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**MICHIGAN BOARD OF PHARMACY  
APRIL 8, 2020 MEETING  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Pharmacy met on April 8, 2020. The meeting was held via teleconference, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-15.

**CALL TO ORDER**

James Stevenson, PharmD, Vice Chairperson, Acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Charles Mollien, PharmD, JD, Chairperson (arrived 10:10 a.m.)  
James Stevenson, PharmD, Vice Chairperson  
Cynthia Boston, BHS, R.Ph.T.  
Kathleen Burgess, Public Member  
David Hills, Public Member  
Kelli Oldham, Public Member  
Kathleen Pawlicki, MS, FASHP (left 10:56 a.m.)  
Grace Sesi, PharmD  
Sandra Taylor, R.Ph.  
Maria Young, R.Ph.

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Andria Ditschman, Senior Policy Analyst, Boards and Committees Section  
Kiran Parag, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section  
Jacob Poynter, Analyst, Licensing Division  
Michele Wagner-Gutkowski, Assistant Attorney General  
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Pawlicki, seconded by Oldham, to approve the amended agenda as presented.





## **Chair Report**

None.

## **Department Update**

Ditschman stated that the 116<sup>th</sup> NABP Annual Meeting being held May 14 – 16, 2020 will be virtual. They are still in need of a delegate from Michigan. Young stated that she was available to attend.

Ditschman recommended that the Board members review, at a minimum, Executive orders 2020-21, 2020-25, and 2020-30 , which are all relevant to the practice of pharmacy.

Ditschman stated that licensees renewing during the emergency declaration will not be required to provide proof of continuing education. She stated that work related to COVID-19 will count towards the continuing education requirements. She stated that continuing education audits are not being run at this time.

Ditschman stated that pharmacy technicians, holding a temporary license, that are unable to test due to COVID-19, will be given a six-month extension.

Ditschman stated that the Criminal Background Checks are still required for licensure as there are available locations where this can be completed.

Ditschman stated that testing for licensure as a pharmacist is still required. Poynter indicated that the authorization to test is given by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, not by the Department.

Ditschman stated that there have been many misstatements regarding the Department's guidance regarding prescribing medications. She clarified that the Department encourages pharmacies to continue to practice good faith dispensing during COVID-19. However, the Department does not support stock piling of medications.

For any questions/concerns regarding COVID-19, an individual should email the Department.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Marla Ekola from McLaren Greater Lansing stated that there will be Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board (PCAB) certificates that may expire during COVID-19.

Jamie Tharp from the Department of Pharmacy at the University of Michigan stated that the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) does not recommend the reuse of garb/face masks

for compounding. They recommend the use of clean masks. She would like direction from the Department on this issue.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held June 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Boston, seconded by Taylor, to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

A roll call vote was taken:                   Yeas: Boston, Oldham, Sesi, Taylor, Young, Mollien  
  Nays: None  
  Absent: Burgess, Hills, Stevenson

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on \_\_\_\_\_.

Prepared by:  
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April 9, 2020