

**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: December 18, 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/Y7tvQaL8BiY>

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

Excused: Sheri Tokumaru, Pharmacist

Guests: Rob Geddey, CVS Health  
Stacy Pi, Kaiser Permanente  
Nick Ferreira, HPhA/Longs Drugs  
Tiffany Yajima, Walgreens

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Call to Order: **9:06 a.m.** After a providing instruction on how to participate in the meeting and after a roll call confirming that Vice Chair Brown, Ms. Cross, Mr. Rabang, and Dr. Shih were present and that the Board had met quorum, Chair Isobe brought the meeting to order. She also noted that Dr. Tokumaru was excused.

Report from The Hawaii Pharmacists Association Chair Isobe invited Mr. Ferreira from the Hawaii Pharmacists Association (HPhA) to provide their report.

Mr. Ferreira, representing the Hawai'i Pharmacists Association (HPhA), shared several updates on the organization's recent initiatives.

Meeting  
Minutes  
Review &  
Approval

Chair Isobe asked if members had any corrections to the meeting minutes of November 20, 2025.

It was noted that the list of attending board members included Ms. Cross when she was in fact excused from the meeting.

Additionally, it was noted that on page 8, where it states:

Chair Isobe asked if the question was about high school programs, noting that students in those programs were typically 16 or 17 years old. She concluded that such students likely would not be registered for immunization, referring to those students as ancillary, PTCD, or possibly grandfathered in.

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On a motion by Chair Isobe, seconded by Vice Chair Brown, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of November 20, 2025 with the corrections noted above.

### **TAKEN OUT OF ORDER**

Applications:

Chair Isobe took the applications section out of order to review the Pharmacy Technician applications on the agenda (the numbers of the list were kept the same to match the agenda).

On a motion by Vice Chair Brown, seconded by Mr. Rabang, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at **9:10 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 **9:20 a.m.**, it was moved by Vice Chair Brown, seconded by Ms. Cross, and unanimously carried by the Board to return to open session.

After confirming quorum, the Board provided the following determinations:

10. **Vanessa M. Marquez**

On a motion by Mr. Shih, seconded by Chair Isobe, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application of Ms. Marquez.

11. **Suzanne S.C. Otani**

On a motion by Mr. Shih, seconded by Chair Isobe, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application of Ms. Otani.

12. **Zaylee M. Apostadiro**

Mr Shih had noted that he would be recusing himself from the discussion and vote.

On a motion by Chair Isobe, seconded by Mr. Rabang, the remaining Board members, sans Mr. Shih, voted unanimously to approve the application of Ms. Apostadiro.

Pharmacy  
Technician  
Registration:

Taking the meeting back in order, the discussion on Pharmacy Technician Registration began with Chair Isobe noting the presence of public attendees and inviting EO Fernandez to provide an update.

EO Fernandez reported that the public license lookup system is now live, allowing verification of registration status, and that application forms and FAQs have been posted on the website for easier access. He explained that additional licensing clerks have been assigned to accelerate processing and that delegations approved later in the meeting will allow certain applications to be processed outside of board meetings. EO Fernandez emphasized the importance of legible email addresses to ensure applicants receive notices, which are being sent by both email and mail, and noted that incomplete applications have been an issue. He also mentioned updates to the memo clarifying pharmacy technician duties and confirmed that vaccination registration submissions will require his review due to varied certificate formats.

Chair Isobe then addressed practical concerns, including from attendees, confirming that credit cards cannot be used for initial applications and that corrections should be emailed to the board. She discussed the statutory requirement for license display, suggesting that pharmacies use binders for multiple technicians rather than framing certificates.

Questions arose about pending applications and visibility on the website, with EO Fernandez explaining the gap between submission and database entry and offering to assist with verification.

DAG Wong advised applicants to use return receipt mail for confirmation, and EO Fernandez suggested employers could email lists for verification.

Public testimony was provided by Rob Geddey representing CVS Pharmacies, who stated that CVS submitted approximately 700 applications, with only 11% processed so far. Mr. Geddes asked whether enforcement discretion would apply if the backlog persists and whether the board could post a roster update to speed verification.

EO Fernandez responded that staff are working overtime and on weekends,

prioritizing bulk submissions, and suggested posting weekly ratification lists.

Mr. Geddey appreciated the effort but reiterated the need for a grace period.

DAG Wong clarified the board cannot grant, as the law's effective date is fixed. Wong noted that RICO has prosecutorial discretion and may consider submission and payment dates on a case-by-case basis.

The discussion then shifted to legislative and fee concerns. The Board explored potential amendments to address renewal versus reissuance of the registration and what some members considered high fees.

EO Fernandez explained that fee changes require rule amendments under HAR 16-53.

Nick Ferriera from HPhA confirmed that industry discussions on legislative fixes are underway.

EO Fernandez offered troubleshooting for missing certificates and inviting attendees to join the board's email update list by emailing the Board.

Chair Isobe summarized next steps, including continued processing, consideration of posting rosters, and adding fee discussions to the January agenda, before moving on to the next item.

#### Vaccine

#### Administration:

Chair Isobe introduced the agenda item and invited EO Fernandez to explain the process.

EO Fernandez stated that starting January 1, 2026, only registered pharmacy technicians would be eligible to apply for vaccine administration privileges. He outlined the procedure, noting that a technician's registration application must be processed first before the vaccine administration application can be accepted. If both applications are submitted together, the registration will be processed first, but at the same time as the vaccine registration. EO Fernandez explained that he would need to review vaccine applications because certificates vary by training provider, and the law requires proof of completion from an accredited program. He added that technicians who submit both applications together will receive a modified certificate indicating both registration and vaccine administration, while those who apply later will receive a reissued certificate with the updated designation.

Chair Isobe asked where the vaccine designation would appear on the certificate, and EO Fernandez confirmed it would be printed prominently.

Nick Ferriera from HPhA asked whether vaccine registrations would be processed by January 1, 2026.

EO Fernandez clarified that the law only requires submission of proof of training by that date, not completion of processing, so as long as the application and documentation are submitted and acceptable, compliance is met.

Chair Isobe reiterated that the vaccine designation on the certificate is primarily for tracking purposes and that timely submission is the key requirement.

EO Fernandez reminded attendees to ensure their contact information is clear for email updates and offered to add anyone to the board's update list. Chair Isobe then moved on to the next agenda item after confirming there were no further questions from the public.

It was noted that the Board would be reviewing delegations to the Executive Officer to approve certain applications for pharmacy technician registration and vaccine authorization in executive session and upon return to the open meeting vote on Board recommended delegations and to notify the public.

Applications:

On a motion by Vice Chair Brown, seconded by Mr. Rabang, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at **10:07 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 **11:05 a.m.**, it was moved by Mr. Shih, seconded by Chair Isobe, and unanimously carried by the Board to return to open session.

A. Board Review of Applications for:

Miscellaneous Permit (PMP)

1. **UK Specialty Pharmacy**

On a motion by Mr. Shih, seconded by Vice Chair Brown, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application.

2. **Southwest Florida Infusion Care, Inc.**

Chair Isobe noted that the application was reviewed at the Board's November 20, 2025 meeting and would not be reviewed since the application is already in deferral.

3. **Advanced Medical, LLC**

On a motion by Chair Isobe, seconded by Vice Chair Brown, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application excluding Pharmacists Leann Williams and Tip Williams.

4. **Hartley Medical center Pharmacy, LLC**

Chair Isobe noted that the application was reviewed at the Board's November 20, 2025 meeting and would not be reviewed.

5. **Eagle Pharma Outsourcing, LLC**

Chair Isobe noted that the application was reviewed at the Board's November 20, 2025 meeting and would not be reviewed.

6. **Galleria Medical Pharmacy, LLC**

On a motion by Chair Isobe, seconded by Mr. Shih, the Board voted unanimously to defer the application to request additional information.

7. **Glendale Pharmacy, LLC**

On a motion by Chair Isobe, seconded by Mr. Shih, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application.

8. **Align Pharmacy LLC**

On a motion by Mr. Shih, seconded by Chair Isobe, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application.

9. **Oakdell Compounding Pharmacy LLC**

On a motion by Chair Isobe, seconded by Ms. Cross, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application.

**TAKEN OUT OF ORDER**

Pharmacy  
Technician  
Registration:

See below.

Vaccine  
Authorization:

Chair Isobe noted that the Board had discussed delegations during executive session, and it was clarified that the delegation, the Board recommended, was specifically for pharmacy technician registration and vaccine administration applications. She additionally noted that clean applications (no discipline or criminal convictions) can be approved by the Executive Officer and Licensing Branch without board review if the applicant has met all requirements.

DAG Wong clarified what the language of the delegation should contain pursuant to 436B-8.

On a motion by Mr. Shih, seconded by Chair Isobe, the Board voted unanimously to approve the delegation to the Licensing Branch and the Executive Officer to approve pharmacy technician and vaccine authorization

applications with no disciplinary action or criminal convictions, and applications with certain traffic convictions or violations, provided that the applicant has:

1. Only one conviction on record;
2. No felony convictions;
3. Has complied with court sanctions;
4. A conviction that is not directly related to the profession or performance as a pharmacy technician; and
5. A conviction that is not within 3 years of date application was received.

Legislative  
Session:

Chair Isobe deferred this agenda item.

Next Meeting:

January 29, 2026  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
HRH King Kalakaua Building

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned by Chair Isobe at 12:15 p.m.

Taken, Recorded by:

/s/ Christopher Fernandez  
Christopher Fernandez  
Executive Officer

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Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_.