

**Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Division of Professional Regulation
Illinois State Board of Pharmacy**

Minutes of Open Session

Meeting Date: January 9, 2024

Locations: Lincoln Conference Room, 4th Floor
555 W Monroe
Chicago, Illinois

Room 376, 3rd Fl
320 W Washington St
Springfield, Illinois

WEBEX Virtual Format

Call to Order: 10:32 a.m.

Adjournment: 12:12 p.m.

Board Members Participating in Chicago Location:

Denise Scarpelli, R.Ph., Chair
Tomson George, R.Ph., Vice-Chair
Glen Gard, CPhT, Member
Edwin Muldrow, R.Ph., Member
Glen Pietrandoni, R.PH., Member
Carrie Wiggins, R.Ph., Member
Robert Zimmerman, Member

Board Members Participating in Springfield Location:

Richard Mazzotti, R.Ph., Member

Board members participating remotely but not counted towards quorum:

Ryan McCann, R.Ph., Member
Yash V. Patel, R.Ph., Member

Board Members Unavailable: None

Division Staff Present:

Ricky Breen, Office of General Counsel
Robert Gerton, Board Liaison, Health Services Section
Steven Smith, Director of Drug Compliance

Guests: Many guests called into the meeting, however due to the virtual format of the meeting, guest roll was not taken.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
CALL TO ORDER	Chair Denise Scarpelli called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the Illinois State Board of Pharmacy meeting, then she took roll of the Board members participating in the meeting.	
MINUTES ACCEPTANCE	Board members reviewed the minutes of open session from the Ad Hoc December 19, 2023 meeting.	Motion was made and seconded (Pietrandoni/Gard) to accept the minutes. Motion carried.
NABP	<p>Carrie Wiggins and Tomson George will participate in the IL MPJE Item Writing in March 2024.</p> <p>The NABP Annual Meeting in May will conflict with the Illinois Board of Pharmacy Meeting. Suggestion was made to reschedule the meeting to a week earlier, May 7, 2024.</p>	The Board unanimously consented to rescheduling the May meeting to May 7, 2024 (10:30 a.m.).
IL MPJE	<p>In response to public comments about the IL MPJE, Mr. Gerton asked the Board the following questions:</p> <p>Is the IL MPJE still a fitting requirement or tool to ensure the safety of the public?</p> <p>Should we reconsider when and how remediation is being implemented (every 3 attempts total versus 3</p>	<p>The Board indicated that they feel that the exam is still helpful, but might be open to revisiting the issue in the future after seeing trends in other states.</p> <p>The Board recommended that 3 attempts per exam before remediation made more sense if the</p>

	attempts per exam)? Is 3 the right number?	Department is able to implement. (Scarpelli/George) Motion carried. Lastly, the Board likes 3 attempts per exam.
DEPARTMENT TIME	Counsel Breen shared with the Board a proposed variance that would permit pharmacists who have met all requirements for licensure including passing all exams to work more than 60 days while waiting for their licenses to be issued.	
PRESENTATION	John Fawzy from Omnicell shared a presentation about Automated Dispensing.	Consensus of the Board was that the robot technology in the presentation was already permitted under current laws and rules.
LEGISLATION UPDATE	Garth Reynolds of IPhA provided a legislation update. The Board thanked Garth.	
GUEST COMMENTS	The Chair opened the floor to comments or questions from guests.	
MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION		At 12:06 p.m. motion was made and seconded (Patel/George) to enter into Closed Session for the purposes set forth in Section 2(c)(15) & 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act. Scarpelli – Yes George – Yes Gard – Yes

		<p>Mazzotti – Yes McCann – Yes Muldrow – Yes Patel – Yes Pietrandoni – Yes Wiggins – Yes Zimmerman – Yes Motion carried.</p>
MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION		<p>At 12:10 p.m. motion was made and seconded (Pietrandoni/George) to return to Open Session. Motion carried.</p>
RECOMMENDATIONS		<p>Motion was made and seconded (McCann/Patel) to reaffirm the following recommendations made in closed session:</p> <p>Jody NOLAN 2023-00790 Indefinite suspension minimum of 2 years.</p> <p>Manahil KARIM Approved</p> <p>Omnia ISSA Approved</p> <p>Accept November 14, 2023 Minutes of Closed Session</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
SIGNATURES		<p>The Chair signed Findings of Fact for the above cases and Action Sheet Nos. 240001-240002 on behalf of the Board.</p>
ADJOURNMENT		<p>At 12:12 p.m. the meeting adjourned.</p>

