

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

Monday, October 13, 2025

The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy met for a regularly scheduled Board meeting on October 13, 2025. 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., President.

Other members present:

- * Lenora Newsome, P.D.
- * Rodney Richmond, Pharm.D.
- * Brian Jolly, Pharm.D.
- * Clint Boone, Pharm.D.
- * W. Lyn Fruchey, 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
- * Brandon Holland, Pharm.D.
- * J. Lindsey Tankersley, Pharm.D.
- * Kevin Robertson, Pharm.D.

All members were present.

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

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Richmond made the motion to accept the financial report. Dr. Jolly seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

The minutes from the June 3-4, 2025, Board Meeting, the August 13, 2025, Board Meeting, and August 14, 2025, Emergency Hearing were reviewed.

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Jolly made the motion that the minutes from the June 3-4, 2025, Board Meeting, the August 13, 2025, Board Meeting, and August 14, 2025, Emergency Hearing be approved as presented. Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Dr. McCrady presented the Board with Voluntary Surrenders, Non-Disciplinary Consent Agreements, Consent Agreements, Probation Consent Orders, and Preliminary Consent Orders for consideration.

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Newsome made the motion to approve and accept the Orders and Agreements as presented. Dr. Richmond 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:

Abdalla	Abdellatif Sadeq	Abu Baker
Akram	Ziyad	Abu Manfouz
Gina	Marie	Albanese
Ahmed	Saad	Alemara
Zunaid	R.	Ali
Sheila		Alizadeh
Donald	John	Appelhans
Tina	DiCuccio	Baptiste
Andrew	John	Bartz
Aaron	Walter	Bissell
Danielle	Nicole	Blackburn
Jared	Samuel	Borowik
Saundra	Kaye	Boyd
Elizabeth	Lynn	Bryant
Emily	Michele	Bushong
Anne	Michele	Butera
Scott		Cariello
James	William	Chalmers
Grace		Chu
Jordan	D.	Conley
Bradley	Richard	Coyne
Geneve	Vansuihnem	Cung
Marissa	Anne	Davis
Wesley	Guy	Day
Donald	William	DeHart
Redi		Dema
Kyle	Thomas	Dexter
Matthew	Ryan	Dickerson

BOARD ACTION:

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

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

Amber	Inez	Faciane
Qaiuum		Feroz
Barry	Jay	Francois
Amanda	Colleen	French
Charlotte		Furdui
Youssef		Ghobrial
Gilbert	Chege	Gitau
Katherine	Fisher	Gordon
Michael	Scott	Gordon
Katie	Pearl	Gray
Natalya		Groysman
Natalie	Danielle	Grundel
Jaclyn		Gruver
Tyler	Alonzo	Gunderson
Steven		Gurley
Diana		Halim
Caleb	Bruce	Hammargren
Mark	Allen Charles	Hebert
Jennifer	M.	Heinrich
Jarad	William	Ickes
Ikhafa	Steve	Iruedo
Heather	Noel	Jarrett
Flora	Akikea	Kibong
Gavin	Hall	Kivisto
Matthew		Knops
Jack	D.	Korbutov

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:

Lyndon	Ray	Leitner
Ryan	Kenneth	Lowe
Clara	Hoang	Malone
Tyler	Cecil	Manning
Brianna	Rae	Martinez
Vitalia		Martinez
Jordon	Elizabeth	McCulloch
Lorie	Ann	McGraw
Blake	Edward	McLeod
Taylor	Chardonay	McMillion
Rebecca	McFarland	Mitchell
Janaina	Pantaleao	Moreira
Sarah	Elizabeth	Morrison
Jennifer	May	Morse
Hailey	Catherine Ann	Mueller
Christopher	Robert	Neilson
Man-Khoi	Pham	Nguyen
Xuan	Thi	Nguyen
Ngozika	Georgia	Ososanya
Puja		Patel
Stephanie		Pel
Sonya	Gail	Peters
Daniel	Peter	Powell
Richard	Francis	Presel
Jessica	Ka	Pyon
Joanna	Lee	Quach

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:

Cassandra	Lynn	Ramel
Amanda	Brooke	Rauch
Diego	Antonio	Rios
Karisa	Nicole	Schock
Todd		Sklenkar
Emily	Kristin	Smith
Salena		Tannouri
Jonathan		Tran

Cassidy	Barnett	Tucker
Jeff	Edward	Van Schaack
Brian	Edward	Wadyka
Jonathon	Kameron	Walker
Katharyn	Taylor	Walker
James		Wang
Kara	Michelle	Watts
Michael	Patrick	White
Gary	Bryce	Whitson II
Aisha	Lynn	Williamson
Steven	Robert	Windberg
Megan	Elizabeth	Wiseman
Maxwell	Francis	Wittler
Hiba	Amjid Baker	Witwit
Susan	Patricia	Yanief
Peter	Luai	Yousif

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.

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

Discussion Items

Dr. Kirtley presented a COVID-19 Test and Treat Protocol prepared by Marlene Battle on behalf of APA. The protocol must be approved by both the Pharmacy Board and the Medical Board.

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Newsome made the motion to move forward and accept the protocol. Dr. Fruchey seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Ted Schwendermann appeared before the board on behalf of PharMerica to request approval for an out of state pharmacy application for PharMerica in Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

BOARD ACTION:

Mr. Simpson made the motion to table the application while waiting for additional information from PharMerica. Dr. Richmond seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Informal Committee Procedure

Discussion Items

Dr. Kirtley presented the board with a document: Application – Request for Restricted Network for a Prescription Drug by a Manufacturer for Act 630 of 2025. He requested approval from the board to publish the application to get the process started for potential applicants.

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Boone made the motion to approve as amended. Dr. Jolly seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Dr. Kirtley presented the board with rules that already have an initial filing with the Department of Health, and he now needs approval to submit to the Governor's office for review and feedback. Dr. Kirtley said this is not a public hearing, but a request to proceed with the next steps in filing. He presented changes that will address the following issues:

- Description of the Board Members, Act 938 of 2025
- Off-Site Order Entry Retail
- Emergency Kit update and Act 637 of 2025
- Compounding Updates and 503B to 503A sales Act 961 of 2025
- Pseudoephedrine and Ephedrine sales Update

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Newsome made the motion to proceed with the rule change process as presented and discussed. Dr. Fruchey seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Christine Burkhardt appeared in front of the board on behalf of Janus Rx. Dr. Kirtley said an application for a retail pharmacy is on file for Janus Rx in Little Rock, but they do not have hot/cold running water in the pharmacy. Ms. Burkhardt asked the board to allow them to use the pharmacy portable handwashing sink they purchased in place of a plumbed sink. The board took no action on this issue.

Discussion Items

The board discussed emergency kits in institutional permitted facilities. Dr. Kirtley said board staff has had some requests for county jails to have emergency kits containing a small stock kit with only non-controlled drugs, so long as the appropriate staff is on-hand.

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Jolly made the motion to approve the list of stock meds minus Warfarin and Lovenox, and if the entity wants these added, they can revisit with the Board. Dr. Davenport seconded the motion. Dr. Richmond voted noted and Dr. Boone left the meeting before the vote. The motion passes.

Dr. Kirtley discussed a copy of a memorandum he received from Rachel Bunch, Executive Director of the Arkansas Health Care Association (AHCA) that was sent to AHCA members. He said there has been some misunderstandings about emergency kits and how they are used in nursing facilities partly due to industry turnover and more patients coming into nursing homes straight from surgery, etc. Dr. Kirtley said board staff is working with Ms. Bunch to educate both on the pharmacy side and the long term care side of the industry. Dr. Kirtley said he also wanted to notify the board to expect to see more requests to update medications in emergency kits.

Dr. Kirtley presented the Board with an additional voluntary surrender agreement for a pharmacist for consideration.

BOARD ACTION:

Dr. Jolly made the motion to approve and accept the agreement as presented. Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

The Board adjourned for the day.

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Members present:

- * Debbie Mack, P.D.
- * Lenora Newsome, P.D.
- * Rodney Richmond, Pharm.D.
- * Brian Jolly, Pharm.D.
- * Clint Boone, Pharm.D.
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- * Kevin Robertson, Pharm.D.

All members were present.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to an Order and Notice of Hearing in the matter of **Jonathan Ragan, PD07823, Case #2025-047**. Dr. Mack 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 Darren O'Quinn. Dr. Richmond did not participate in this hearing.

BOARD ACTION

Dr. Jolly made the motion in the matter of **Jonathan Ragan, PD07823, Case #2025-047**, the Board finds Allegations A1 – A26 are true, and Charges C1-C14 have been proven. I make a motion that Dr. Ragan be prohibited from overseeing or performing all compounding activities moving forward, and we impose a disciplinary fine of \$25,000 for the violations that have been set forth payable by June 30, 2026. Dr. Fruchey seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was five to one – the motion passes. Dr. Richmond did not participate in the hearing.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to an Order and Notice of Hearing in the matter of **Laura Harris, PD11323, Case #2025-012**. Dr. Mack 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 Andrea Brock.

BOARD ACTION

Dr. Richmond made the motion in the matter of **Laura Harris, PD11323, Case #2025-012**, the Board finds Allegations A1 – A17 being true, and Charges C1 – C4 having been proven, place the following judgement: Dr. Harris be placed on 12 months of probation, the purpose of which, if there are any infractions of any nature against her license during that period of time, that we would call her back in for a meeting with the Board. During the same 12-month period, she obtains 20 hours of continuing education specifically focused on fraud, waste, and abuse,

and pays a \$5,000 fine by June 30, 2026. Dr. Davenport seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

A hearing was scheduled in answer to an Order and Notice of Hearing in the matter of **Brandon Rice, PD17202, Case #2025-051**. Dr. Mack 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 by counsel.

BOARD ACTION

Dr. Richmond made the motion in the matter of **Brandon Rice, PD17202, Case #2025-051**, the Board finds Allegations A1 – A11 being true, A-12 is in question by the respondent, and Charges C1 – C5 having been proven, that the Board asks Dr. Rice to submit to the Board a plan of action that includes a root-cause analysis, that you incorporate the information you've provided to the Board, but you also go back and reference the test-to-treat protocols that the state has approved, and that you do that for all test-to-treat that you are undertaking at your pharmacy; that you do an additional six hours of continuing education, two hours each, based on COVID, flu, and strep; and that there be assessed a \$250 administrative fee for the time spent researching his mater due by December 31, 2025. 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:


Deborah Mack, Pharm.D., President