

South Carolina Board of Pharmacy Board Meeting Minutes/Motions

9:00 a.m. January 14-15, 2026

Synergy Business Park

110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina
Kingstree Building, Lowcountry Conference Room

Dr. Smith called the meeting to order and announced the 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:

Mary Douglass Smith, PharmD, Chair
Laney S. Spigener, III, PharmD, Vice Chair
Larry Meek, R.Ph.
Jarrod Tippins, PharmD
Josias A. Garcia, CPT
Cassey Eunice, PharmD
Dottie Farfone, R.Ph.
Rebecca Gillespie, PharmD
Beverly Black, Public Member

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Kayce Shealy, PharmD, Board Administrator
Carolyn Sutherland, Esq., Advice Counsel
Casey Smith, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Stephanie Calhoun, Program Coordinator
Sheila Young, R.Ph., Staff
Julia Bales, PharmD, Staff
Ray Trotter, R.Ph., Investigator
Jennifer Harris, PharmD, Investigator
Kim Bucher, PharmD, Investigator
Ivy Coleman, PharmD, Inspector
Alison Gratton, PharmD, Inspector
Douglas Murray, PharmD, Inspector
Martin Chan, PharmD, Inspector

REPORTED BY:

Christine Cortright, Court Reporter

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Spigener motioned to approve the agenda. Dr. Gillespie seconded the motion, which carried.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 19-20,2025 MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Gillespie motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which carried.

CONSIDERATION FOR EXCUES FOR ABSENCES OF BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Spigener moved to excuse Dr. Jarrod Tippins from day one of the meeting. Dr. Gillespie seconded the

motion, which carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS-Mary Douglass Smith, PharmD

Dr. Smith opened the meeting by expressing gratitude to the Compounding Committee Advisory Panel for their efforts and commitment. She emphasized the importance of fair regulations that protect patient safety while maintaining access to care, and stressed the need for open discussion and finding common ground to advance regulatory work without unnecessary delay. Dr. Smith expressed optimism about the work ahead and thanked the attendees for their service and dedication.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT-Kayce Shealy, PharmD

Dr. Shealy reported that the State has surpassed 10,000 actively licensed pharmacists and provided updates on licensing numbers and inspections completed. She announced that a new inspector would join the team on January 20, bringing the total to five inspectors who, will be geographically divided across the state, with the new inspector focusing on the upper coastal region.

Dr. Shealy mentioned plans to post an assistant position to help process applications due to increasing numbers. She also noted that public comments that were submitted on the proposed compounding regulations were provided in the Board book; no individual or organization requested a hearing on the proposed regulations.

Dr. Shealy advised that the Office of Governmental Affairs submitted the top three candidates for the 4th Congressional District election to the Governor on December 15th, 2025: Kevin Cogsdill, Raymond Westrick, and Tim Gentilcore. She explained that her office would receive formal notice of appointments once they were finalized and confirmed, but she may be able to attend relevant confirmation hearings when they appeared on committee agendas.

Dr. Shealy announced the start of the second year of the two-year legislative session and shared that Virginia Wetzel had provided a pharmacy-specific tracking link for legislative updates. Dr. Shealy explained that the link, found in the executive reports PDF, would be updated automatically whenever action is taken on relevant bills. Dr. Shealy also noted that the December financial information would be included in the March meeting report, with the Board currently in good standing.

Dr. Shealy discussed the inspector's report, highlighting the importance of ensuring current information is captured for transfers, as well as consultant pharmacists conducting monthly inspections and maintaining records on-site. She noted that med spas are more prevalent in certain areas. Dr. Shealy expressed appreciation for the inspectors' hard work in covering a large number of pharmacies across the state.

INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT-JENNIFER HARRIS, INVESTIGATOR, RAY TROTTER, INVESTIGATOR , KIM BUCHER, INVESTIGATOR

Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Statistical Report

Dr. Harris presented the following report for information purposes only: Between January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025 there were 125 active investigations, 259 closed cases and total complaints received were 326.

Review and Vote on IRC Recommendations

Dr. Harris and Attorney Smith answered questions relating to the IRC recommendations.

Dismiss (7)

Formal Complaint (6)

Letter of Caution (1)

Dr. Gillespie moved to accept the IRC recommendations. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL-CASEY SMITH, ESQ.

ODC Statistical Report

Attorney Casey Smith presented the ODC statistical report regarding disciplinary matters as of January 8, 2026.

One consent agreement was presented for approval.

Case# 2025-112

Dr. Gillespie moved to accept the consent agreement. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion, which carried.

There were two (2) voluntary surrenders and three (3) relinquishments presented to the Board for information.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Lara Hewitt from the South Carolina Hospital Association, Brian Clark from the South Carolina Pharmacy Association, and John Scheper from the South Carolina Society of Health-System Pharmacists presented reports from their respective association to the Board for information only.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of and Request for Extension of Walgreens Gene Therapy Pilot-Jeenu Philip, Director, Pharmacy Affairs.

Dr. Gillespie moved to extend the pilot program for not longer than one year and the entity must submit a non-resident application within ninety (90) days of an operational inspection. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which carried.

Reciprocity Interview Assignment for July 2026

Dr. Spigener and Mr. Garcia are available for the July Reciprocity Interviews.

IRC and Hearing Officer appointments

Dr. Spigener moved to discuss this item later in executive session for legal advice. Mr. Black seconded the motion, which carried.

Dr. Spigener amended the motion to include Dr. Shealy. Mr. Garcia seconded the amended motion, which carried.

Dr. Gillespie moved to add Dr. Heather Harris and Mr. Terry Blackmon to the IRC committee and Dr. Traci Collier as a hearing officer. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion, which carried.

Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE): NABP presentation on uniform MPJE and early offering of MPJE-Jasmina Bjegovic, PharmD

Jasmina Bjegovic, with NABP, presented to the Board on the development of the uniform MPJE and the early offering of the MPJE. The discussion covered upcoming changes to the exam structure, including a uniform version launching across several jurisdictions and the various implementation options currently under review.

Dr. Spigener moved to direct staff to gather more information regarding the early MPJE offering, starting with a meeting on January 26th with the deans of each school. Mr. Meek seconded the motion, which carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Discuss Drafted Compounding Regulations

a. Compounding Panel feedback

The Board focused on draft regulations for pharmacy compounding standards in South Carolina. Members of the Board-appointed Compounding Panel expressed concerns about fully adopting United States Pharmacopeia (USP) standards, citing potential burdens on practitioners and increased costs that may limit patient access. Members of the panel noted that a partial adoption approach would allow flexibility while maintaining safety standards. Discussions highlighted challenges of implementing USP 797, including confusion over categories and central distribution models. Members of the advisory panel also expressed the need for clear, concise

regulations that inspectors and practitioners could easily understand. Members of the panel shared experiences from other states and highlighted the importance of aligning standards with existing practices while allowing for professional judgment and institutional policies.

Dr. Eunice moved to go into executive session for legal advice. Dr. Gillespie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Spigener moved to return to regular session, with the motion seconded by Ms. Black; the motion carried. No votes were taken and no motions were made while in executive session.

There was further discussion focused on pharmacy standards of care, including USP requirements and enforcement authority in South Carolina. Other items of discussion included federal regulations for compounding, continuing education requirements for pharmacy personnel, compounding formulations, and standard of care models that have been adopted in other states. The Board requested feedback from the panelists on models in other states and other recommendations before the next meeting in March.

Request Approval of Pharmacy Technician Training Program-Ascencion C. Silva, PHT

Dr. Gillespie moved to approve the training program. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which carried.

Request Inspection Waiver-Biologics Inc. Melissa Kurtz, PharmD

Dr. Spigener moved to discuss this topic later in executive session for legal advice. Ms. Black seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Dr. Gillespie moved to enter into executive session for legal advice, which was seconded by Dr. Spigener; the motion carried.

Ms. Black moved to exit executive session, which was seconded by Mr. Garcia; the motion carried. There were no motions or decisions made while in executive session.

Dr. Spigener moved to deny the waiver, but to conditionally approve a non-resident permit under a pilot program permit similar to the Walgreens Gene Therapy program in 11a with following stipulations:

- The permit is conditional and may be revoked by the Board with 24 hours written notice via email to the Permit Holder. No additional notice or justification need be provided, and there will be no opportunity for a hearing or appeal of the Board's decision.
- You are required to provide any reports or other documentation related to the permit, permitted. Any information that constitutes trade secret or is confidential under other provisions of law may be placed under seal if requested in writing.
- If any other permit or license held by the facility, the named Permit Holder, or any other individuals employed by or affiliated with the facility is suspended, restricted, revoked, disciplined, relinquished, or otherwise terminated, notice must be provided in writing to the Board within 24 hours of the action. Similarly, if any report is made to the National Practitioner Data Bank on the previously described permits or licenses, the Board must be provided notice in writing within 24 hours of the report unless such disclosure is restricted by another provision of law.
- Upon award of the first contract for distribution, the Board should be timely notified. Similarly, following dispensing of the first treatment, the Board should be timely notified that the facility is operational. At least six (6) months and not less than eight (8) months after that initial operation date, an operational inspection must be conducted by the Board of Pharmacy in the state in which the facility is located or another agency approved by this Board. The results of the inspection must be submitted in full to the Board no more than seven (7) days after an

inspection summary or report is issued.

- The permit will expire exactly one year from the date of issuance unless you have appeared before the Board to request an extension of the pilot program.
- If and when you are approved for a full Non-Resident Permit, your Pilot Program Permit will immediately expire.
- Failure to comply with these stipulations will result in revocation of the license.

Mr. Garcia seconded the motion, which carried.

Approve Delegate for NABP Annual Meeting, May 12-15, 2026

Dr. Gillespie moved for Dr. Smith to be the delegate for the meeting and Dr. Shealy as the alternate delegate. Ms. Black seconded the motion, which carried.

Request Intern Certificate Extension-Aaron Dorch, PI

Intern request for certificate extension has been continued until Mr. Dorch appears before the Board.

Request Clarification of 2015 CE Audit Consent Agreement-Carla M. Coulter

The request is continued until the licensee appears before the Board.

The Board discussed generally, older consent agreements requiring CE completion for technicians who failed audits, noting challenges for those who left the profession and now wish to re-enter.

Dr. Gillespie moved to go into executive session for legal advice and to include Dr. Shealy. Dr. Eunice seconded the motion, which carried.

Ms. Black moved to come out of executive session. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion, which carried. No motions were made and no votes were taken while in executive session.

Dr. Gillespie moved that in lieu of the quality assurance and law refresher previously offered by the South Pharmacy Association, that we replace it with the South Carolina Board of Pharmacy reciprocity presentation. Dr. Eunice seconded the motion, which carried.

Approval of Updated Resolution Guidelines

Dr. Gillespie presented changes made to the guidelines related to drug diversion, medication errors and continuing education.

Dr. Gillespie moved to go into executive session for legal advice, along with Dr. Shealy and Attorney Casey Smith. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which carried.

Dr. Gillespie amended the motion to include Dr. Harris in the executive session. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which carried.

Ms. Black moved to come out of executive session. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion, which carried. No motions were made and no votes were taken while in executive session.

Ms. Farfone moved to approve the updated Resolution Guidelines. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion, which carried.

Board delegation for RPP participant's request for exemption from RPP's medical policy

The Board discussed allowing RPP participants to continue medication as prescribed by their medical provider without needing board approval. Dr. Shealy noted that current requirements of a board appearance may delay necessary medication and impede RPP compliance.

Dr. Gillespie moved to delegate authority to the Chair to review and approve medication requests from RPP participants. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which carried.

Appoint BOP Representatives to the Joint Pharmacist Administered Vaccines Committee

Mr. Garcia moved to nominate Dr. Shuler Spigener and Mr. Larry Meek to serve on this committee. Dr. Gillespie seconded the motion, which carried.

APPLICANT APPEARANCES

Request Approval of Reciprocity Application-Ruben Aguilar, R.Ph.

Dr. Spigener moved to approve the reciprocity application. Ms. Black seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Request Approval of Pharmacy Technician Registration Application-Jessica Schermerhorn

Dr. Gillespie moved to approve the pharmacy technician registration application. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which carried.

The meeting stood in recess until January 15, 2026

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NON-RESIDENT APPLICATION HEARING

Request Approval of Virtual Wholesale Permit Application-Ethicon US, LLC

Request Approval of Manufacturer and Virtual Manufacturer Permit Application-Granules Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Kamal Mandan, CFO

The non-resident application hearings were removed from the docket by consent of the parties..

HEARINGS

In the Matter of:

Case# 2023-214-Mr. Garcia moved to accept the stipulation of fact, find the Respondent violated South Carolina Code 40-1-110 (1)(a) and issue a public reprimand. Dr. Gillespie seconded the motion, which carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no one in attendance to offer public comments.

ADJOURN

Dr. Gillespie moved to adjourn. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which carried.