

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by § 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”).

Date: August 21, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

In-Person Location: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
HRH King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, First Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual Participation: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar

Recording Link: <https://youtu.be/5apXBuFNkhY>

Present: Alanna Isobe, Chairperson (“Chair”)  
Mark Brown, Vice Chair  
Sheri Tokumaru, Pharmacist  
Catalina Cross, Public Member  
Brandon Rabang, Public Member  
Allen Shih, Pharmacist  
Shari Wong, Esq. Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)  
Christopher Fernandez, Executive Officer (“EO”)  
Young-Im Wilson, Supervising Executive Officer  
Cortnie Tanaka, Secretary  
Breyanah Panzardi, Secretary

Excused:

Guests: Lily Van, Hawaii Pharmacists Association  
Steven A., CVS Health

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Call to Order: **9:05 a.m.** After a roll call confirming that Vice Chair Brown, Dr. Tokumaru, Ms. Cross, Mr. Rabang, and Dr. Shih were present and that the Board had met quorum, Chair Isobe brought the meeting to order.

Chair’s Report: Chair Isobe reported there is a NABP workshop in Chicago scheduled for September 17-19, 2025. She asked members to participate.

EO Report: EO Fernandez informed the Board that he is working on a standardized form for Miscellaneous Permit pharmacies to update their accounts. He noted that there would be instructions on what documents need to be submitted stating it is his hope to reduce processing time.

EO Fernandez also provide information regarding Act 93 (2025), which establishes Board registration for all Pharmacy Technicians starting January 1, 2026.

He noted the language includes certain stipulations, including but not limited to:

- (1) The vaccine is authorized or approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration;
- (2) The vaccine has been ordered by a registered pharmacist and administered in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the United States Department of Health and Human Services;
- (3) The pharmacy intern has completed a practical training program approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education that includes hands-on injection technique, clinical evaluation of indications and contraindications of vaccines, and the recognition and treatment of emergency responses to vaccines;
- (4) The registered pharmacy technician has completed a practical training program approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education that includes hands-on injection technique;
- (5) The registered pharmacy technician has a Certified Pharmacy Technician certification from either the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or National Healthcareer Association;
- (6) The registered pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or registered pharmacy technician has a current certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
- (7) The registered pharmacist or registered pharmacy technician has completed a minimum of two credit hours in immunization-related continuing education courses during each licensing biennium;

EO Fernandez explained that the Professional Vocation Licensing Division (PVL) was developing the new registration. He noted several concerns that the division was aware of including how applicants are registered, e.g., by job location, tied to a Pharmacist in Charge (PIC), or another possible way that accounts for changes in a Pharmacy Technician's career.

He added that the division was also looking into a pre-registration period in which the PVL can register applicants prior to the effective date of January 1, 2025.

Chair Isobe added that the Board had established a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) to discuss bulk submissions for pharmacies.

EO Fernandez noted that 3<sup>rd</sup> party releases would be needed for bulk submissions, adding that he would have more information at the Board's next meeting.

Vice Chair Brown asked about if the registration would be at one site or not site specific.

EO Fernandez requested feedback whether it was typical for Pharmacy Technicians to work multiple sites.

Vice Chair Brown noted that Technicians do move around quite a bit, including working at filling stations where they fill prescriptions for other pharmacies in their group.

Chair Isobe invited Lily Van from the Hawaii Pharmacists Association to provide testimony.

Ms. Van noted that the association talked with several other Boards of Pharmacy to get clarification about how to create the registration, including making it so a registered technician could work at multiple sites with their registration, and would work under PICs.

Chair Isobe invited Steven A from CVS Health to also provide testimony.

Mr. A noted that it would be beneficial to know which pharmacies the Pharmacy Technician is working at but understood that logistics of making such changes. He suggested a general registration instead.

Chair Isobe noted the responsibilities of Pharmacists and PICs.

After additional discussion regarding Pharmacy Technician registration, including additional concerns from meeting attendees about them being registered by the effective date, the Board will await the updates from PVL via EO Fernandez's reports to the Board. EO Fernandez.

Chair Isobe requested for EO Fernandez to provide timeline updates to the Board and also draft a memo for public dissemination to address the industries concerns for being informed.

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Chair Isobe asked if members had any objections or abstentions approving the meeting minutes of June 19, 2025. Vice Chair Brown Noted on Page 23, second paragraph, second line, that he was cited as saying "extensive" He noted he said "dispensed" Hearing no other changes asked for a motion.

Approval:

A. June 19, 2025: Open Meeting

It was motioned by Vice chair Brown, seconded by Dr. Tokumaru, and unanimously carried by members present to approve the open meeting minutes with the noted amendment above.

**TAKEN OUT OF ORDER**

Report from  
The Hawaii  
Pharmacists

Chair Isobe invited Ms. Van from the Hawaii Pharmacists Association (HPA) to provide a report.

Association

Ms. Van noted that the association would be beginning preparation for the legislative session in the next month. Ms. Van stated that the association would be re-introducing the Center for Pharmacy bill. She provided additional information for other events and happenings.

Applications:

Vice Chair brought up some concerns about the dated effective date of changes to PMP accounts.

EO Fernandez explained that some of the older entries were added to ensure that the changes are ratified. He added that he is experiencing a backlog but that changes were effective based on the submission date.

Vice Chair noted that on the ratification list the Pharmacy PMP-1647 did not identify an incoming PIC.

EO Fernandez suggested the pharmacy be taken off the list so the meeting could go forward and PMP-1647 can be added to a future ratification list.

**TAKEN OUT OF ORDER**

A. Ratification List

On a motion by Ms. Cross, seconded by Vice Chair Brown, the Board voted unanimously to approve the ratification list excluding PMP-1647.

On a motion by Mr. Rabang, seconded by Dr. Tokumaru, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at **9:53 a.m.** pursuant to HRS sections 92-5(a)(1) and 92-5(a)(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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At **10:35 a.m.**, it was moved by Mr. Rabang, seconded by Dr. Takumaru, and unanimously carried by the Board to return to open session.

B. Board Review of Applications for:

Pharmacist

1. Franklin Keeney

On a motion by Mark, seconded by Catalina, and unanimously carried by members present, the Board voted to approve.

Miscellaneous Permit (PMP)

On a motion by Vice Chair Brown, seconded by Chair Isobe, and unanimously carried by members present, the Board voted to approve the applications of (1) through (4) below:

1. Cooper Drug, Inc.
2. Wedgewood Pharmacy, LLC
3. Boa Vida Hospital of Aberdeen, MS LLC
4. TelyRX Dallas, LLC

On a motion by Chair Isobe, seconded by Vice Chair Brown, the Board voted to deny the following application, pursuant to HRS 436B-19 paragraphs (7), (9), (12), (13), and (16), and HRS 461-21(a)(5).

5. Vidrine Pharmaceutical Group, LLC

On a motion by Chair Isobe, seconded by Mr. Rabang, and unanimously carried by members present, the Board voted to defer the following application:

6. HRX Pharmacy, LLC

Chair Isobe recognized Ms. Brandy Rebillia from Kapiolani Community College, an educator of Pharmacy Technicians asking if their students entering externships will need registration.

EO Fernandez asked Ms. Rebillia to contact the Board to discuss further.

Next Meeting: December 18, 2025  
9:00 a.m. HST  
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room

Requesting to move December meeting December 11.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned by Chair Isobe at 10:35 a.m.

Taken, Recorded by:

/s/ Christopher Fernandez  
Christopher Fernandez  
Executive Officer

CF:ct  
11.14.25

Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of November 20, 2025.