

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

**Wednesday, August 13, 2025**

The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy met for a called Board meeting on August 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 via Zoom.

**Members present:**

- \* Lenora Newsome, P.D.
- \* Rodney Richmond, Pharm.D.
- \* Brian Jolly, Pharm.D.
- \* Clint Boone, Pharm.D.
- \* W. Lyn Fruchey, Pharm.D. (Zoom)
- \* Harold Simpson
- \* Beth Ann Davenport, Pharm.D. (Zoom)

**Staff present:**

- \* 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.**

A Public Hearing on rule changes was called to order at 1:05 p.m. The following rule changes were presented by Dr. McCrady:

**17 CAR § 160-203. Practice after inactivity when reciprocating or reinstating a license.**

Proposed changes will update rules so that pharmacists wishing to return to practice after having an inactive license for more than 2 years will appear before the Board of Pharmacy to set out a return to practice plan. This simply sets up a meeting with the Board to review the pharmacist's plan to return to practice after they have not practiced for an extended period of time.

**17 CAR § 160-304. Requirements for internship training.**

**17 CAR § 160-305. Rules applying to preceptors who train interns.**

Proposed changes will clarify that intern licenses can remain valid for up to six months after graduation upon request. This will solve the issue that the Board does not always get updates as to changes in graduation status or dates and therefore an extension must be requested based on delayed graduation dates. Changes will also update language to clarify that pharmacists may supervise up

to four support staff members rather than the current ratio that is specific to one intern and up to three technicians.

**17 CAR § 160-401. Requisites for examination.**

**17 CAR § 160-402. Score Transfer.**

Proposed changes will remove outdated language related to reported scores on a national board exam that is now Pass/Fail instead of scored. Changes will also delete references to score transfer programs that are not under the Board's authority to remove any confusion or conflict with the processes for the national board exam.

**17 CAR § 160-803. Implementation of pharmacy continuing education.**

Proposed changes will remove outdated language referring to implementation dates for changes to the CE requirements for pharmacists that are over a decade old. Changes will also remove the CE cap on license reinstatement to coincide with return to practice updates in section 203.

**17 CAR § 160-907. Pharmacist-to-pharmacy technician ratio.**

Changes will update a current rule to allow for pharmacists in more rural areas to also utilize up to four support staff members as they generally are not able to have pharmacy students working in towns that are distant from the colleges of pharmacy. It will also allow pharmacies to utilize more than one intern in their support staff ratio vs the current limitation of one per pharmacist. There is some cleanup language in the rule as well.

Walmart Inc. sent a letter in support of the proposed changes to 17 CAR § 160-907. There were no public comments for or against the proposed rule changes.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Jolly made the motion to accept the proposed changes. Dr. Richmond seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Dr. McCrady presented the Board with written policies for staff regarding limited/restricted networks for a prescription drug (Act 630 of 2025) for Board approval.

**BOARD ACTION:**

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

Dr. McCrady requested the Board's approval to provide a \$5,000 sponsorship to the 2025 Stop Overdose Summit hosted by Arkansas Attorney General, Tim Griffin.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Newsome made the motion to approve the sponsorship request. Dr. Jolly seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

**BOARD ACTION:**

Dr. Boone made the motion to adjourn subject to reconvening until 1:45 if someone comes in and wants to comment on the public hearing. Dr. Jolly seconded the motion. The vote for the motion was unanimous.

Prepared by:

  
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Approved for the Board:

  
Deborah Mack, Pharm.D., President