## South Carolina Board of Pharmacy Board Meeting Minutes/Motions

9:00 a.m. March 26, 2025 Synergy Business Park 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina Kingstree Building, Lowcountry Conference Room

## Wednesday, March 26, 2025

This meeting is being held in accordance with the Section 30-4-8 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act by notice sent 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.

#### **BOARD MEMBER PRESENT:**

Archie McKnight, II, R.Ph. Vice Chair Michael Bedenbaugh, PharmD Heather Harris, PharmD Beverly Black, Public Member Cassey Eunice, PharmD Dottie Farfone, R.Ph. Mary Douglass Smith, PharmD Laney Shuler Spigener, III, PharmD Rebecca Gillespie, PharmD

### SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Kayce Shealy, Board Administrator Tara Nixon, Esq, Advice Counsel Stephanie Calhoun, Program Coordinator Julia Bales, PharmD, Staff Ray Trotter, R.Ph., Investigator Jennifer Harris, PharmD, Investigator Martin Chan, PharmD, Inspector Alison Gratton, PharmD, Inspector Douglas Murray, PharmD, Inspector

## **REPORTED BY:**

Christine Cortright, Court Reporter

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**—Dr. Spigener motioned to approve the agenda. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 15-16, 2025, MINUTES-**Dr. Harris motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Gillespie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**INSPECTOR'S REPORT-**Information in transcript.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT-Kayce Shealy, PharmD-Information in transcript.

FINANCE REPORT-Information in transcript.

# OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT-JENNIFER HARRIS, INVESTIGATOR, AND RAY TROTTER, INVESTIGATOR

## **IRC Statistical Report and IRC Recommendations**

Dismiss (17)

Letters of Caution (5)

Reconsideration for LOC (1)

Dr. Gillespie motioned to approve the statistical report and recommendations. Dr. Bedenbaugh seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

# **OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL-CASEY SMITH, ESQ ODC Statistical Report-**For information.

Voluntary Surrender(s)-For Information

**Relinquishment(s)-**For information.

Order of Temporary Suspension (s)-For information.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Compounding Committee-Michael Bedenbaugh, PharmD and Artie McKnight, R.Ph.-Update in transcript.

Dr. Bedenbaugh motioned to invite Eric Kastango to present to the Board June 18-19, 2025, on a similar topic that he presented in February at the NC Board of Pharmacy Compounding Summit. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

Pharmacy Technician Committee-Heather Harris, PharmD and Beverly Black, Pubic Member Update in transcript.

Practice & Technology Committee-Rebecca Gillespie, PharmD & Michael Bedenbaugh, PharmD Update in transcript.

Legislative Committee-Shuler Spigener, PharmD and Dottie Farfone, R.Ph.-Update in transcript.

Health System Pharmacy-Artie McKnight, R.Ph. and Mary Douglass Smith, PharmD-Update in transcript.

RPP Committee-Mary Douglass Smith, PharmD-Report in transcript.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Reciprocal Discipline Parameters-Kayce Shealy, PharmD-**The Board went into executive session for legal advice. No motions and no votes were made while in executive session.

Dr. Spigener moved to grant the Board Chair and Board Executive the discretion to make disciplinary decisions regarding matters reported on or after January 1, 2025, based on the information provided and to ensure ultimate patient safety. Dr. Bedenbaugh seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Expert Reviewers-Kayce Shealy, PharmD-**Dr. Bedenbaugh motioned to allow the Board executive to choose the expert reviewers and come up with the onboarding process. Dr. Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

South Carolina Pharmacy Association Update-Brian Clark, R.Ph., CEO-Update in the transcript.

**Federal vs State Regulations Update-Tara Nixon, Esq., Advice Counsel-** Discipline reported through NABP from other states on licenses or permit holders are to be reviewed by the Board Executive and Board Chair to determine if any complaints should be filed in our state.

Health System Non-Dispensing Drug Outlet Permits-Kayce Shealy, PharmD-The Board went into executive session for legal advice. No motions and no votes were made while in executive session.

Dr. Gillespie motioned that we clarify a few things related to certain points regarding regulation subsection (k). The hospital pharmacy permit we are discussing must be for an institutional pharmacy located at that hospital. A second permit, associated with the institutional pharmacy, is permissible. It does not need to have the same Person in Charge (PIC); in fact, there can be different PICs for each permit. However, we require that a monthly inspection is conducted for each of the child sites operating under the umbrella of the agent pharmacy permit. These inspections do not necessarily have to be performed by a pharmacist or a technician, but they must occur monthly, and the results must be readily available at the primary permitted site for inspection. Additionally, each of these child sites should be registered with the Board of Pharmacy, but they are not individually permitted by the Board. Therefore, it is our recommendation and opinion that these sites should not house controlled substances without a valid controlled substance registration from the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Clarification of Technician Duties-Kayce Shealy, PharmD- Automated dispensing cabinets may be loaded with unit dose meds after being verified by the pharmacist by a certified tech in an institutional setting that is ultimately given by another healthcare professional; licensure/permitting is required.

**EMS Inspections-Kayce Shealy, PharmD-**The Board went into executive session for legal advice. No motions and no votes were made while in executive session.

Dr. Gillespie motioned to deny the request for virtual EMS inspections. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Lapsed Permit Citation Appeals-Kayce Shealy, PharmD-**The Board went into executive session for legal advice. No motions and no votes were made while in the executive session.

Dr. Gillespie motioned to approve the IVO Rescue Information request to dismiss the citation due to their closure. However, all other citation appeals need to be brought before the hearing officer. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Intern Hours and Supervision-Kayce Shealy, PharmD-The Board went into executive session for legal advice. No motions and no votes were made while in executive session.

Dr. Harris motioned to approve the 2024 intern hours for Jackson West. Dr. Gillespie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Dr. Harris motioned to request that legal counsel provide a recommendation regarding the intern hours' notification and employment policy. Dr. Gillespie seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Pharmacy Access Protocol-Kayce Shealy, PharmD- Dr. Bedenbaugh motioned that due to ambiguity in the statute, for the time being, the Board recognizes that hormonal contraceptives can be prescribed through

standing order or can come directly from a pharmacist following the protocol. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

SCSHP Annual Meeting, March 5-7, 2025 Update-Mary Douglass Smith, PharmD Update in transcript.

Tri-Regulator Symposium & QRC Summit, March 6-7, 2025 Update-Kayce Shealy, PharmD Update in transcript.

MPJE Item Development Workshop, March 12-14, 2025 Update-Kayce Shealy, PharmD Update in transcript.

APhA Annual Meeting, March 21-24, 2025 Update-Kayce Shealy, PharmD Update in transcript.

Request Release from Board Order-Korey Patrick Gallagher, PharmD-The Board went into executive session for legal advice. No motions and no votes were made while in executive session.

Dr. Spigener motioned to reinstate Dr. Gallagher's pharmacist license on a probationary basis, requiring continued full compliance with RPP. He will not be able to serve as the PIC for one year from the date of the order. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Request Reduction in Renewal Late Fees-Kevin Hester, Performance Medical Supply, Inc.- Ms. Farfone -motioned to reduce the renewal late fees to \$190. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Request Approval of 2024 Intern Hours-Jackson West, PI-The Board went into executive session for legal advice. No motions and no votes were made while in executive session.

Dr. Harris motioned to accept the 2024 intern hours. Dr. Gillespie seconded the motion, which carried unanimous

Request Approval of Pharmacy Technician Application-Tammie Leitke-The Board went into executive session for legal advice. No motions and no votes were made while in executive session.

Dr. Gillespie motioned to allow Ms. Leitke to become a Pharmacy Technician after she submits 20 (twenty) ACPE accredit CE hours in 90 (ninety) days. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Request Approval of Pharmacy Technician Application-Tasheka Rogers-Dr. Smith motioned to approve the Pharmacy Technician Application. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Request Approval of Pharmacy Technician Application-Zachary D. Borgstedt-The Board went into executive session for legal advice. No motions and no votes were made while in executive session.

Dr. Bedenbaugh motioned that the application be held in abeyance pending an evaluation by RPP for mental health and substance abuse. After the applicant is deemed safe to practice and receives clearance from RPP, he should return to the Board to discuss the appropriate conditions or restrictions for his future practice. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Case# 2023-72-Dr. Spigener made a motion to accept the request and dismiss with a letter of caution. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

SCPhA Annual Convention June 19-22, 2025 (exhibit hall on 6/20 1 pm), Hilton Head, SC-Dr. Spigener motioned to send one staff person to the convention. Dr. Bedenbaugh amended the motion to send one staff person and one Board member (Dr. Spigener) to the convention. Ms. Black seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**District 3 meeting: September 7-10, 2025, Louisville, KY-**Dr. Spigener motioned to send two Board members, advice counsel, Board Executive and four staff to the meeting. Ms. Black seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MALTAGON: September 21-24, 2025, Norman, OK-Dr. Spigener motioned to send three Board members, advice counsel, Board Executive and inspectors to this meeting. Dr. Harris seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**New Date for September Board Meeting-** The September Board meeting needs to be rescheduled because of scheduling conflicts.

NABP Forum (Executive Officer, Compliance Officer, Board Member, Legal Counsel): October 27-30, 2025 Rosemont, IL-The Board requested to move this topic to the June 18-19, 2025 agenda.

**ADJOURN-**The meeting ended at 4:30 pm.