

### **California State Board of Pharmacy**

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California State Board of Pharmacy
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Public Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 13, 2023

**Location:** OBSERVATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON:

California State Board of Pharmacy

2720 Gateway Oaks Drive, First Floor Hearing Room Sacramento, CA 95833

Board of Pharmacy staff members were present at the

observation and public comment location.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND COMMENT FROM A REMOTE

LOCATION: WebEx

**Board Members** 

**Present:** Seung Oh, PharmD, Licensee Member, President

Jessica Crowley, PharmD, Licensee Member, Vice President

Trevor Chandler, Public Member, Treasurer Renee Barker, PharmD, Licensee Member

Indira Cameron-Banks, Public Member (joined at 11:55 a.m.)

Jose De La Paz, Public Member

Kartikeya "KK" Jha, Licensee Member Maria Serpa, PharmD, Licensee Member Nicole Thibeau, PharmD, Licensee Member

**Board Members** 

**Not Present:** Jignesh Patel, Licensee Member

Jason Weisz, Public Member

**Staff Present:** Anne Sodergren, Executive Officer

Julie Ansel, Assistant Executive Officer Corinne Gartner, DCA Staff Counsel

Jennifer Robbins, DCA Regulations Counsel Debbie Damoth, Executive Specialist Manager

### **December 13, 2023**

I. Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum, and General Announcements

California State Board of Pharmacy Board Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2023 Page 1 of 26 President Oh called the Board meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

President Oh reminded all individuals present that the Board is a consumer protection agency charged with administering and enforcing Pharmacy Law. Where protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

President Oh advised all individuals the meeting was being conducted via WebEx. Dr. Oh advised participants watching the webcast they could only observe the meeting. Dr. Oh noted anyone interested in participating in the meeting must join the WebEx meeting using the instructions posted on the Board's website. Department of Consumer Affairs' staff provided general instructions for participating in the meeting via WebEx or phone.

Roll call was taken. The following Board members were present via WebEx: Jessi Crowley, Licensee Member; Trevor Chandler, Public Member; Renee Barker, Licensee Member; Jose De La Paz, Public Member; KK Jha, Licensee Member; Maria Serpa, Licensee Member; Nicole Thibeau, Licensee Member; and Seung Oh, Licensee Member. A quorum was established.

### II. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda/Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Members of the public were provided with an opportunity to provide comment for items not on the agenda or agenda items for a future meeting.

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to comment in Sacramento.

A pharmacist commented wanting to ensure the Board was enforcing AB 1286 and shared their experiences with working conditions.

An owner of a pharmacy commented on issues arising with closing pharmacies and an influx of patients to the surrounding pharmacies. The patients are being turned away by local chain pharmacies and coming to the independent pharmacies. The commenter noted the impact of access to consumers with large chains closing and other chains turning away consumers. The commenter thought the issue was a reimbursement issue.

Member Chandler requested a future agenda item to better understand reimbursement issues by PBMs and explore any potential authority the Board has in this regard. Ms. Sodergren will work with President Oh and suggested the Board may want to have a presentation provided on the new legislation that passed and speaks to reimbursements. President Oh noted awareness and concern of the situation. Dr. Oh expressed concern about helping in this area and noted the many limitations.

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to comment through WebEx.

A member of the public commented to advocate for those injured or killed by COVID-19 vaccines.

A specialty pharmacist thanked the Board for expanding the remote processing definition in November 2023 and requested how the public would be informed if an author was secured.

The Board heard a comment requesting a future agenda item to discuss a need for advance notice to consumers when there were closures of pharmacies.

A member of the public commented concerning the safety of COVID-19 vaccines.

A representative of CSHP requested an FAQ on medication flavoring.

A comment was received requesting the Board discuss the intern-pharmacist ratio.

Members were then provided an opportunity to comment.

Members discussed the possible agenda items presented to the Board. The Board was interested in discussing the issues of closures of pharmacies and access to controlled substances on a future agenda. Specifically, if a pharmacy closes, does the allocation of the access to controlled substances increase in the surrounding areas to accommodate for the increase of patients to surrounding pharmacies. The Board also expressed an interest to explore the pharmacy deserts created by pharmacy closures. The Board realized it would be an educational opportunity. President Oh and Executive Officer Sodergren were working on the issue with state agencies.

The Board also expressed a desire to have a discussion on drug shortages. President Oh advised staff were working on this topic as a future agenda item.

President Oh asked Chairperson Serpa of the Enforcement and Compounding Committee about the request for FAQs on flavoring. Dr. Serpa advised USP has FAQs on flavoring.

## III. Recognition and Celebration of Pharmacists Licensed in California for 40 Years and other Recognitions

President Oh reminded members that several years ago, the Board changed its recognition program for pharmacists and currently recognizes pharmacists that have been licensed for 40 or more years. Dr. Oh noted the information was posted on the Board's website and pharmacists were provided with a certificate.

President Oh noted prior to transitioning to remote meetings, the Board routinely provided an opportunity for pharmacists licensed for 40 years to attend a Board

meeting and be recognized by the Board. Dr. Oh continued although the Board has returned to remote meetings, the Board would like to provide an opportunity for the Board to recognize pharmacists that have been licensed in California for 40 years.

There were no pharmacists identifying themselves to be recognized for 40 years of service as a pharmacist. President Oh thanked and congratulated pharmacists who had been licensed as a pharmacist for over 40-years. Dr. Oh thanked all pharmacy staff who worked in pharmacy serving the consumers of California.

# IV. Discussion and Possible Action Related to Proposed Regulations, Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 1707.6, Related to Notice to Consumers, Including Changes Requested by the Office of Administrative Law

President Oh recalled in April 2023, following a 45-day comment period, the Board voted to adopt regulation text to amend California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1707.6 related to the Board's Notice to Consumers poster. Following adoption by the Board, the final rulemaking package was submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) as required by the Administrative Procedure Act. During the review by OAL issues were identified. OAL requested three amendments to the regulation text to ensure compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

President Oh reported that the draft regulation text included in the meeting materials reflected the changes requested by OAL. The modified text was reflected in double underline and double strikethrough. Dr. Oh considered the information and agreed with the staff recommendations, noting that if the Board agreed and voted to further amend the proposed regulation text, the Board would initiate a 15-day comment period, providing licensees with an opportunity to provide comments on these additional changes to the proposed regulation text.

Members were provided an opportunity to comment.

Members expressed concerns about the suggested language noting the implication of the language that pharmacists have a duty to fill prescriptions. With the closure of many chain pharmacies coupled with the decision of chain pharmacies to not carry certain medication as well as drug shortages, there was additional concern of implication that the pharmacist was required to find the medication. Ms. Sodergren noted to change the language would require a change in Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 733. As originally noticed, the proposed language would have cross referenced BPC section 733, but the Board was advised by OAL that the Board could not take that approach and must include the specific statutory language.

DCA Regulations Counsel Robbins agreed with Ms. Sodergren and stated the language was to ensure there were no roadblocks put in place by pharmacists in line with statutory language rather to insist that pharmacists have to somehow provide a

way to provide alternatives. Ms. Robbins stated the language would not be used to require that of pharmacists.

Members discussed the implications of the language but identified it was the same language as included on the current Notice to Consumers poster. Members agreed that in the future the Board should look at the statutory language in BPC section 733 and consider updating it.

### Motion:

Approve the amended regulation text and initiate a 15-day comment period. Additionally, if no adverse comments are received during the 15-day comment period, authorize the executive officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed regulations at Section 1707.6 as noticed. Further, delegate to the executive officer the authority to make technical or non-substantive changes as may be required by the Control agencies to complete the rulemaking file.

### Title 16. Board of Pharmacy Modified Text

Proposed Text: <u>Underline</u> is text that will be added. <del>Strikethrough</del> is text that will be deleted.

Modified Text: <u>Double Underline</u> is text that will be added. <del>Double Strikethrough</del> is text that will be deleted.

### Amend Section 1707.6 to Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, to read as follows:

#### § 1707.6. Notice to Consumers.

(a) In every pharmacy there shall be prominently posted, in a place conspicuous to and readable by a prescription drug consumer, a notice containing the text in subdivision (b). Every pharmacy shall post a notice containing the text in subsection (b) and shall place the notice in a conspicuous place, physically accessible to a prescription drug consumer (consumer) so that the consumer can easily read the notice, and use the QR code displayed on the notice to obtain language translation of the notice. Such notice shall be posted at all locations where a consumer receives medication. Each pharmacy shall use the standardized poster-sized notice provided or made available by the board, unless the pharmacy has received prior approval of another format or display methodology from the board. The board may delegate authority to a committee or to the Executive Officer to give the approval. As an alternative to a printed notice, the pharmacy may also or instead display the notice on a video screen located in a place conspicuous to and readable by prescription drug consumers, so long as: (1) The video screen is at least 24 inches, measured diagonally; (2) The pharmacy utilizes the video image notice provided by the board; (3) The text of the notice remains on the screen for a

- minimum of 60 seconds; and (4) The video screen utilizes QR code technology for the consumer to access translation of the notice, with sufficient display time for consumers to access the QR code; and (5) No more than five minutes elapses between displays of any notice on the screen, as measured between the time that a one-screen notice or the final screen of a multi-screen notice ceases to display and the time that the first or only page of that notice re-displays. The pharmacy may seek approval of another format or display methodology from the board. The board may delegate authority to a committee or to the Executive Officer to give the approval.
- (b) The notice must also include a QR code that assists limited-English-proficient individuals and informs consumers that the QR code may be used to obtain a translation of the notice. Consumers must be able to use the QR code to obtain translation of the notice in the top 16 languages spoken by limited-English-proficient individuals in California, as determined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, and the California Department of Health Care Services. Arabic, Armenian, Chinese, English, Farsi, Hindi, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Khmer / Cambodian, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese. It shall contain the following text:

### NOTICE TO CONSUMERS KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

California law requires a pharmacist to speak with you <u>upon your request</u>, every time you get a new prescription, and every time you get a new prescription dosage form, strength, or written directions.

You have the right to ask for and receive from any pharmacy prescription drug labels in 12-point font.

Interpreter services are available to you upon request at no cost.

### TALK TO THE EXPERT – SPEAK WITH YOUR PHARMACIST

Before <u>you leave the pharmacy</u>, <u>CHECK</u>: taking your medicine, be sure you know: the name of the medicine and what it does; how and when to take it, for how long, and what to do if you miss a dose; possible side effects and what you should do if they occur; whether the new medicine will work safely with other medicines or supplements; and what foods, drinks, or activities should be avoided while taking the medicine. Ask the pharmacist if you have any questions.

- The patient name on the label is correct;
- The medication matches the description on the label;
- The name of the medicine and what it does;
- How and when to take the medication, for how long, and what to do if you miss a dose;
- Possible side effects and what you should do if they occur;
- Whether the medication will work safely with other medicines or supplements; and
- What foods, drinks, or activities should be avoided while taking the medicine.

The address and contact information for consumers to send any complaints about the pharmacy:

California State Board of Pharmacy 2720 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100 Sacramento, CA 95833 (916) 518-3100 www.pharmacy.ca.gov.

This pharmacy must provide any medicine or device legally prescribed for you, unless it is not covered by your insurance; you are unable to pay the cost of the drug or device a copayment; or the pharmacist determines doing so would be against the law or potentially harmful to the patient's health. If a medicine or device is not immediately available, the pharmacy will work with you to help you get your medicine or device in a timely manner.

You may ask this pharmacy for information on drug pricing and use of generic drugs.

(c) Every pharmacy, in a place conspicuous to and readable by a prescription drug consumer, at or adjacent to each counter in the pharmacy where dangerous drugs are dispensed or furnished, shall post or provide a notice containing the following text:

*Point* to your language. Interpreter services will be provided to you upon request at no cost.

This text shall be repeated in Arabic, Armenian, Chinese, English, Farsi, Hindi, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Khmer / Cambodian, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese, the top 16 languages spoken by limited-English-proficient individuals in California, as determined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, and the California Department of Health Care Services.

This text shall be repeated in at least the following languages: Arabic, Armenian, Cambodian, Cantonese, Farsi, Hmong, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

Each pharmacy shall use the standardized notice provided or made available by the board, unless the pharmacy has received prior approval of another format or display methodology from the board. The board may delegate authority to a committee or to the Executive Officer to give the approval.

The pharmacy may post this notice in paper form or on a video screen if the posted notice or video screen is positioned so that a consumer can easily point to and touch the statement identifying the language in which he or she requests they request assistance. Otherwise, the notice shall be made available on a flyer or handout clearly visible from and kept within easy reach of each counter in the pharmacy where dangerous drugs are dispensed or furnished, available at all

hours that the pharmacy is open. The flyer or handout shall be at least 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches.

(d) As an alternative to posting the notice from subdivision (b) in a conspicuous place, pharmacies may instead provide the notice on a patients' written receipt. Every pharmacy shall either post or provide on the patient's written receipt a statement describing patients' rights per Business and Professions Code sections 733 and 4122.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4005 and 4122, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 733, 4005, 4076.5 and 4122, Business and Professions Code.

M/S: Chandler/Thibeau

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to comment in Sacramento. A member of the public expressed concern with the vagueness of the term "timely manner."

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to comment through WebEx.

A pharmacist recommended rejection of the OAL's proposed language and removal of the reference as the legislative intent was not being considered.

The Board heard a comment that this was retail focused without taking into consideration inpatient pharmacy or home health care pharmacy. The commenter requested an FAQ.

Members were provided an opportunity to comment.

President Oh advised there would be a 15-day comment period if approved by the Board.

Support: 8 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Present: 3

Board Member	Vote
Barker	Yes
Cameron-Banks	Not Present
Chandler	Yes
Crowley	Yes
De La Paz	Yes
Jha	Yes
Oh	Yes
Patel	Not Present
Serpa	Yes
Thibeau	Yes
Weisz	Not Present

The Board took a break from 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Roll call was taken. The following Board members were present via WebEx: Jessi Crowley, Licensee Member; Trevor Chandler, Public Member; Renee Barker, Licensee Member; Jose De La Paz, Public Member; KK Jha, Licensee Member; Maria Serpa, Licensee Member; Nicole Thibeau, Licensee Member; and Seung Oh, Licensee Member. A quorum was established.

# V. Update, Discussion and Possible Action Related to Proposed Regulations, Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 1706.6, Related to Temporary License for Military Spouses

President Oh reminder the Board that as part of the July 2023 Board meeting, the Board adopted the regulation text defining the provisions for military spouses and partners to obtain a temporary license. The OAL asked for several edits. The recommended changes were reflected in the meeting materials. Language recommended to be deleted is shown by bold italic double strikethrough and added language is reflected using bold italic wavy underline. Dr. Oh reviewed the language and was comfortable with the recommended changes. If the Board agreed and voted to further amend the language, the Board would initiate a 15-day comment period, providing interested parties with an opportunity to provide comments on these additional changes to the proposed regulation text.

Members were provided an opportunity to comment; however, no comments were made.

Motion:

Approve the amended regulation text and initiate a 15-day comment period. Additionally, if no adverse comments are received during the 15-day comment period, authorize the executive officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed

regulations at Section 1706.6 as noticed. Further, delegate to the executive officer the authority to make technical or non-substantive changes as may be required by the Control agencies to complete the rulemaking file.

### Title 16. Board of Pharmacy Second Modified Text

Proposed changes made to the current regulation language are shown by <del>double</del> <del>strikethrough</del> for deleted language and <u>double underline</u> for added language.

Additional proposed changes made to the current regulation language are shown by **bold italic double strikethrough** for deleted language and **bold italic wavy underline** for added language.

### Add section 1706.6 to Article 1 of Division 17 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

- § 1706.6. Temporary Licenses for Military Spouses/Domestic Partners
- (a) Definitions: For the purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:
  - (1) "Disciplined" means that the applicant's license was placed on probation, revoked, suspended, reproved, censured, reprimanded, restricted, limited, or conditioned.
  - (2) "Jurisdiction" shall mean a California or another state's licensing board or agency, any agency of the federal government, or another territory of the United States.
  - (3) "Disciplinary proceeding" shall mean any proceeding or investigation under the authority of the licensing jurisdiction pursuant to which a licensee may be disciplined.
  - (4) "Good standing" shall mean that the applicant has not been disciplined, is not the subject of an unresolved complaint or review procedure and is not the subject of any unresolved disciplinary proceeding.
  - (5) "Original licensing jurisdiction" shall mean the entity that issued a license to the applicant authorizing the applicant to practice within the same scope for which the applicant seeks a temporary license from the Board.
  - (6) "License" shall mean a license of the same type that the applicant is applying for, or comparable authority to practice in another state, district, or territory of the United States.
- (b) An applicant for a *temporary* pharmacist, advanced practice pharmacist, pharmacy technician, designated representative, designated representative-reverse distributor, designated representative-3PL, or a designated paramedic *temporary* license pursuant to section 115.6 of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") shall submit a completed application to the Board and meet all of the requirements of this section and section 115.6 of the Code

to be eligible for a temporary license. A completed application shall provide the following information:

- (1) The applicant's identifying and contact information:
  - (A) Applicant's full legal name ((Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name) and, for if applicable, (Suffix)),
  - (B) Other name(s) applicant has used or has been known by,
  - (C) Applicant's address of record (The address of record may be a post office box number or other alternate address.),
  - (D) Applicant's physical address, if different than the applicant's address of record,
  - (E) Applicant's email address,
  - (F) Applicant's telephone number,
  - (G) Applicant's Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, and,
  - (H) Applicant's birthdate (month, day, and year).
- (2) The applicant shall indicate that the applicant is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active-duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in California under official active-duty military orders and shall provide the following documentation with the application:
  - (A) Certificate of marriage or certified declaration/registration of domestic partnership filed with the California Secretary of State or other documentary evidence of legal union with an active-duty member of the Armed Forces, and,
  - (B) A copy of the military orders establishing their spouse or partner's duty station in California.
- (3) The applicant shall disclose whether the applicant holds a current, active, and unrestricted license of the same type of license that the applicant is applying for, or comparable authority to practice in another state, district, or territory of the United States, and provide written verification from the applicant's original licensing jurisdiction that the applicant's license or other comparable authority ("license") is in good standing in under that jurisdiction. The verification shall include all of the following:

  (A) the full legal name of the applicant and any other name(s) the
  - applicant has used or has been known by,

    (B) the license type and number issued to the applicant by the original and any other name(s) the
  - (B) the license type and number issued to the applicant by the original licensing jurisdiction, and relevant law(s) and regulation(s) under which the license was issued.
  - (C) the name and location of the licensing agency,
  - (D) the issuance and expiration date of the license, and,
  - (E) information showing that the applicant's license is currently in good standing.
- (4) The applicant shall disclose whether the applicant has committed an act any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of the license pursuant to Sections 141, 480, or 490 of the Code, or Sections 4300, 4301, or 4311 of the Code, or section 1762 of this Division. For applicants for a temporary pharmacist license, those applicants shall also disclose whether the

- applicant has committed an act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of the license pursuant to Sections 4305 or 4306.5 of the Code.
- (4) The applicant shall attest that the applicant meets all of the requirements for temporary licensure as set forth in Business and Professions Code Section 115.6 (c)(1) through (5), including that the applicant has not committed an act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of the license under the Business and Professions Code or this division at the time the act was committed and that the applicant is aware that a violation of this paragraph may be grounds for the denial or revocation of a temporary license issued by the Board of Pharmacy.
- (5) The applicant shall **also attest** that **disclose whether** the applicant has **not** been disciplined by a licensing entity in another jurisdiction **erand** is **not** the subject of an unresolved complaint, review procedure, or disciplinary proceeding conducted by a licensing entity in another jurisdiction.
- (6) The applicant shall submit fingerprints for use by and accessible to the 
  <u>Board in conducting criminal history information record checks through the California Department of Justice.</u>
- (7) For applicants for a temporary pharmacist license, the applicant has successfully completed the California Practice Standards and Jurisprudence Examination (CPJE).
- (8) The applicant shall sign a statement attesting to the fact that the applicant meets all the requirements for the temporary license, and that the information submitted in the application is accurate, to the best of the applicant's knowledge.
- (c) In addition to the above requirements, and prior to submission of the application specified in subsection (b), applicants for a temporary pharmacist license must successfully complete the Board's law and ethics examination designated as the California Practice Standards and Jurisprudence Examination (CPJE) for Pharmacists set forth in Section 4200 of the Code, which tests the applicant's knowledge and proficiency in state and federal laws and provisions of safe patient care, and the items set forth in Section 4200.2 and 4200.3 (d) of the Code.
- (d) Upon issuance of a temporary license in accordance with Section 115.6(a) of the Code, the Board shall provide written notice to the applicant of the following:
  - (1) That the temporary license is nonrenewable;
  - (2) That the license expires 12 months after issuance, upon issuance or denial of a standard license, upon issuance or denial of a license by endorsement, or upon issuance or denial of an expedited license pursuant to Section 115.5 of the Code, whichever occurs first; and,
  - (3) Any holder of a temporary license desiring to continue their licensure or to practice in California after expiration of their temporary license shall apply for and obtain a standard pharmacist, advanced practice pharmacist,

pharmacy technician, designated representative, designated representative-reverse distributor, designated representative-3PL, or a designated paramedic license, as applicable, in accordance with Sections 4200, 4202, 4210, 4053, 4053.1, 4053.2, and 4202.5 of the Code.

Authority: Sections 115.6 and 4005, Business and Professions Code.

Reference: Sections 30, 31, 115.6, 141, 480, 490, 4026.5, 4200, 4300, 4301, 4301.5, 4305, 4306.5, and 4311, Business and Professions Code.

### **M/S:** Chandler/De La Paz

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to comment in Sacramento; however, no comments were made.

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to comment through WebEx; however, no comments were made.

Members were provided an opportunity to comment; however, no comments were made.

Support: 8 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Present: 3

Board Member	Vote
Barker	Yes
Cameron-Banks	Not Present
Chandler	Yes
Crowley	Yes
De La Paz	Yes
Jha	Yes
Oh	Yes
Patel	Not Present
Serpa	Yes
Thibeau	Yes
Weisz	Not Present

# VI. Discussion and Possible Action to Amend Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 1749, Related to Fees

President Oh advised the draft language to update the Board's fee schedule consistent the changes to the statute was included in the meeting materials. Dr. Oh noted that with the exception of the pharmacy technician renewal fee, all other fees would be established at the pre-set levels. At Dr. Oh's request, the pharmacy technician renewal fee was recommended to be set at \$150 while the pre-set level in

the statute was \$180 dollars. This would reduce the Board's projected revenue by about \$900,000 annually. Dr. Oh reported that he had been monitoring the Board's revenue and believed that even with this reduction, the Board's fund will slowly restore to the statutory level of a 12-month reserve. Dr. Oh was comfortable with the language and believed it is important for the Board to initiate the rulemaking process early, to ensure the regulation text can become effective January 1, 2025, aligning with the statutory implementation of the new fee structure.

Members were provided an opportunity to comment.

Member Serpa requested confirmation that the fee for pharmacy technicians would be lower than the current amount, \$195. President Oh confirmed this was true. Dr. Oh noted that the proposal to lower the fee for techs was in response to the pharmacy technician shortage.

#### Motion:

Approve the proposal regulation text for CCR section 1749 as proposed, direct staff to submit the text to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency for review and if no adverse comments are received, authorize the executive officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any nonsubstantive changes to the package, and set the matter for hearing if requested. If no adverse comments are received during the 45-day comment period and no hearing is requested, authorize the executive officer to take all necessary steps to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed regulations at section 1749 as noticed.

Proposal to Amend 16 CCR § 1749 Fee Schedule as follows:

The application, renewal, penalties, and other fees, unless otherwise specified, are hereby fixed as follows:

- (a) The fee for the issuance of any pharmacy license, including a remote dispensing site pharmacy license, is seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) five hundred seventy dollars (\$570). The fee for the annual renewal of any pharmacy license, including a remote dispensing site pharmacy license, is one thousand twenty-five dollars (\$1,025) nine hundred and thirty dollars (\$930). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (b) The fee for the issuance of any temporary pharmacy license is <u>one</u> thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600) three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325).

- (c) The fee for the issuance of a pharmacy technician license is <u>one</u> <u>hundred twenty dollars (\$120)</u> one hundred ninety-five dollars (\$195). The fee for the biennial renewal of a pharmacy technician license is <u>one</u> <u>hundred fifty dollars (\$150)</u> one hundred ninety-five dollars (\$195). The penalty for failure to renew is <u>seventy-five dollars (\$75)</u>. ninety seven dollars and fifty cents (\$97.50).
- (d) The application fee for examination as a pharmacist is <u>two hundred</u> <u>sixty dollars (\$260)</u> two hundred eighty-five dollars (\$285).
- (e) The fee for regrading an examination is one hundred fifteen dollars (\$115).
- (f)(1) The fee for the issuance of an original pharmacist license is one hundred ninety-five dollars (\$195) two hundred and fifteen dollars (\$215). (2) The application fee for an advanced practice pharmacist license is three hundred dollars (\$300). If granted, there is no fee for the initial license issued, which will expire at the same time the pharmacist license expires.
- (g)(1) The fee for the biennial renewal of a pharmacist license is <u>four</u> <u>hundred fifty dollars (\$450)</u> five hundred five dollars (\$505). The penalty fee for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (2) The fee for the biennial renewal of an advanced practice pharmacist license is three hundred dollars (\$300). The penalty fee for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). The fees in this paragraph are in addition to the fees required to renew the pharmacist's license as specified in paragraph 1.
- (h) The fee for the issuance of a wholesaler or third-party logistics provider license is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) eight hundred twenty dollars (\$820). The fee for the annual renewal of a wholesaler or third-party logistics provider license is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) eight hundred twenty dollars (\$820). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). The fee for a temporary wholesaler or third-party logistics provider license is seven hundred fifteen dollars (\$715).
- (i) The fee for the issuance of a hypodermic license is <u>five hundred fifty dollars (\$550)</u> two hundred forty dollars (\$240). The fee for the annual renewal of a hypodermic needle license is <u>four hundred dollars (\$400)</u> two hundred eighty dollars (\$280). The penalty for failure to renew is <u>one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)</u> one hundred forty dollars (\$140).

- (k) The application fee for a license as a nonresident wholesaler or nonresident third-party logistics provider is <u>one thousand dollars (\$1,000)</u> eight hundred twenty dollars (\$820). The fee for the annual renewal of a nonresident wholesaler or nonresident third-party logistics provider is <u>one thousand dollars (\$1,000)</u> eight hundred twenty dollars (\$820). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). The fee for a nonresident wholesaler or nonresident third-party logistics provider temporary license is seven hundred fifteen dollars (\$715).
- (1) The fee for an intern pharmacist license is <u>one hundred seventy-five</u> <u>dollars (\$175)</u> two hundred thirty dollars (\$230). The fee for transfer of intern hours or verification of licensure to another state is <u>one hundred twenty dollars (\$120)</u> thirty dollars (\$30).
- (m) The fee for the reissuance of any license, or renewal thereof, which must be reissued because of change in the information on a premises license, other than name change, is three hundred ninety-five dollars (\$395) one hundred thirty dollars (\$130).
- (n) The fee for the reissuance of any license that has been lost or destroyed or reissued due to a name change is seventy-five dollars (\$75) forty-five dollars (\$45). The fee for processing an application to change a name or correct an address on a premises is two hundred six dollars (\$206). The fee for the processing of an application to change a pharmacist-in-charge, designated representative-in-charge, or responsible, manager on a premises license record is two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).
- (o) The fee for evaluation of continuing education courses for accreditation is forty dollars (\$40) for each hour of accreditation requested.

- (p) The fee for the issuance of a clinic license is six hundred twenty dollars (\$620) five hundred seventy dollars (\$570). The fee for the annual renewal of a clinic license is four hundred dollars (\$400) three hundred sixty dollars (\$360). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (a) The fee for the issuance of a nongovernmental license to compound sterile drug preparations or a hospital satellite compounding pharmacy license is three thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars (\$3,875) two thousand three hundred five dollars (\$2,305). The fee for the annual renewal of a nongovernmental-license to compound sterile drug preparations or a hospital satellite compounding pharmacy license is four thousand eighty-five dollars (\$4,085) one thousand eight hundred fifty five dollars (\$1,855). The penalty for failure to renew a nongovernmental license to compound sterile drug preparations or a hospital satellite compounding pharmacy license is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). The fee for a nongovernmental temporary license to compound sterile drug preparations or a hospital satellite compounding pharmacy temporary license is one thousand sixty-five dollars (\$1,065) seven hundred fifteen dollars (\$715).
- (r) The fee for the issuance of a nonresident sterile compounding pharmacy license is eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500) three thousand three hundred thirty-five dollars (\$3,335). The fee for the annual renewal of nonresident sterile compounding pharmacy license is eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500) three thousand one hundred eighty dollars (\$3,180). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). The fee for a temporary nonresident sterile compounding pharmacy license is one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) seven hundred fifteen dollars (\$715).
- (s) The fee for the issuance of a license as a designated representative for a veterinary food-animal drug retailer is <a href="https://two-hundred-ten-dollars">https://two-hundred-ten-dollars</a> (\$210). The fee for the annual renewal of a license as a designated representative for a veterinary food-animal drug retailer is <a href="https://two.hundred.eighty-eight-dollars">https://two.hundred.eighty-eight-dollars</a> (\$388) <a href="https://two.hundred.eighty-eight-dollars">https://two.hundred.eighty-eight-dollars</a> (\$388) <a href="https://two.hundred.eighty-eight-dollars">https://two.hundred.eighty-eight-dollars</a> (\$388) <a href="https://two.hundred.eighty-eight-dollars">https://two.hundred.eighty-eight-dollars</a> (\$150).
- (t) The fee for a veterinary food-animal drug retailer license is six hundred ten dollars (\$610). The application fee for the annual renewal for a veterinary food-animal drug retailer is four hundred sixty dollars (\$460). The fee for a veterinary food-animal drug retailer temporary license is <u>five hundred twenty dollars (\$520)</u> two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

- (u) The fee for the issuance of a retired pharmacist license is fifty dollars (\$50)shall be forty-five dollars (\$45).
- (v) The fee for the issuance of a centralized hospital packaging pharmacy license is three thousand eight hundred fifteen dollars (\$3,815) one thousand one hundred fifty dollars (\$1,150). The fee for the annual renewal of a centralized hospital packaging pharmacy license is two thousand nine hundred twelve dollars (\$2,912) one thousand one hundred twenty five dollars (\$1,125). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (w) The fee for the issuance of an outsourcing facility license is <u>twenty-five</u> <u>thousand dollars</u> (\$25,000) three thousand one hundred eighty dollars (\$3,180). The fee for the annual renewal of an outsourcing facility is <u>twenty-five dollars</u> (\$25,000) one thousand eight hundred fifty five dollars (\$1,855). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). The fee for an outsourcing facility temporary license is <u>four thousand</u> dollars (\$4,000) seven hundred fifteen dollars (\$715).
- (x) The fee for the issuance of a nonresident outsourcing facility license is twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$28,500) three thousand three hundred thirty-five dollars (\$3,335). The fee for the annual renewal of a nonresident outsourcing facility is twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$28,500) three thousand one hundred eighty dollars (\$3,180). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). The fee for a nonresident outsourcing facility temporary license is four thousand dollars (\$4,000) seven hundred fifteen dollars (\$715).
- (y) The fee for the issuance of a correctional clinic license that is not owned by the state is six hundred twenty dollars (\$620) five hundred seventy dollars (\$570). The annual renewal application fee for a correctional clinic license is four hundred dollars (\$400) three hundred sixty dollars (\$360). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (z) The application and initial license fee for operation of an EMSADDS is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) one hundred dollars (\$100). The application fee for the annual renewal of an EMSADDS is two hundred dollars (\$200) one hundred dollars (\$100). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred dollars (\$100) thirty-five dollars (\$35). The application and renewal fee for a licensed wholesaler that is also an emergency medical services provider agency is eight hundred ten dollars (\$810).
- (aa) The application fee of a co-location clinic license is seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750).

(<u>aaab</u>) The application and initial license fee for a designated paramedic license is <u>three hundred fifty dollars</u> (\$350) one hundred and forty dollars (\$140). The application fee for the biennial renewal of a designated paramedic license is <u>two hundred dollars</u> (\$200) one hundred forty dollars (\$140). The penalty for failure to renew a designated paramedic license is <u>one hundred dollars</u> (\$100) <u>sixty five dollars</u> (\$65).

(ab) The application and initial license fee for a remote dispensing site pharmacy application is one thousand seven hundred thirty dollars (\$1,730). The fee for the annual renewal for a remote dispensing site pharmacy license is one thousand twenty-five dollars (\$1,025). The penalty for failure to renew a remote dispensing site pharmacy license is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). The fee for the issuance of any temporary remote dispensing site pharmacy license is eight hundred ninety dollars (\$890).

(ac) The fee for the issuance of an ADDS license to a correctional clinic is five hundred dollars (\$500). The fee for the annual renewal of an ADDS license issued to a correctional clinic is four hundred dollars (\$400). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

(ad) The fee for the issuance of an ADDS license to all entities other than correctional clinics is five hundred twenty-five dollars (\$525). The fee for the annual renewal of an ADDS license, issued to entities other than correctional clinics, is four hundred fifty-three dollars (\$453). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

<u>(ae)</u> The fee for the issuance of a nonresident pharmacy license <u>is two</u> thousand four hundred twenty-seven dollars (\$2,427). The fee for the annual renewal of a nonresident pharmacy license is <u>one thousand</u> twenty-five dollars (\$1,025). The penalty for failure to renew is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). The fee for the issuance of a temporary nonresident pharmacy license is two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

Authority cited: Sections 4005 and 4400, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 163.5, 4005, 4044.3, 4053, 4053.1, 4110, 4112, 4119.01, 4119.11, 4120, 4127.1, 4127.15, 4127.2, 4128.2, 4129.1, 4129.2, 4129.8, 4130, 4160, 4161, 4180, 4180.5, 4187, 4190, 4196, 4200, 4202, 4202.5, 4203, 4208, 4210, 4304, 4400, 4401 and 4403, Business and Professions Code.

**M/S:** Thibeau/De La Paz

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to comment in Sacramento; however, no comments were made.

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to comment through WebEx; however, no comments were made.

Members were provided an opportunity to comment; however, no comments were made.

Support: 8 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Present: 3

Board Member	Vote
Barker	Yes
Cameron-Banks	Not Present
Chandler	Yes
Crowley	Yes
De La Paz	Yes
Jha	Yes
Oh	Yes
Patel	Not Present
Serpa	Yes
Thibeau	Yes
Weisz	Not Present

# VII. Discussion of Implementation of Requirements of AB 2194 (Ward, Chapter 958, Statutes of 2022) Related to Continuing Education and Cultural Competency

President Oh recalled the California Pharmacists Association (CPhA) co-sponsored Assembly Bill 2194, which requires pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to have one hour of continuing education in cultural competency as defined in the legislation. Following passage of the measure, the CPhA began working with experts to develop a training program. Dr. Oh welcomed Dr. Rajan Vaidya, PharmD, and Dr. Tam Phan, PharmD, AAHIVP, to provide a presentation to the Board on the CPhA training program.

Dr. Vaidya provided an overview of the AB 2194: Cultural Competency Training, entitled Caring for All: The Pharmacy Professionals' Role in LGBTQ+ Health and Equity, that would be delivered by subject matter experts including Dr. Tam Phan, PharmD, AAHIVP; Dr. Jay Holloway, PharmD, AAHIVP; and Dr. Cheryl Wisseh, PharmD, MPH, BCACP. Dr. Vaidya reviewed the statutory requirements for cultural competency training: (1) The course focuses on patients who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender nonconforming, or queer, or who question their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. (2) The course is approved from an accreditation agency approved by the board. (3) The course covers recognized health disparities

faced by Black, Indigenous, and people of color. (4) The course contains elements demonstrating how sexual identity is directly impacted through intersectionality.

Dr. Pham reviewed the learning objectives of the CPhA course, as follows: define at least 10 commonly used terms related to the LGBTQ+ population; describe at least three primary disparities experienced by the LGBTQ+ community; explain the concept of intersectionality and how it impacts the experiences of Black, Indigenous, and other LGBTQ+ people of color; list three ways in which pharmacy practice can be made more affirming for LGBTQ+ individuals; and identify three key resources that pharmacy professionals can use to support affirming environments for LGBTQ+ individuals.

Dr. Pham then reviewed the contents each Module: Module 1 – Commonly used terminology in LGBTQ+ health; Module 2 – LGBTQ+ disparities using the Minority Stress Model; Module 3 – Intersectionality and how identities can affect LGBTQ+ persons; and Module 4 – Recommendations on how to create an affirming pharmacy practice.

Dr. Vaidya provided the availability of the training, with on-demand virtual training available at <a href="www.cpha.com/cct">www.cpha.com/cct</a>; presented live at CPhA's Western Pharmacy Exchange April 18-21, 2024; and future live offerings based on demand. Dr. Viadya concluded by stating that the training was developed both for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, and that it's being made available for free on CPhA's website.

Members were provided the opportunity to comment.

Members expressed excitement about the training and commented on the thoroughness and depth of the training.

Dr. Vaidya added that the training would be updated annually.

Members of the public in Sacramento were provided the opportunity to comment; however, no comments were made.

Members of the public participating through WebEx were provided the opportunity to comment.

A pharmacist complimented CPhA on getting AB 2194 passed and developing this training program.

A pharmacist and representative of CSHP complimented CPhA and inquired if the course would need to be taken once or during each renewal period.

A pharmacy technician commented as a member of the LGBTQ+ community in support of the training.

Dr. Vaidya thanked the Board for allowing to presentation.

California State Board of Pharmacy Board Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2023 Page 21 of 26 Members asked if a subscriber alert could be sent out. The Board discussed that any such alert would not be an endorsement of this specific training course, but rather a courtesy notice to licensees about the availability of the course. Members also asked if the Board needed to approve the training. Ms. Sodergren commented Board approval was not required but the course needed to meet the statutory and regulatory requirements.

# VIII. Discussion of Implementation of Requirements of AB 2194 (Ward, Chapter 958, Statutes of 2022) Related to Continuing Education and Cultural Competency

President Oh advised that as part of the activities required by the Board to implement AB 2194, the Board must develop regulations regarding the new CE requirement. The regulation text was necessary to provide clarity to pharmacists and pharmacy technicians about the requirements and specifically for pharmacy technicians, to implement the provisions for an inactive license consistent with provisions of the general BPC sections detailed in the meeting materials. Dr. Oh advised the pre-notice review of the proposed regulations was recently completed, and it was anticipated that the 45-day public comment period will begin on December 15, 2023. Given the required public comment periods established in the Government Code, the proposed regulations will not be effective by the end of January 2024.

President Oh noted that this item was placed on the agenda at the request of Board staff, to allow members an opportunity to provide feedback to staff on the implementation of the measure until such time as the regulations were effective. Dr. Oh noted no formal action was required by the Board.

President Oh referenced the meeting materials, which highlighted two specific issues noted by staff. Dr. Oh agreed with both recommendations offered and the overall sentiment to focus on achieving compliance with these new requirements during this transition period and affording licensees the opportunity to demonstrate compliance. Dr. Oh sought input from Board members with the implementation plan.

Members were provided the opportunity to comment. Members were agreeable to the policies presented in the meetings materials.

Members of the public in Sacramento were provided the opportunity to comment; however, no comments were made.

Members of the public participating through WebEx were provided the opportunity to comment; however, no comments were made.

Members were provided an opportunity to comment; however, no comments were made.

# IX. Discussion of Draft Policy Statement Related to Implementation of Assembly Bill 1286 (Haney, Chapter 470, Statutes of 2023)

President Oh referenced meeting materials containing a draft statement prepared by staff describing the Board's policy related to implementation of AB 1286. During previous public discussion on implementation activities related to AB 1286, the Board agreed that an alert should be released to licensees regarding implementation on the medication error reporting requirements. Dr. Oh believed the draft statement appropriately incorporates the Board's discussion at the previous Board meeting.

Dr. Oh noted that application processing times fluctuate. Dr. Oh requested an update on the status of processing times for pharmacy technician applications. The oldest pharmacy technician applications to be processed were received November 13 and the oldest deficiency mail to process was received on December 6.

Members were provided an opportunity to comment and expressed support for the draft statement as written. Member Crowley asked about the selection process for the entity to receive medication error reports. President Oh advised that this will be discussed at the Enforcement and Compounding Committee, and then will come to the full Board for approval. Ms. Sodergren added that the state contracting process will be used.

**Motion:** Approve the policy statement as drafted.

Draft Statement Re: Assembly Bill 1286 Implementation
The California State Board of Pharmacy provides licensees and interested stakeholders with the following information on its policy relating to implementation of provisions contained within Assembly Bill 1286 (Haney, Chapter 470, Statutes of 2023).

Assembly Bill 1286 establishes a requirement for the reporting of medication errors that occur in the outpatient setting to an entity approved by the Board under specified conditions. The Enforcement and Compounding Committee will begin its evaluation of entities in the coming months. During this intervening period, reporting of such errors is not required nor will it be retroactive. It is anticipated that reporting of such errors will only be expected after approval of such an entity with an appropriate transition period for implementation. Interested stakeholders are encouraged to participate in relevant public meetings.

Assembly Bill 1286 also establishes a self-assessment process for surgical clinics. Development of the self-assessment form will be undertaken by the Enforcement and Compounding Committee. Upon development and approval of the self-assessment form, the Board will advise licensees and make the form available on its website. During this intervening period, completion of the self-assessment form requirement will be delayed. Interested stakeholders are encouraged to participate in relevant public meetings.

Several additional provisions contained in Assembly Bill 1286 become effective January 1, 2024. The Board encourages licensees to begin taking the necessary steps for compliance immediately. The Board recognizes that despite good faith efforts, there may be delays in achieving compliance by January 1, 2024. During the implementation period, the Board will consider actions taken to secure compliance when areas of non-compliance are identified through the inspection or investigation process. The Board encourages licensees to maintain documentation of actions taken to achieve compliance and to present such information to the Board upon request.

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### **M/S:** Crowley/Thibeau

Members of the public in Sacramento were provided the opportunity to comment; however, no comments were made.

Members of the public participating through WebEx were provided the opportunity to comment.

A representative of CCPC appreciated the policy statement as compliance by the effective date would be difficult. With regard to AB 1286 implementation for technicians being trained to provide vaccines, the representative asked if there could be an extension for the training requirement.

Members were provided an opportunity to comment; however, no comments were made.

Support: 8 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0 Not Present: 3

Board Member	Vote
Barker	Yes
Cameron-Banks	Not Present
Chandler	Yes
Crowley	Yes
De La Paz	Yes
Jha	Yes
Oh	Yes
Patel	Not Present
Serpa	Yes
Thibeau	Yes
Weisz	Not Present

The Board took a break from 10:58 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. Roll call was taken. The following Board members were present via WebEx: Jessi Crowley, Licensee Member; Trevor Chandler, Public Member; Renee Barker, Licensee Member; Jose De La Paz, Public Member; KK Jha, Licensee Member; Maria Serpa, Licensee Member; Nicole Thibeau, Licensee Member; and Seung Oh, Licensee Member. A quorum was established.

# X. Petitions for Reinstatement of Licensure, Early Termination of Probation, or Other Modification of Penalty

Administrative Law Judge Sean Gavin presided over the first two hearings.

a. Nouri Nourani, RPH 58760

Member Cameron-Banks joined the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

b. Purva Patel, RPH 65038

Administrative Law Judge Heather Rowan presided over the remaining hearings.

c. Christine Low-Blunt, RPH 47198

The Board took a break from 12:58 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. The following Board members were present via WebEx: Jessi Crowley, Licensee Member; Trevor Chandler, Public Member; Renee Barker, Licensee Member; Indira Cameron-Banks, Public Member; KK Jha, Licensee Member; Maria Serpa, Licensee Member; Nicole Thibeau, Licensee Member; and Seung Oh, Licensee Member. A quorum was established.

d. Randy K. Ouellette, RPH 84113

The Board took a break from 2:48 p.m. to 2:55 p.m. Roll call was taken. The following Board members were present: Jessi Crowley, Licensee Member; Trevor Chandler, Public Member; Renee Barker, Licensee Member; KK Jha, Licensee Member; Maria Serpa, Licensee Member; Nicole Thibeau, Licensee Member; and Seung Oh, Licensee Member. A quorum was established.

### e. Michael Maravich, RPH 48738

Member Chandler stepped away from the meeting at 3:04 p.m. and returned at 3:08 p.m.

Member De La Paz returned to the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

Member Cameron-Banks returned to the meeting at approximately 3:35 p.m.

#### XI. Closed Session

Open session concluded at approximately 3:44 p.m. The Board entered closed session at approximately 3:50 p.m. and ended closed session at 4:59 p.m.

### XII. Reconvene in Open Session to Adjourn for the Day

The Board reconvened into open session and adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:00 p.m.