

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

Minutes of Open Session

Meeting date: September 9, 2025

Locations: “Springfield” Conference Room, 4th 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: 1:45 p.m.

Board members participating in Chicago location:
Tomson George, R.Ph., Chair
Carrie Wiggins, 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

Board members participating remotely but not counted towards quorum:
None

Board members unavailable: Glen Pietrandoni, R.PH., Member
Richard Mazzotti, R.Ph., Member

Division staff present: Ricky Breen, 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.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
CALL TO ORDER	Chair Tomson George called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.	
REMINDER	Tomson reminded the Board that the 2 nd Tuesday of November is a state holiday (Veteran's Day) and therefore the November meeting will be held on November 4, 2025 rather than November 11, 2025.	
MINUTES ACCEPTANCE	Board members reviewed the minutes of open session from the July 8, 2025 meeting.	Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. Motion carried.
HR 0334 IL MPJE	Representatives from UIC Retzky College of Pharmacy, Roosevelt University College of Science Health & Pharmacy, and NABP presented to the Board concerns surrounding the IL MPJE. Glen Schumock and Melissa Hogan were representing not only their own colleges, but all the Illinois Schools of Pharmacy. Jasmina Bjegovic represented NABP and presented information in response to the Board's July questions. The Uniform MPJE is expected to be available in June 2026.	There was a motion to reconsider the Board's July 2025 recommendations concerning the IL MPJE that carried 5Y/3N Motion was made and seconded to withdraw the Board's July 2025 recommendation to adopt the Uniform MPJE in lieu of the IL MPJE when it becomes available. Motion did not pass on a split vote, 4/4. Motion was made and seconded to eliminate the IL MPJE requirement. Motion did not pass on a split vote, 4/4.

NABP	Chair Tomson George reminded the Board and guests that the NABP District 4 meeting will be September 10-12, 2025 in Fort Wayne, IN.	
DEPARTMENT TIME	The Department is still responding to comments made during first notice of the proposed Rules.	
LEGISLATION UPDATE	Garth Reynolds of IPhA provided a legislation update.	The Board thanked Garth.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	The Chair opened the floor to comments or questions from guests.	The board heard further comments surrounding pharmacist licensure exams. Concern was raised about the Department's transition to require ITIN in lieu of SSN for international graduates, specifically in reference to interns. The process to obtain an ITIN involves confirmation of employment, however interns are not paid employees, so pharmacy schools must provide additional information to international students to help them obtain an ITIN.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION		At 1:19 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 Muldrow – Yes Zimmerman – Yes Motion carried.
MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION		At 1:44 p.m. motion was made and seconded to return to Open Session. Motion carried.
RECOMMENDATIONS		Motion was made and seconded to affirm the following recommendations made in closed session: KAZMI Case 2024-09653 Revoked Tomson Geroge Recused Gadiel MAGANA 2024-07068 Indefinite Suspension Minimum 1 year INTEGRATED HEALTH CONCEPTS 2023-09033 Revoked Payal H PATEL Approved

		Myrna TOHMAY Approved Jennifer ASHWORTH Approved Tomson Geroge Recused Omar ABEAD Approved Tomson Geroge Recused Bayan ABUSBITAN Approved Marcel BOCTOR Approved Celine CHAN Approved Israa DAYEKH Approved Huma QUADRI Approved. Accept July 8, 2025 Minutes of Closed Session Motion carried.
SIGNATURES		Vice-Chair Wiggins signed Action Sheets No. 250216—250224 on behalf of the board. Chair George signed Findings of Fact for cases 2024-09653, 2024-07068, 2023-09033 on behalf of the board.
ADJOURNMENT		At 1:45 p.m. the meeting adjourned.