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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF PHARMACY OCTOBER 18, 2023, MEETING

### APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Pharmacy met on October 18, 2023, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Grace Sesi, PharmD, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:** Grace Sesi, PharmD, Chairperson  
Michael Sleiman, PharmD, Vice Chairperson  
Keith Binion, BS, C.Ph.T. (arrived 10:14 a.m.)  
Pierre Boutros, R.Ph.  
Scott Ciarkowski, PharmD, MBA  
Rony Foumia, R.Ph.  
Kelli Oldham, Public Member  
Sandra Taylor, R.Ph.

**Members Absent:** Kyle McCree, Public Member

**Staff Present:** Laury Brown, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section  
Dena Marks, JD, Departmental Specialist,  
Boards and Committees Section  
Marshall Hooks, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section  
Jennifer Shaltry, JD, Departmental Specialist,  
Boards and Committees Section  
Michele Wagner-Gutkowski, JD, Assistant Attorney General  
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support Technician  
Boards and Committees Section

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Boutros, seconded by Foumia, to approve the agenda, with the removal of item 8.G.4.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Oldham, seconded by Foumia, to approve the June 14, 2023, meeting minutes as written.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **HPRC Candidate Request**

Marks stated that the current HPRC representative for the Board of Pharmacy is terming out on December 31, 2023. She stated that Charles Mollien, R.Ph., JD, had expressed interest in filling the vacant position.

MOTION by Foumia, seconded by Taylor, to elect Charles Mollien, R.Ph., JD, as the HPRC representative for the Board of Pharmacy.

A roll call vote was taken:  
Yeas: Boutros, Ciarkowski, Foumia, Oldham, Taylor,  
Sleiman, Sesi  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Petition for Reinstatement**

#### **James Steven Garfield, DO**

MOTION by Foumia, seconded by Sleiman, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Boutros, seconded by Taylor, to grant reinstatement of the controlled substance license.

A roll call vote was taken:            Yeas: Boutros, Ciarkowski, Foumia, Oldham, Taylor,  
   Sleiman, Sesi  
   Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Proposal for Decision – Licensure**

**Tara Nicole Simatos**

MOTION by Sleiman, seconded by Oldham, to accept the Proposal for Decision and deny the petition for licensure.

A roll call vote was taken:            Yeas: Binion, Boutros, Ciarkowski, Foumia, Oldham,  
   Taylor, Sleiman, Sesi  
   Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Proposal for Decision – Reinstatement Appeal**

**Remiguis U. Onimo, R.Ph.**

MOTION by Taylor, seconded by Boutros, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Taylor, seconded by Ciarkowski, to accept the Proposal for Decision and deny the petition for reinstatement.

A roll call vote was taken:            Yeas: Binion, Boutros, Ciarkowski, Foumia, Oldham,  
   Taylor, Sleiman, Sesi  
   Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED



MOTION PREVAILED

Shaltry ran the election for vice chairperson.

MOTION by Taylor, seconded by Oldham, to re-elect Sleiman as vice chairperson.

A roll call vote was taken:           Yeas: Binion, Boutros, Ciarkowski, Foumia, Oldham,  
Taylor, Sleiman, Sesi  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Committee Assignments**

Sesi made the following committee assignments:

Disciplinary Subcommittee

Oldham – Public Chairperson

McCree – Public

Binion – Professional

Boutros – Professional

Sleiman – Professional

Ciarkowski – Professional alternate

Rules

Boutros

Sesi

Sleiman

Taylor

Conferee

Ciarkowski

Foumia

Taylor

Boutros – Alternate

CE Sponsor

Foumia

Board Review Panel

Sesi

Foumia

Taylor

Pharmacy Technician Program/Exam Review  
Binion

**Compounding Accrediting Organization Rereview**

**Gates Healthcare, Inc.**

MOTION by Oldham, seconded by Boutros, to approve the compounding organization.

A roll call vote was taken:                    Yeas: Binion, Boutros, Ciarkowski, Foumia, Oldham,  
   Taylor, Sleiman, Sesi  
   Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**The Joint Commission**

MOTION by Ciarkowski, seconded by Taylor, to approve the compounding organization.

A roll call vote was taken:                    Yeas: Binion, Boutros, Ciarkowski, Foumia, Oldham,  
   Taylor, Sleiman, Sesi  
   Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Pharmacy Technician Programs and/or Examinations**

**Accelerated Academy, LLC**

MOTION by Foumia, seconded by Sleiman, to approve the pharmacy technician training program for a proprietary school.

A roll call vote was taken:                    Yeas: Binion, Boutros, Ciarkowski, Foumia, Oldham,  
   Taylor, Sleiman, Sesi  
   Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Sleiman served as chairperson.

**Omnicare, Inc.**

Sesi recused herself.

MOTION by Foumia, seconded by Boutros, to approve the pharmacy technician training program and examination.

A roll call vote was taken:                   Yeas: Binion, Boutros, Ciarkowski, Foumia, Oldham,  
  Taylor, Sleiman  
  Nays: None  
  Recuse: Sesi

MOTION PREVAILED

Sesi resumed serving as chairperson.

### **U of M Medical Center**

Ciarkowski recused himself.

MOTION by Foumia, seconded by Boutros, to approve the pharmacy technician program and examination.

A roll call vote was taken:                   Yeas: Binion, Boutros, Foumia, Oldham, Taylor,  
  Sleiman, Sesi  
  Nays: None  
  Recuse: Ciarkowski

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Remote Pharmacy Waiver Requests**

#### **Hometown #38**

MOTION by Foumia, seconded by Boutros, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Foumia, seconded by Oldham, to grant the waiver of 10-mile limitation.

Discussion was held.





Shaltry stated that the Pharmacy – Pharmacy Technician rules were promulgated on October 2, 2023.

Shaltry stated that the bureau will hold the next board member training on February 20, 2024, via Zoom. All board members are welcome to attend.

Shaltry explained the steps of the rules promulgation process.

Wysack reminded Board members to check their state email on a regular basis as this is the form of communication with the department.

Wysack explained the change to the parking kiosk, that will be in effect by the next meeting in December.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Danielle Kus asked what the outcome of the Petition for Reinstatement for James Steven Garfield, DO. Wysack provided the information, per Wagner-Gutkowski's direction.

Dianne Malburg with HomeTown Pharmacy thanked the board for granting the 10-mile limitation waivers for their two pharmacy locations.

Ahmed Said had questions regarding temperature control on packages. He was advised to follow up with the department.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held December 20, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Boutros, seconded by Sleiman, to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on: December 20, 2023.

Prepared by:  
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support Technician  
Bureau of Professional Licensing

October 19, 2023

# **PHARMACY CONTINUING EDUCATION REVIEW**

## **August 25, 2023**

### **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL(S)**

Approval from August 25, 2023 to August 31, 2026.

\* Each program listed under the sponsor name will be given a separate approval number.

#### **Corewell Health West – Department of Pharmacy Services**

- Pharmacy Grand Rounds – Preceptor Development Series: Navigating Difficult Situations with Learners (pharmacists) for 1 hour
- Pharmacy Grand Rounds – Pain as Day: Management of Pain in the Opioid Epidemic (pharmacists and pharmacy technicians) for 1 hour
- Pharmacy Grand Rounds – Mechanical Circulatory Support (pharmacists) for 1 hour
- Pharmacy Grand Rounds – Pediatric Kidney Transplant Considerations (pharmacists) for 1 hour

#### **i3 Health**

- Aligning Treatment Goals and Value-Based Care in Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma (pharmacists) for 1.25 hours

# PHARMACY CONTINUING EDUCATION REVIEW

## October 18, 2023

### **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL(S)**

Approval from October 18, 2023 to October 31, 2026.

\* Each program listed under the sponsor name will be given a separate approval number.

#### **Corewell Health West – Department of Pharmacy Services**

- Pharmacy Grand Rounds – Get a BiTE of this: Updates on Bispecific T-cell Engage Therapies (pharmacists) for 1 hour
- Pharmacy Grand Rounds – Better With Age: A Guide to the 2023 Beers Criteria Updates (pharmacists) for 1 hour
- Pharmacy Grand Rounds – Unraveling Toxicology: Exploring Toxidromes and Treatments for Drug Toxicity along with Possible Cross-Reactivity in Drug Screening (pharmacists and pharmacy technicians) for 1 hour
- Pharmacy Grand Rounds – Keeping up with the Kidneys: A Kinetic Review (pharmacists) for 1 hour
- Pharmacy Grand Rounds – Bio-what? The Role of Biosimilars and Considerations for Coverage Placement (pharmacists and pharmacy technicians) for 1 hour

#### **Covenant Healthcare**

- Pneumococcal Respiratory Infections: An Overview of Treatment and Laboratory Diagnostics (pharmacists and pharmacy technicians) for 1 hour
- An Overview of Postpartum Depression: Spreading Awareness (pharmacists and pharmacy technicians) for 1 hour
- An Overview of Peritoneal Dialysis in Pharmacy (pharmacists and pharmacy technicians) for 1 hour

#### **Michigan Center for Rural Health**

- Pharmacy Grand Rounds: Heart Failure – Optimizing Therapy (pharmacists and pharmacy technicians) for 1 hour