

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

**Tuesday, June 4, 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 Brian Jolly, Pharm.D., President.

**Members present:**

- \* Rodney Richmond, Pharm.D.
- \* K. Lynn Crouse, Pharm.D.
- \* Lenora Newsome, P.D.
- \* Debbie Mack, P.D. (Zoom)
- \* Clint Boone, Pharm.D.
- \* 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.
- \* J. Lindsey Tankersley, J.D., Pharm.D.
- \* Lana Whitmore, CFO

**All members were present.**

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

**BOARD ACTION:**

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

The minutes from the February 6-7, 2024, Board Meeting and the April 3, 2024, Emergency Hearing were reviewed.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Crouse made the motion that the minutes from the February 6-7, 2024, Board Meeting and the April 3, 2024, Emergency Hearing be approved as presented. Dr. Mack 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:

Tyler	Wayne	Allen
Michael	David	Altman
An	Marie	Alvarez
Phillip	Paul	Andrews Jr.
Elizabeth	Dong	Beard
Paul	Hardin	Bricker
Stephen	James	Broering
Nekeidra	Chantay	Brown
Richard	Lee	Brown
Staci	Dillon	Bryce
Rachel	Leah	Chang
Thomas	Robert	Chen
Sue	Jin	Cheung
Adele	Botan	Chimi-Lakbub
Michael	Vincent	Cipriano
James	Anthony	Colla Jr.
Grace	Elizabeth	Collinson
Brandon	Davis	Conaway
Samuel	David	Conover
Duy-Anh	Tran	Dang
Sara		Dehkharghani
Alexander	Rutherford	Dixon
Andrew	Duc-Thong	Doan
Erin	Nichole	Douglas

**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:

Stephanie	Zappasodi	Eckert
James	Printess	Edwards
Kathryn	Ann	Everly
Michael	J.	Fello
Krystal	Kim	Flaherty
Stephanie	Joi	Gaston
Kierstyn	Thea	Gillooly
Jonathan	Alan	Hamer
Sean	Michael	Hatfield
Austin	Jacob	Heiing

Mallory	Hope	Heiing
Jacob	Thomas	Hoferer
Eric	Fielden	Horton
Kay-Lynn		Huffaker
Chelsea	Renee	Hustad
Tyler	Matthew	Ingle
Evano	Avis	Kashat
Sarah	Frances	Knollhoff
Cynthia	Ann	Kobolak
Nicole	Bruer	Lange
Stephen	Richard	LaTourette
Alisa	Louise	Leiker
Kwan	Ting	Leung
Andrew	Michael	Losh
Erica	Victoria	Luiten

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Richmond 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:

Cree	Charles	Maloney
Tanya	Rose	Manoni
Gregory	Eugene	Maresh
Donald	Wayne	Marlowe
Daniel	James	McMullen
Mikala	Alexandra	Mehlau
Shelby	Kristen	Mills
Micheal	Clay	Mobley
Jason	Andrew	Mullins
Nora	Jirgensons	Nance
Nhu-Everly	Quynh	Nguyen
Kyle	Chad	Oborn
Laura	Jean	O'Connell
Brian	Lee	Parker
Smitaben	Surendrabhai	Parmar
Willie	Bobby	Payne
Stephania	Xaviela	Perticone
Rebecca	Marie	Pollack
Tyler	Anthony	Porvaznik
Rory	Eli	Puckett

**BOARD ACTION:**

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

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

Michael	Ray	Radnor
Randy		Rahiman
Douglas	Kirkland	Rawl
Mark	Jason	Realini
Catherine	Hart	Richwine
Arasally		Rodriguez
Danielle	Avon	Rogers
Denise	Renee	Roque
Hutson	Brant	Sargent
Salman	M.	Siddiqui
Thomy		Singh
Justin	William	Taber
Camille	Marie	Tackett
Adem	Mehmet	Telci
My Hanh	Truong	Ton
Tuan		Tran
Allan	Cheehao	Tsao
Kylee	Brooke	Vidrine
Shixian		Wang
Darren	Dennis	Westwood
Brittany	Leigh	Woolf
Joanne	Chohee	Yoon
Darrell	Franklin	Cole II

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Newsome made the motion to approve the above applicants for reciprocity pending all requirements are met. Dr. Mack 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.

## INFORMAL HEARING PROCEDURE – Nickey Hill

Seth Wilson, a pharmacist at Collier Pharmacy Services, a long-term care pharmacy in Fayetteville, appeared in front of the Board along with John Shafae and Trisha Cole with ALIS, an assisted living facility software company, to seek approval for pharmacy software integration with ALIS.

### **BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Crouse made the motion to approve the request as presented. Dr. Mack seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Bill Grbcich, Director of Pharmacy Operations at TruCare Pharmacy, Karen Nishi, with BD Pyxis, and Kendall Lahoda, with BD Medbank appeared before the Board to request approval for TruCare Pharmacy staff to use the BD MedBank Station for E-Kit use.

### **BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Newsome made the motion to approve the system for TruCare Pharmacy as presented. Dr. Crouse seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Alisa Chamblee and Daniel Bright with Encompass Health appeared in front of the Board to request approval to expand the previously received permission for off-site order entry via Encompass Health Remote Pharmacy Services to allow RPS pharmacists to work from home.

### **BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Newsome made the motion to approve the work from home off-site order entry request as presented. Dr. Davenport 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 **Zyeerah Malone, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2023-017**. Dr. Jolly called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Charles Moulton. The Board was represented by Ashley Vailes. The respondent was not represented counsel.

### **BOARD ACTION**

Dr. Newsome made the motion in the matter of **Zyeerah Malone, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2023-017**, I make the motion to grant her pharmacy technician permit. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The vote for the motion passes.

Priscilla Campbell, Ginny Hoar, and Brandon Jackson with Omnicare appeared before the Board to ask for an update to the emergency kit(s) at Covington Court Nursing and Rehab. The Board discussed the suggested additions/changes on the medication list.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Mack made the motion to allow the additions/changes that were discussed.  
Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. The vote for the motion passed six to one.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to Orders and Notice of Hearings in the matter of **Courtney Beaver, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-043**. Dr. Jolly called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Charles Moulton. The Board was represented by Ashley Vailes. The respondent was not represented counsel.

**BOARD ACTION**

Mr. Simpson made the motion in the matter of **Courtney Beaver, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-043**, the Board finds Allegations A1-A8 have been proved and Charge C-1 has been proved; nevertheless, the Board finds, based on the evidence presented today, that it would be appropriate for the Board to grant a waiver and to grant her the license as a pharmacy tech. Dr. Davenport 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 **Jennie Joplin, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2023-054**. Dr. Jolly called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Charles Moulton. The Board was represented by Ashley Vailes. The respondent was not represented counsel.

**BOARD ACTION**

Dr. Newsome made the motion in the matter of **Jennie Joplin, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2023-054**, the Board finds Allegations A1 – A15 are true, and Charge C1 is proven in lieu of that I make the motion to grant her pharmacy technician permit. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The vote for the motion passes six to one.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to Orders and Notice of Hearings in the matter of **Shanta Sharp, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-046**. Dr. Jolly called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Charles Moulton. The Board was represented by Ashley Vailes. The respondent was not represented counsel.

**BOARD ACTION**

Dr. Richmond made the motion in the matter of **Shanta Sharp, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-046**, the Board finds although Allegations A1 – A15 are true, and Charge C1 is proven, I make the motion to grant her pharmacy technician permit. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The vote for the motion is unanimous.

The Board adjourned for the day.

**Wednesday, June 5, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Brian Jolly, Pharm.D., President.

**Members present:**

- \* Rodney Richmond, Pharm.D.
- \* K. Lynn Crouse, Pharm.D.
- \* Lenora Newsome, P.D.
- \* Debbie Mack, P.D. (Zoom)
- \* Clint Boone, Pharm.D.
- \* Harold Simpson
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**Staff present:**

- \* John Kirtley, Pharm.D., Executive Director
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- \* Lana Whitmore, CFO

**All members were present.**

*Support Group Discussion*

Chris Cooper, Director of Operations for Heartland Pharmacy, appeared before the Board to request off-site order entry for Heartland Pharmacy facilities to provide workload balancing for all locations.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Newsome made the motion to approve the request for remote order entry as presented. Dr. Mack seconded the motion. Dr. Boone recused from the vote. The motion passes.

Judy Ali, COO, SUSAN JONES CEO, and Dewitt Hill, Pharmacy Supervisor of Operations for East Arkansas Family Health Center appeared before the Board with a request for approval for remote order entry to help with workload balancing for their three pharmacies which are in West Memphis, Lepanto, and Marvell. They also had a request for Central Fill.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Newsome made the motion to approve East Arkansas Family Health Center Pharmacy for remote order entry as presented. Dr. Crouse seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Crouse made the motion to approve the request for Central Fill for East Arkansas Family Health Center Pharmacy as presented. Dr. Mack seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.



*Discussion Items*

Dr. Kirtley presented the changes to Emergency Kits that was approved yesterday for the Board to review.

Dr. McCrady presented the Board with Consent Agreements, Voluntary Surrenders, Preliminary Consent Order, and Investigative Costs Recuperations.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Mack made the motion to approve and accept all orders and agreements as presented. 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 **Megan Thompson, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-047**. Dr. Jolly called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Charles Moulton. The Board was represented by Ashley Vailes. The respondent was not represented counsel.

**BOARD ACTION**

Dr. Crouse made the motion in the matter of **Megan Thompson, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-047**, the Board accepts her withdrawal of her pharmacy technician application. Dr. Davenport 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 **Jessica Hancock, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-048**. Dr. Jolly called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Charles Moulton. The Board was represented by Ashley Vailes. The respondent was not represented counsel.

**BOARD ACTION**

Dr. Crouse made the motion in the matter of **Jessica Hancock, Pharmacy Technician Applicant, Case #2024-048**, the Board finds although Allegations A1 – A6 are true, and Charge C1 is proven, in lieu of that, I make the motion to grant her pharmacy technician permit. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The vote for the motion passes six to one.

Brad Lawson with Walgreens was present in front of the Board and Nichole Cover participated on Zoom. Walgreens appeared to request a reduction in hours for less than 40 hours per week for two Walgreens stores, both of which are in Ashdown, Arkansas. The request is for Walgreens #15790 would be open Monday through Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Walgreens #21500 would be open Wednesday through Friday for the same hours. Dr. Lawson said the request is a temporary request. The Board discussed the logistics of the request and the date the temporary approval, if approved, would expire.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Mack made the motion for a one-year approval for the temporary authorization for reduction in hours, and they will need to appear before the Board at the February Board Meeting to provide an update. Dr. Crouse 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 **Christine Y. Barr, PD08102 and The Medicine Shoppe, AR18562, Case #2023-173.** Dr. Jolly called the hearing to order and turned the proceeding over to the Hearing Officer, Charles Moulton. The Board was represented by Ashley Vailes. The respondent was represented by Jeff Singleton.

**BOARD ACTION**

Dr. Richmond made the motion in the matter of **Christine Y. Barr, PD08102, and The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy, AR18562, Case #2023-173,** the Board finds although Allegations A1 – A22 are true, and Charges C1 – C8,778 being proven, the Board moves with a two-part motion. One, as it relates to quality improvement of pharmacy practice at The Medicine Shoppe and by Dr. Barr, that there be a 24-month probationary period during which time Dr. Barr will retake the PIC law exam complete, 24 hours of continuing education focused on legal continuing education, and there is to be a limitation on no interns from the colleges of pharmacy to be precepted at The Medicine Shoppe during this period. As a result of the monthly efforts to identify gaps and focus on PIC duties, to write a monthly report, just simply address it Dr. Kirtley at the Board of Pharmacy, and that there be a follow-up inspection to the findings in this case at three months and then again at the end of the probationary period. The disciplinary aspect would focus around a \$20,000 fine that would be due and payable by June 30, 2025. Dr. Davenport seconded the motion. Mr. Simpson made an amendment to the motion – the motion be amended by adding the following sentence: Any one or grouping of Charges C1 through C-8,778, individually and of itself or their selves are sufficient to justify the entire action of the Board. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

*Discussion Items*

The Board election for officers was held.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Mr. Simpson made the motion for Dr. Rodeny Richmond to be the Board President, Dr. Debbie Mack to be the Vice-President/Secretary, and Dr. Brian Jolly to be the Past President/Chairperson. This change is to be effective at the end of today's meeting. Dr. Boone seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Dr. Kirtley reminded the Board they had had some discussion regarding the language regarding ratios, and possibly change the language to support staff ratio which would combine pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians. He said APA has discussed this as well and has voted in favor that they agree to change. He said it would require some changes to the language in Board Rules. Dr. Kirtley asked the Board if they were ready for staff to start the rule change process.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Richmond made the motion for staff to proceed with the rule change process for this issue. Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Act 575 discussion

The Board discussed a complaint received by a doctor regarding Arkansas pharmacists' right to refuse to fill prescriptions. The Board accepted the complaint as information, and decided there was no action the Board can take on a pharmacist that is using their corresponding responsibility or their moral objection under state law to refuse to fill a prescription.

The Board discussed FDA's guidance on prohibition under wholesaling by 503b facilities supplying to 503a pharmacies to be dispensed to patients, and what the Board and staff would provide as guidance as it pertains to Arkansas. This discussion was tabled until a later date.

Dr. Kirtley presented the Board with the Authorization to Conduct Board of Pharmacy Oversight Activities form. This form is to be signed by the Board president and allows the Board of Pharmacy's Executive Director, Assistant Director, and Inspectors authorization to enter pharmacies and review records on behalf of the Board.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Mack made the motion to accept the Authorization to Conduct Board of Pharmacy Oversight Activities forms as presented, through June 30, 2025. Dr. Newsome 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