

South Carolina Board of Pharmacy Board Meeting

Minutes/Motions

9:00 a.m. Marcy 17-18, 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.

Jarrold Tippins, PharmD

Josias A. Garcia, CPT

Cassey Eunice, PharmD

Dottie Farfone, R.Ph.

Rebecca Gillespie, PharmD

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

Chelsi Kaiser, Staff

Julia Bales, PharmD, Staff

Ray Trotter, R.Ph., Investigator

Kim Bucher, PharmD, Investigator

Ivy Coleman, PharmD, Inspector

Alison Gratton, PharmD, Inspector

Douglas Murray, PharmD, Inspector

Martin Chan, PharmD, Inspector

John Heaphy, PharmD, Inspector

Virginia Wetzel, Communications and Governmental Affairs

REPORTED BY:

Cindy Patterson, Court Reporter

CONSIDERATION OF EXCUSES FOR ABSENCES OF BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Spigener moved to accept the excused absences for Beverly Black (March 17th and March 18th) and Rebecca Gillespie (March 17th). Dr. Eunice seconded the motion, which carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Spigener moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Meek seconded the motion, which carried.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 14-16, 2026 AND THE FEBRUARY 19, 2026 CALLED MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Tippins moved to approve the minutes. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which carried.

CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS-Mary Douglass Smith, PharmD

Dr. Smith acknowledged the significant effort put in by Board members, staff, inspectors, legal counsel, and partners across the Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation. She highlighted the ongoing work related to compounding regulation, noting that the board has spent substantial time evaluating how to approach this issue over the past 18 months through reviewing statutes, examining regulatory models, and engaging with stakeholders to ensure patient safety and a workable regulatory environment.

Dr. Smith explained that the Board of Pharmacy has been working to modernize the framework for compounding practice in South Carolina, focusing on ensuring public safety while avoiding unnecessary regulatory burden. She emphasized the importance of having clear and defensible standards for evaluating practice when issues arise, and noted that the Board's responsibility remains with the protection of the public in South Carolina. She also highlighted the evolving nature of compounding practice and the need to remain attentive to national trends and emerging risks, while acknowledging the collaborative and educational nature of the Board.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE-Virginia Wetzel, Communications and Governmental Affairs

A current Senate bill, which now includes a House amendment, seeks to expand the scope of pharmacy practice by granting authority for CLIA-waived testing and test-and-treat protocols. Under this amendment, the legal definition of practice of pharmacy would encompass a variety of CLIA-waived tests, specifically including strep, flu, and COVID-19. To implement this, the bill requires the development of joint protocols within 90 days of the act's effective date by the Boards of Pharmacy and Medical Examiners. The legislative process now requires the amended bill to return to the Senate for concurrence. If disagreements persist between the two chambers, a conference committee may be necessary to finalize the language before the legislative session concludes in May. Additionally, Bill 378 remains under watch as a separate but related piece of legislation concerning test-and-treat and standard-of-care updates.

The Board agreed to appoint a small group or delegate representative to work with Board of Medical Examiners to draft the required protocols to meet the 90-day timeframe.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT-Kayce Shealy, PharmD

Dr. Shealy noted that pharmacist renewals are currently underway and must be completed before April 1 to avoid a \$50 late fee, though existing licenses remain active through April 30. Facility and technician renewals are scheduled to open around April 1, supporting a system that currently manages over 20 permit types, including in-state and out-of-state facilities. To streamline operations, more in-state and nonresident facility renewals will transition to online renewals in 2026, with plans to move initial applications to an online format this summer. The board is also expanding its team, having added a fifth inspector, John Heaphy, in January, while actively recruiting for an investigator and an administrative assistant. Recent inspections have highlighted several common compliance issues, such as incomplete immunization kits, failure to conspicuously display permits, and monthly inspections being readily available at non-dispensing sites.

INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT- Ray Trotter, Investigator and Kim Bucher, Investigator Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Statistical Report

Dr. Bucher presented the following report for information purposes only: Between January 1, 2026 – February 20, 2026 there were ninety-six (96) active investigations, thirty-three (33) closed cases and there were thirty-eight (38) total complaints received.

Review and Vote on IRC Recommendations

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

Dismiss (9)

Formal Complaint (14)

Letter of Caution (24)

Dr. Spigener moved to accept the IRC recommendations with an exception of case# 2025-227, and to reject the letter of caution and move it to a formal complaint. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion, which carried.

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL-CASEY SMITH, ESQ.

ODC Statistical Report

Attorney Casey Smith, presented the ODC statistical report regarding disciplinary matters as of March 3, 2026. The report indicated the following: there are currently thirty-eight (38) open cases, seven (7) cases pending hearings or agreements, seven (7) cases pending closure, seven (7) cases have been closed.

There was one voluntary surrender and one relinquishment presented to the Board for information.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration and vote for early offering of MPJE

Ms. Farfone moved to adopt the early offering of the MPJE. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which carried.

Consideration of Uniform MPJE

The Board held a discussion regarding the Uniform MPJE (UMPJE), requesting more information. Several states are already moving toward the UMPJE, with options including a state-specific module combined with the UMPJE.

Approval of Additional Board meeting dates

Dr. Spigener moved to accept the additional 2026 Board meeting dates: April 22nd, April 23rd, April 27th, April 28th, May 4th and May 19th. Dr. Eunice seconded the motion, which carried.

Compounding regulations

The Board continued to actively review and update compounding regulations. Discussions focused on defining "substantial change" in compounding services to focus on initiating sterile or non-sterile services, rather than minor modifications. There was discussion about requiring notification of new compounding services and an operational inspection, prioritizing higher-risk sterile compounding over non-sterile services. The Board acknowledged that called meetings would be needed to continue drafting regulations before the next meeting in June.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE UPDATES

South Carolina Pharmacy Association

Brian Clark from SCPhA presented a report regarding priorities of SCPhA to the Board for information only.

South Carolina Society of Health-System Pharmacists

Eric Chmielewski from SCSHP presented a report on priorities of SCSHP to the Board for information only.

APPLICANT APPEARANCES

Request Approval of Pharmacy Technician Application-Clariesa Ann Thompson

This matter was continued.

BOARD ORDERS

Request Release from Board Order-Ansley Steller Lorenz, PharmD

Ms. Farfone moved to release Dr. Lorenz from her Board order. Dr. Tippins seconded the motion, which carried.

Request Release from Board Order-Darron Barksdale, R.Ph.

Dr. Gillespie moved to release Mr. Barksdale from his Board order. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Request Intern Certificate Extension-Aaron Dorch, PI

Mr. Dorch could not attend the meeting. The denial of his intern certificate extension still stands.

Request Reconsideration of Intern Hours-Ana Mendoza, PI

Dr. Spigener moved to accept Ms. Mendoza's intern hours provided that she shows documentation of intern hours from two separate locations. Dr. Gillespie seconded the motion, which carried.

Request Reconsideration of Intern Hours-Nicole Hernandez, PI

Dr. Spigener moved to approve the intern hours for Ms. Hernandez. Dr. Gillespie seconded the motion, which carried.

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

This matter was continued.

Discussion of pending legislation that may require Board action

Below is a summary of topics discussed under this heading.

Test-and-Treat Amendment: If passed, the Board of Pharmacy and Board of Medical Examiners must develop a written protocol within 90 days. The House expanded the scope to include **CLIA-waived tests** (specifically for flu, COVID, and strep). While Senate concurrence is still pending, the Board plans to form a small subgroup to draft these regulations immediately upon enactment.

Board Travel and Meeting Attendance Reports

SCPhA House of Delegates

Dr. Spigener reported attending the SCPhA House of Delegates meeting on February 15, 2026, highlighting discussions on collaborative practice agreements, the Pharmacy Access Act, and PBM regulations. The meeting also addressed Standard of Care Task Force updates and student reports from MUSC, PCSP, and USC.

NC BOP Compounding Summit

Dr. Smith, Dr. Spigener, and Dr. Eunice provided an update on their attendance at the Summit in Chapel Hill. The Summit focused on quality systems, regulatory inspections, 503B outsourcing, the risks of poor documentation and the FDA enforcement, particularly regarding sterilization, hazardous drugs, and pediatric compounding.

Board Travel Requests

SCPHA Annual Meeting with House Delegates, Hilton Head, SC July 9-12, 2026

Dr. Spigener moved to approve Dr. Tippins' attendance the annual meeting as a delegate on behalf of the Board. Mr. Meek seconded the motion, which carried.

NABP Symposium on AI in Pharmacy Practice and Regulation, Rosemont, IL August 11-12, 2026

Dr. Tippins moved to approve one staff member attend the symposium on behalf of the Board. Dr. Spigener seconded to motion, which carried.

NON-RESIDENT APPLICATION HEARING

Request Approval of Non-Resident Pharmacy Application-Houston Rx

Dr. Shuler moved to deny Houston Rx a nonresident pharmacy permit, noting in part, that Houston Rx does not meet the SC requirements necessary to approve their permit. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion, which carried.

Request Approval of Non-Resident Pharmacy Application-All Family Pharmacy, David P. Mackrey, PIC and Tommy Kuenzler, Owner- Dr. Spigener moved to deny the non-resident application noting that this applicant's business model does not comply with SC requirements for permit. Dr. Gillespie seconded the motion, which carried.

Request Approval of Non-Resident Pharmacy Association-Roosevelt Pharmacy Inc. DBA Roosevelt Pharmacy, Aesha Vora, Pharmacist Manager

Dr. Spigener moved to go into executive session to seek legal advice regarding the MOA and the application. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion, which carried.

Dr. Spigener moved to exit executive session. Mr. Garcia second the motion, which carried. There were no decisions made and no motions or votes taken while in executive session.

The Board did find, based on the evidence presented, that there were violations of 40-43-110(1)(k) and 40-43-20 for directly dispensing 16 prescriptions to patients in South Carolina without an active permit. However, the Board found the licensee's testimony compelling. Dr. Spigener moved to reject the memorandum of agreement and issue a letter of caution. Dr. Eunice seconded the motion, which carried.

HEARINGS

Case# 2024-248

Dr. Gillespie moved to accept the MOA, issue a public reprimand and a \$500 fine. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which carried.

Case# 2024-216

Mr. Garcia moved to go into executive session for legal advice. Dr. Shuler seconded the motion, which carried.

Dr. Spigener moved to exit executive session. Ms. Farfone seconded the motion, which carried. While in executive session no decisions were made and no motions or votes were taken.

Mr. Garcia moved to accept the MOA with conditions known to the Board and Respondent. Dr. Spigener seconded the motion, which carried.

Case# 2025-117

Dr. Spigener moved to go into executive session for legal advice. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion, which carried.

Dr. Spigener moved to exit executive session. Dr. Tippins seconded the motion, which carried. While in executive session no decisions or motions were made and no votes were taken.

Dr. Spigener moved to accept the MOA with conditions known to the Board and the Respondent. Dr. Gillespie seconded to motion.

Adjourn-Dr. Spigener moved to adjourn. Dr. Tippins seconded to motion, which carried.