

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

**Minutes of Open Session**

**Meeting date:** July 8, 2025

**Locations:** Springfield Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, South  
555 W Monroe  
Chicago, Illinois

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

WEBEX Virtual Format

**Call to order:** 10:30 a.m.

**Adjournment:** 1:34 p.m.

**Board members participating in Chicago location:**  
Tomson George, R.Ph., Vice-Chair  
Glen Gard, CPhT  
Ayanna Gardner, R.Ph., Member  
Atenea Gazdziak, R.Ph., Member  
Edwin Muldrow, R.Ph., Member  
Robert Zimmerman, Member

**Board members participating in Springfield location:**  
Brandon Barringer, R.Ph., Member  
Richard Mazzotti, R.Ph., Member  
Carrie Wiggins, R.Ph., Member

**Board members participating remotely but not counted towards quorum:**  
Glen Pietrandoni, R.PH., Member

**Board members unavailable:** None

**Division staff present:** Janel Haretoun, Office of General Counsel  
Robert Gerton, 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.

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Vice-Chair Tomson George called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.	
<b>BOARD LEADERSHIP UPDATE</b>	Previous Chair Denise Scarpelli's reached the term limit and was not able to continue as chair. An election was held for Chair.	Tomson George was affirmed by the Board to serve as Chair for the remainder of the calendar year. Carrie Wiggins volunteered and was affirmed by the Board to serve as Vice-Chair for the balance of the calendar year.
<b>MINUTES ACCEPTANCE</b>	Board members reviewed the minutes of open session from the May 6, 2025 meeting.	Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. Motion carried.
<b>NABP</b>	<p>Chair Tomson George shared highlights and resolutions from the NABP 2025 Annual Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.</p> <p>The NABP District 4 meeting will be September 10-12, 2025 in Fort Wayne, IN.</p> <p>Jasmina Bjegovic, speaking for NABP, provided a presentation that included Illinois Pharmacy School IL MPJE Pass Rate data and information on the new Uniform Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam (UMPJE).</p>	

<b>HR 0334</b>	<p>The Department discussed the resolution in the context of NABP's presentation. Representatives from PharmD programs in Illinois also addressed the Board in the context of the discussion. The schools were generally in favor of eliminating the IL MPJE requirement.</p> <p>The Board was not unanimous in its recommendations. Some members of the Board requested more information on pass rates, etc. from NABP. It was noted that the IL BoP already took steps to address the IL MPJE pass rates with increased participation in Item Writing and Item Bank Review last year. These efforts last year are incorporated into this year's exams, and statistics for the full calendar year won't be available until sometime in 2026.</p>	<p>Motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Director that the IL MPJE exam requirement be eliminated entirely. Motion failed (5/5).</p> <p>Motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Director that a new Continuing Education requirement for pharmacists be created such that Pharmacists be required to complete 2 hours per cycle (1 hour per year) of "live" law CE. "Live" was further clarified that it could include in - person or remote but synchronous CE. Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Director that Illinois adopt or require the UMPJE in lieu of the IL MPJE when it becomes available. Motion carried.</p>
<b>DEPARTMENT TIME</b>	The Department is responding to comments made during first notice of the proposed Rules.	
<b>DISPOSITION OF CLOSED SESSION RECORDINGS</b>	Mr. Gerton asked on behalf of IDFPR records services if the Board would authorize the disposition of closed session recordings for the Board of Pharmacy Meetings from January 2004 to May 2018.	Motion was made and seconded to dispose of all closed session recordings for the Illinois State Board of Pharmacy for the years 2004 to 2018. Motion carried.

<b>LEGISLATION UPDATE</b>	Chris Crank of ICHP provided a legislation update.	The Board thanked Chris.
<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>	The Chair opened the floor to comments or questions from guests.	The board heard further comments surrounding pharmacist licensure exams.
<b>MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION</b>		At 1:17 p.m. motion was made and seconded to enter into Closed Session for the purposes set forth in Section 2(c)(15) & 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act. George – Yes Wiggins – Yes Barringer – Yes Gard – Yes Gardner – Yes Gazdziak – Yes Mazzotti – Yes Muldrow – Yes Zimmerman – Yes Motion carried. (Pietrandoni had left the meeting.)
<b>MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION</b>		At 1:30 p.m. motion was made and seconded to return to Open Session. Motion carried.
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>		Motion was made and seconded to affirm the following recommendations made in closed session:  UPCARE LLC Case 2025-01225 Revocation

		<p>Mark SALEM Case 2025-06876 Revocation</p> <p>Adrian PEEPLES Approved</p> <p>Silvana Raluca CRISTEA Approved</p> <p>Anu ANTO Approved</p> <p>Sarmad HAMIED Approved</p> <p>Cherry MATHEW Approved</p> <p>Rand SHAHATIT Approved</p> <p>Mohamed Saied SHALABY Approved</p> <p>Accept May 6, 2025 Minutes of Closed Session</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
<b>SIGNATURES</b>		<p>Vice-Chair Wiggins signed Action Sheets No. 250136—250142 on behalf of the board. Chair George signed Findings of Fact for case 2025-01225 on behalf of the board.</p>
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>		<p>At 1:34 p.m. the meeting adjourned.</p>