

**BOARD OF PHARMACY**  
Professional & Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Date: December 15, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual Participation: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar (use link below)  
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/95492576590>

Members Present: Alanna Isobe, Chair  
Patrick Adams, Vice Chair  
Mark Brown, Pharmacist  
Kent Kikuchi, Pharmacist  
Sheri Tokumaru, Pharmacist  
Catalina Cross, Public Member  
Brandon Rabang, Public Member

Excused: None

Staff Present: James Skizewski, Executive Officer (“EO Skizewski”)  
Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)  
Kellie Teraoka, Secretary  
Leanne Abe, Tech Support Staff  
Mia Dao Linh Trung Hoang, Tech Support Staff

Virtual Guests: Corrie Sanders  
Grace Sesi  
Stacy Pi, Kaiser  
Tiffany Yajima  
Christine Lowe

Call to Order: The agenda for this meeting was posted on the State electronic calendar as required by Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) section 92-7(b).

A short video was played to explain the meeting procedures and how members of the public could participate in the virtual meeting.

Chair Isobe called the meeting to order 9:03 a.m. and welcomed participants to the meeting and proceeded with a roll call of Board members. All Board members confirmed that they were present and alone.

Chair's Report:                    **Announcements**

Board member Brandon Rabang introduced himself and noted his willingness to contribute as a public member.

**Approval of Minutes of the August 18, 2022, Meeting**

Upon a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Vice Chair Adams, it was carried by majority, with exception of Mr. Rabang who elected to abstain for not being a member of the Board at the time of the meeting, to amend page four (4) of the August 18, 2022, meeting minutes under section "Maria Millar", to clarify that the motion in relation to her request was made based on the provided testimony.

Upon a motion by Ms. Cross, seconded by Vice Chair Adams, it was carried by the majority, with exception of Mr. Rabang who elected to abstain from voting for not being a member of the Board at the meeting, to approve the executive session and the minutes of the open session of the August 18, 2022, meeting, as amended.

**Approval of Minutes of the October 20, 2022, Meeting**

Upon a motion by Mr. Kikuchi, seconded by Mr. Brown, it was carried by majority, with exception of Mr. Rabang who elected to abstain for not being a member of the Board at the time of the meeting, to approve the October 20, 2022, meeting minutes.

Executive Officer  
Report :

**Announcements**

Executive Officer Skizewski made the Board aware of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) writing workshop which will take place March 8-10, 2023. Executive Officer Skizewski requested Board members to consider attending the workshop to contribute to the formulation of exam questions that pertain to the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE). Mr. Brown noted he will be in attendance on behalf of NABP to provide guidance to those who attend. Mr. Brown added the event will be held in Chicago.

Hawaii Pharmacists  
Associations:

*Corrie Sanders moved to panelist at 9:33 a.m.*

Ms. Sanders shared the Hawaii Pharmacists Association (HPHA) is prepping for the 2023 legislative session and for their bill that relates to repayment of cognitive services provided by pharmacists. Ms. Sanders noted she looks forward to presenting the Board with the bill once the bill is introduced and provided a bill number.

Chair Isobe asked if members of the public would like to provide testimony on this agenda item.

Staff reported that no one raised their hand.

Board Business:

**Creation of a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) related to Pharmacy Technicians**

Chair Isobe noted that the Board has previously expressed interest in creating a working group to address the possible registration or certification of pharmacy technicians in Hawaii.

EO Skizewski noted that due to complaints and a desire from the Board to evaluate this issue a PIG would be a vehicle that would allow Board members to meet outside of regularly schedule meetings. EO Skizewski added that the Board would need to create the PIG, outline the PIG's scope, and appoint members to the PIG. EO Skizewski concluded that the Board should allow stakeholders to notify the Board of their willingness to join the discussion before scheduling the PIG's first meeting.

Chair Isobe suggested the working group evaluate the registration or certification of pharmacy technicians.

Mr. Kikuchi suggested that the group could create criteria for licensure.

DAG Wong suggested the group research how other states regulate pharmacy technicians.

*Corrie Sanders moved to panelist at 9:33 a.m.*

Ms. Sanders noted that Hawaii is the only state that does not regulate pharmacy technicians and added that we must keep in mind the expiration of the PREP Act as pharmacy technicians were given certain permissions as it applies to immunizations. Ms. Sanders suggested reaching out to Miriam Mobley Smith.

EO Skizewski noted that not all vocational area necessitated a study by the legislature to evaluate regulation.

Chair Isobe stated that throughout COVID pharmacy technicians played a vital role.

Ms. Sanders noted the importance of getting representation from retail pharmacies.

Vice Chair Adams stated that the expense and administration of technician regulation should be considered.

Mr. Kikuchi noted the need to consider pharmacy technicians that have been working in the field and have institutional knowledge of the vocation without certain certifications.

Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Adams, seconded by Ms. Tokumaru, it was unanimously carried to create a permitted interaction group (PIG) related to pharmacy technicians.

Upon motion by Chair Isobe, seconded by Vice Chair Adams, it was unanimously carried that the scope of the PIG related to pharmacy technicians is to investigate regulation of pharmacy technicians and research how other states regulate pharmacy technicians.

Hearing no objections, Chair Isobe, Mr. Kikuchi, and Ms. Tokumaru were appointed to the PIG related to pharmacy technicians.

Chair Isobe encouraged interested stakeholder to contact the Board if they wish to participate in the discussion.

Chair Isobe asked if there were any further questions.

There were none.

### **Creation of a 2023 Legislative Committee**

EO Skizewski noted that with the 2023 legislative session approaching the Board could consider forming a legislative committee to address issues related to legislation between meetings.

DAG Wong noted that a committee would not be needed if a meeting is not being held. DAG Wong noted that EO Skizewski can reach out to individual members to receive input on legislation.

Vice Chair Adams and Mr. Brown noted their willingness to be available for consultation related to legislation.

### Executive Session:

At 9:30 a.m., upon a motion by Vice Chair Adams, seconded by Mr. Kikuchi, it was voted on and unanimously carried to move into Executive Session in accordance with HRS, 92-4 and 92-5(a) (1) and (4), to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section 26-9 or both, and, to consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

At 10:22 a.m., upon a motion by Mr. Kikuchi, seconded by Vice Chair Adams, it was voted on and unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

### Applications:

#### **Ratification Lists**

Upon a motion by the Vice Chair Adams, seconded by Mr. brown, it was unanimously carried to approve the ratification lists.

#### **Applications**

##### Miscellaneous Permit

Chair Isobe asked for a motion regarding the applications:

**i. AleraCare Arizona Pharmacy, LLC dba AleraCare Pharmacy**

Upon a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Vice Chair Adams, it was unanimously carried to approve the application pending the receipt of requested information.

**ii. Custom Rx, LLC dba Custom Rx Pharmacy and Wellness Concepts**

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Adams, seconded by Mr. Brown, it was unanimously carried to approve the application.

**iii. Wyatt's Torch, Inc. dba Bell Pharmacy**

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Adamas, seconded by Ms. Cross, it was unanimously carried to approve the application.

### Chapter 91, HRS

At 10:25 a.m., upon a motion by Vice Chair Adams, seconded by Mr. Kikuchi, it was voted on and

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unanimously carried to move into executive session.

At 11:05 a.m., upon a motion by Vice Chair Adams, seconded by Mr. Brown, it was voted on and unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

Next Meeting: There being no further agenda items, Chair Isobe announced the next meeting will be on:

Date: February 16, 2023  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
In-Person: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor  
335 Merchant Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Virtual: Zoom Webinar

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Taken by:

Reviewed and Approved by:

/s/ Kellie Teraoka  
Kellie Teraoka, Secretary

/s/ James Skizewski  
James Skizewski, Executive Officer

JS: kt  
12/31/22

[ X ] Minutes approved as is.  
[ ] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_