grant Ms. Beasley her pharmacy technician permit. Dr. Boone seconded the motion. The vote for the motion passes. Dr. Mack and Dr. Davenport left the meeting before the motion.

Dr. Mack and Dr. Davenport left the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to Orders and Notice of Hearings in the matter of **Amanda Butler, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-090**. Dr. Richmond called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Joshua Baxter. The Board was represented by Ashley Vailes. The respondent was not represented by counsel.

BOARD ACTION

Dr. Jolly made the motion in the matter of **Amanda Butler, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-090**, the Board finds Allegations A1 – A6 are proven, and Charge C1 is true, and we hereby do not grant the waiver and move to deny her pharmacy technician application. Dr. Boone seconded the motion. The vote for the motion passed three to one.

Discussion Items

Dr. Kirtley discussed off-site order entry with the Board. He said the current retail off-site order entry is limited to only happen within two permitted pharmacies within the State of Arkansas. There is a slightly different approach for hospital off-site order entry as it allows an Arkansas pharmacist to enter orders at a remote or off-site entry location. Dr. Kirtley said there has been some requests for different types of off-site order entry that include pharmacies out of state to allow Arkansas pharmacists to perform these duties, as well as requests for in-state pharmacies to do this for out-of-state facilities. He asked if the Board would like him to work on a future rule change regarding this issue. No motion was made.

Dr. Kirtley brought up emails he received patients DHS has in state owned facilities. DHS wants to use MatrixCare's EHR integration system. The Board discussed approving the request for the facilities that have a state contract with a specific pharmacy within the border of Arkansas that they can connect. It was determined if MatrixCare wanted to extend the use to other long term care facilities, they can request to appear before the Board.

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Jolly made the motion to approve this EHR for use with DHS facilities to integrate per Board policy. Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to Orders and Notice of Hearings in the matter of **Justin Breezeel, PD11950 and Elizabeth Connor, PT08879, Case #2024-079**. Dr. Richmond called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Joshua Baxter. The Board was represented by Ashley Vailes. The respondents were not represented by counsel.

BOARD ACTION

Dr. Jolly made the motion in the matter of **Justin Breezeel, PD11950, Case #2024-079**, we recommend investigative, non-disciplinary cost recovery of \$500 from Dr. Breezeel, ten hours of CE from Dr. Breezeel above and beyond the 30-hour requirement. Those ten hours focused on error prevention. And also, for him to submit a letter memorializing the things that have already been – he has already put in place. And in addition to take into consideration developing an action plan around feedback from the Board to prevent these types of errors from happening in the future. Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to Orders and Notice of Hearings in the matter of **Hayley Moorehead, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-083**. Dr. Richmond called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Joshua Baxter. The Board was represented by Ashley Vailes. The respondent was not represented by counsel.

BOARD ACTION

Mr. Simpson made the motion in the matter of **Hayley Moorehead, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-083**, the Board approves her pharmacy technician application. Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to Orders and Notice of Hearings in the matter of **Alexandra Ingram, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-084**. Dr. Richmond called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Joshua Baxter. The Board was represented by Ashley Vailes. The respondent was not represented by counsel.

BOARD ACTION

Dr. Boone made the motion in the matter of **Alexandra Ingram, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-084**, the Board finds Allegations A1 – A10 are true, and Charges C1 – C2 are proven, and the Board approves her pharmacy technician application. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to Orders and Notice of Hearings in the matter of **Lawrence Coreas, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-087**. Dr. Richmond called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Joshua Baxter. The Board was represented by Ashley Vailes. The respondent was not represented by counsel.

BOARD ACTION

Dr. Jolly made the motion in the matter of **Lawrence Coreas, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-087**, the Board finds Allegations A1 – A12 are true, and Charge C1 is proven, and the Board denies the approval of his waiver. Dr. Boone seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to Orders and Notice of Hearings in the matter of **April Dorries, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-085**. Dr. Richmond called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Joshua Baxter. The Board was represented by Ashley Vailes. The respondent was not represented by counsel.

BOARD ACTION

Dr. Jolly made the motion in the matter of **April Dorries, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-085**, the Board finds Allegations A1 – A6 are true, and Charges C1 – C2 are proven, and move to grant the waiver and give approve her pharmacy technician permit. Dr. Boone seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to Orders and Notice of Hearings in the matter of **Talisa Jenkins, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-089**. Dr. Richmond called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Joshua Baxter. The Board was represented by Ashley Vailes. The respondent was not present for the hearing.

BOARD ACTION

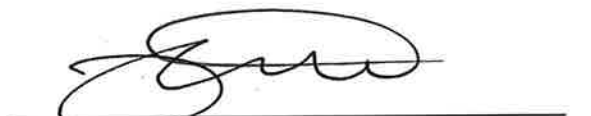
Dr. Jolly made the motion in the matter of **Talisa Jenkins, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-089**, the Board finds Allegations A1 – A5 are true, and Charge C1 is proven, the Board moves that her application for a waiver be denied. Dr. Boone seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by:


Lana Whitmore, CFO

Approved for the Board:


Rodney Richmond, Pharm.D., President