

SC Board of Pharmacy Conference Call Meeting
1:00 p.m. Thursday, July 25, 2019
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina
Thursday, July 25, 2019

Board Members Present

Terry Blackmon, R.Ph.
Spencer Morris, PharmD
Rebecca Gillespie, PharmD
Heather C. Harris, PharmD
Eric Strauss, PharmD
Lauren Thomas, PharmD
Robert Hubbard, R.Ph.
Addison Livingston, PharmD

Others Present

Tracie Collier, PharmD, Board Administrator
Adam Russell, LLR/Office of General Counsel
Stephanie Calhoun, Board Staff
Ray Trotter, Board Staff
Holly Beeson, Office of Governmental Affairs

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Strauss announced this meeting was being held in accordance with Section 30-4-80 of the SC Freedom of Information Act by notice mailed or faxed to the State Newspaper, Associated Press, WIS-TV and all other requesting persons, organizations, or news media. In addition, notice was posted on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the Kingstree Building.

Consideration of Notice of Drafting regulation regarding classifications of permits and minimum standard for such permits

Executive Session In

Motion-Mr. Livingston made a motion to go into executive session for legal advice. Mr. Hubbard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Executive Session Out

Motion-Mr. Blackmon made a motion to come out of executive session. Mr. Morris seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

There were no votes taken or motions made in executive session.

Motion-Mr. Morris made a motion to declare the intent to draft the notice for regulations regarding classification of permits and minimum standards of such permits. Mr. Blackmon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Consideration of filing Notice of Drafting regulation regarding pharmacy staffing, safe working conditions, productivity metrics, and meal breaks

Mr. Strauss stated that the Board met last year to discuss the possibility of drafting a regulation to address working conditions for the practice of pharmacy. In the last year, the Board set up a Working Conditions Committee to look objectively at the issue. The public has presented testimony about working conditions at several different committee meetings and the Board has had numerous discussions at its main Board meetings. The committee with a unanimous vote concluded that there is a problem in the working conditions for licensees and the overall practice of pharmacy. An email was sent to the Board members requesting a draft of a regulation addressing pharmacy staffing, safe working conditions, productivity metrics and meal breaks. The draft submitted to the Board is not meant to be the final product. It is a template to show what the Board can do.

Further discussion ensued.

Motion-Mr. Morris made a motion to move forward with declaring intent to draft regulations related to pharmacy workplace conditions. Ms. Thomas seconded the motion. However, it did not pass with a majority.

Adjourn

Mr. Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Gillespie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.