

Minutes of the Meeting
State Board of Pharmacy
August 24, 2021
Education Building – Room 146

Members Present:

John Marraffa Jr., Chair
Claudia Alexander
Debra Feinberg
Heather King
Michelle Lewis
Mark Soffing
Christopher Wallen

Extended Members Present:

Maria Mantione
Daniel Molino

Staff:

Sarah Benson, Deputy Commissioner
Dina Jazrawi, Executive Secretary
Alexander Goh, Pharmacy Supervisor, Practice and
Registration
Victoria Hay, Associate Attorney
Sonya Tucker, Education Program Assistant II

Executive Session

1. Motion: King/Feinberg: That the Board enter Executive Session at 9:58 a.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
2. Board discussion in Executive Session included the following items, only to the extent to which they are proprietary and confidential information related to matters before the Department:
 - Professional Exams
 - Topics related to Disciplinary and Professional Assistance Matters
3. Motion: King/Feinberg: Move to adjourn Executive Session at 10:08 a.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes of the Meeting
State Board of Pharmacy
August 24, 2021
Education Building – Room 146

Extended Members Present:

Maria Mantione
Daniel Molino

Members Present:

John Marraffa Jr., Chair
Claudia Alexander
Debra Feinberg
Heather King
Michelle Lewis
Mark Soffing
Christopher Wallen

Staff:

Sarah Benson, Deputy Commissioner
Dina Jazrawi, Executive Secretary
Alexander Goh, Pharmacy Supervisor, Practice and
Registration
Victoria Hay, Associate Attorney
Stephanie Maes, Assistant in Higher Education
Sonya Tucker, Education Program Assistant II

Public Session

1. Motion: Feinberg/King: That the Board enter Public Session at 11:02 a.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
2. **Welcome and introduction:** Chairman Marraffa led the introductions of Board Members and Department Staff. Executive Secretary Jazrawi led the introductions of audience members.
3. Motion: King/Feinberg: That the minutes of the May 18, 2021 meeting of the State Board of Pharmacy, be approved. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. **Report of the Chair:** Chairman Marraffa discussed an overview of events since the past Board meeting explaining that because the legislature is not in session, there were no bills of interest to discuss. He noted that three Board members were not able to attend the meeting, which was originally scheduled for September.
5. **Report of the Executive Secretary:** Executive Secretary Jazrawi reported that the Office of Professional Discipline's upstate division successfully hired Kelly Sullivan for its Pharmacy Consultant position, noting that the Department has entered into a short-term partnership with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) to assist in the State's pharmacy inspections, including sterile compounding inspections. The search for the downstate pharmacy consultant position remains ongoing. Ms. Jazrawi also reported that the FDA has delayed implementation of its Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) until the year 2022, the MOU is currently under review by Counsel. Effective March 2022, NABP will increase testing fees for the NAPLEX and MPJE exams. In addition, Ms. Jazrawi reported that the Department is continuing to accept applications for the Registered Pharmacy Technician vacancies on the Board, interested applicants should contact the Board Office. Also, within the Department, there is an Executive Secretary opening for the State Board of Psychology – candidates interested must be licensed in the State of New York and should submit their resumes to the Department.
6. **Report of the Part III Committee:** Member Feinberg provided the Board with a report addressing the successful administration of the June 8, 2021 Part III Examination, which was administered to 521 candidates. Member Feinberg also thanked the Exam Committee Members and Department staff for their assistance throughout the examination process.

7. **Report of the MPJE Committee:** Member Feinberg provided a brief report to the Board advising that the MPJE Committee and the Department are currently engaged in NABP's remote item review for the MPJE examination. Member Feinberg also thanked the members of the MPJE Committee and Department staff for their assistance with the remote review.
8. **New Business:**
- **Proposed Regulatory Amendments to Update Licensure Requirements:** Ms. Jazrawi provided an overview of the proposed regulatory amendments, which are anticipated to be presented to the Board of Regents at their upcoming September meeting. Such amendments are being proposed pursuant to the results of a gap analysis conducted by the Department in conjunction with the Board of Pharmacy. Based on newly released content information from the nationally offered North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE), which are both required for NYS licensure, it was determined that the newly formatted, electronic version of the Part III Examination now overlaps these testing competencies. The proposed amendments include modifications to the licensure endorsement pathway, removal of the Part III examination as a requirement for pharmacist licensure in New York State, and the addition of compounding to continuing education (CE) requirements. Discussion was had pertaining to CE provider accreditation, currently approved CE providers, candidates who have previously failed the Part III exam and the Form 4B pathway. Further discussion was had concerning various other potential topics that may be considered for mandatory inclusion in the CE requirements, Board Members requested that Deputy Commissioner Benson share their considerations regarding the CE topics with the Board of Regents. Deputy Commissioner Benson recognized and thanked all the Board of Pharmacy Members for their current and past contributions to the Part III Examination on behalf of the Board of Regents.
 - **Discussion of Draft Pharmacy Technician Profile for P-12 Students:** Dr. Maes from the Deputy Commissioner's Office sought the Board of Pharmacy's feedback on proposed Registered Pharmacy Technician materials that will be posted on the Department's web page about careers in the licensed professions. The Board will review the drafted profile and provide feedback back to the Department.
 - **Committee Appointments:** Chairman Marraffa provided the Committee Appointments as follows: MPJE Committee: Chair, Nasir Mahmood. Nominating Committee: Chair, Heather King. CDTM Committee: Chair, Renee Hofman. Mr. Marraffa reiterated to the Board that as stated at the May meeting, to stay in alignment with the Chair and Vice-chair term limits Committee Chair terms would be limited to two years, although a Committee Chair may choose to serve for less than two years. Mr. Marraffa provided the new Board Members with an outline of each of the Committees and their functions and asked that new Board Members consider the various tasks of the Committees when volunteering to serve at the Board's next meeting.
 - **Future Meeting Dates:** Future Board Meeting Dates determined as: November 30, 2021; March 8, 2022; May 24, 2022; and September 13, 2022.
9. **Closing Remarks and Adjournment:** Ms. Jazrawi provided closing remarks to the Board, thanking the Board Members and Department Staff for their participation and discussion at the Board meeting. Ms. Jazrawi will distribute a memo regarding the proposed regulatory amendments.

10. Motion: Feinberg/King: Move to adjourn Public Session at 12:34 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

DRAFT