

**Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Division of Professional Regulation
Illinois State Board of Pharmacy**

Minutes of Open Session

Meeting Date: December 19, 2023

Locations: Lincoln Conference Room, 4th Floor
555 W Monroe
Chicago, Illinois

Room 376, 3rd Floor
320 W Washington St
Springfield, Illinois

WEBEX Virtual Format

Call to Order: 10:34 a.m.

Adjournment: 12:31 p.m.

Board Members Participating in Chicago Location:

Ryan McCann, R.Ph., Chair
Tomson George, R.Ph., Vice-Chair
Glen Gard, CPhT, Member
Edwin Muldrow, R.Ph., Member
Yash V. Patel, R.Ph., Member
Denise L. Scarpelli, R.Ph., Member
Carrie Wiggins, R.Ph., Member

Board Members Participating in Springfield Location:

Richard Mazzotti, R.Ph., Member

Board members participating remotely but not counted towards quorum:

Glen Pietrandoni, R.PH., Member

Board Members Unavailable: Robert Zimmerman, Member

Division Staff Present:

Janel Haretoun, Office of General Counsel (Via Webex)
Robert Gerton, Board Liaison, Health Services Section
Steven Smith, Director of Drug Compliance

Guests: Many guests attended remotely, however due to the virtual format of the meeting, guest roll was not taken.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
CALL TO ORDER	Chair Ryan McCann called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the Illinois State Board of Pharmacy meeting, then he took roll of the Board members participating in the meeting.	
MINUTES ACCEPTANCE	Board members reviewed the minutes of open session from the November 14, 2023 meeting.	Motion was made and seconded (Patel/George) to accept the minutes. Motion carried. (Pietrandoni abstained.)
WORKFORCE ISSUES	<p>Counsel Haretoun reminded all attending that the Illinois State Board of Pharmacy is not a legislative body and the Board’s role is advisory. The intent of the conversation is to generate actionable solutions to address the issues. Whether or not IDFPR is able assist with those solutions will be seen.</p> <p>Garth Reynolds presented information regarding an IPhA Workplace Conditions and Patient Safety Survey, the APA Pharmacy Workplace and Well-Being Reporting (PWWR) Index, and a document called “The Pharmacist’s Fundamental Responsibilities and Rights”.</p>	

	<p>Discussion included: policies of zero tolerance of violence towards pharmacy staff, the 2020 Illinois Collaborative Pharmaceutical Task Force Report & Recommendations, Pharmacy Benefit Managers remuneration, an IDFPR conducted survey regarding pharmacy working conditions and workforce issues, training policies of pharmacies, and breaks for pharmacy employees.</p>	
	<p>Counsel Haretoun reminded everyone that Pharmacy Rules are currently on first notice.</p>	
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>		<p>At 12:31 p.m. the meeting adjourned.</p>