

New York State Board of Pharmacy
Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2023

New York State Education Department
1411 Broadway
New York, New York 10018

Executive Session

Executive Secretary Jazrawi called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

A motion was made and seconded for the Board to enter Executive Session at 9:39 a.m. (Hoffman/Soffing). Passed Unanimously.

Board members present: Nasir Mahmood (Chair), Renee Hofman (Vice-Chair), Darien Castorina, Leon Cosler, Karen Divens, Mark Klang, Michelle Lewis, Mark Soffing, Christopher Wallen and Miller Young.

Extended members present: Maria Mantione, Frank Sosnowski

State Education Department (Department) staff present: Dina Jazrawi Executive Secretary (ES), Owen Donovan, Jeffrey Fisher, Alexander Goh, Mohammad Islam, Algeste Marcellus, Chris O'Connell, Dennis Spillane, Kelly Sullivan, Heidi Weinman

Discussion in Executive Session included the following items, only to the extent that they are related to matters before the Department:

1. Professional Examinations
2. Disciplinary and Professional Assistance Program Matters

Public Session

Executive Secretary Jazrawi called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m.

Board members present: Nasir Mahmood (Chair), Renee Hofman (Vice-Chair), Darien Castorina, Leon Cosler, Karen Divens, Mark Klang, Michelle Lewis, Mark Soffing, Christopher Wallen and Miller Young.

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1. Welcome and Introduction

ES Jazrawi led the introduction of Board members, Department staff and members of the public.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

The October meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted (Hofman/Divens). Passed unanimously.

3. Report of the Chair

Chairman Mahmood's report highlighted the accomplishments of the Board and Department Staff since the Board's October meeting. Such achievements included working with ES Jazrawi to present to P1 students at Long Island University (LIU), attending the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination's annual writing session hosted by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy and speaking at the Pakistani American Pharmacist Association's annual gala.

Chairman Mahmood also shared that phishing scams continuing to evolve and occur within the pharmacy community. Most recent incidents involve callers claiming to be from the Drug Enforcement Agency. Members of the pharmacy community should report any encounters to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). A notice is posted on the Department's website providing members of the public with the FTC's contact information.

4. Report of the Executive Secretary

ES Jazrawi's report provided the Board with updates regarding: the Board of Regent's Professional Stakeholder Gathering taking place in April, her participation as an observer of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education's virtual accreditation visit of the Lebanese American University's School of Pharmacy, and an overview of the budget proposals of the Governor, the Assembly and the Senate.

She echoed Chairman Mahmood's thanks to LIU for its continued collaboration with the Board of Pharmacy sharing that she had the honor of being the Keynote Speaker at LIU's Class of 2026 White Coat Ceremony.

5. Presentation: Updates on USP

Member Klang provided updates on some of the revisions to USP <795> and USP <797> that will take effect in November 2023.

Member Soffing provided the Board with a primer on USP <825> and discussed some changes to the chapter that will take effect in November 2023.

6. New Business

a. Discussion: Establishment Operations

The Board discussed the processes and requirements registered resident establishments must adhere to when notifying the Department of an establishment's discontinuance, relocation, renovation or change of Supervising Pharmacist. A letter from the Department explaining some of the requirements / processes resident establishments must adhere to will accompany resident establishment registration certificates moving forward.

Board members expressed concern around numerous pharmacies not operating in accordance with their posted hours. The Board discussed the need for pharmacies to be open in accordance with the hours submitted within the establishment's most recent registration / renewal paperwork.

b. Discussion: Central Fill Regulations

The Board reviewed a preliminary draft of regulations pertaining to Central Fill.

Discussion was had around the shipping of medications directly to patients, the dispensing controlled medications, methods by which to obtain patient consent / provide patient notification, and prescription label requirements.

c. Discussion: Long-Acting Injectable Medication Regulations

ES Jazrawi shared that the Legislature confirmed the intent of A.3040b was not to require additional training for pharmacists who already have their administration privilege. The Board discussed this matter and agreed that additional training should not be required as licensed professionals are required to be competent in the tasks they perform.

Discussion ensued around the administration of anaphylactic medications and the appropriate time frame in which a prescriber is to be notified post medication administration.

With the law scheduled to take effect later this year, drafting of the regulations over the next few months will be necessary.

d. Discussion: Pharmacy Workplace Survey Content Review

The Board reviewed the 2022 Pharmacy Workplace Survey and discussed which questions within it require revisions/removal. Board members also considered what additional questions should be added to the survey prior to its distribution in Spring/Summer of 2023.

e. Discussion: Executive Committee Nomination Proposals

Member Hofman presented the Nominating Committee's slate. The committee nominated Members Mahmood and Hofman to serve another year as Chair and Vice-Chair. A motion was made and seconded to approve the nomination as presented (Hofman/Klang). Passed unanimously.

7. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Chairman Mahmood, Vice-Chair Hofman and ES Jazrawi thanked everyone for attending the productive meeting.

The Board answered questions from members of the public.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting (Wallace/Hofman) at 3:00 p.m. Passed Unanimously.

Minutes submitted by,

Dina Jazrawi, PharmD
Executive Secretary