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## **MICHIGAN BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**AUGUST 20, 2025, MEETING**

### **APPROVED MINUTES**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Pharmacy met on August 20, 2025, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Michael Sleiman, PharmD, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Michael Sleiman, PharmD, Chairperson  
Rony Foumia, R.Ph., Vice Chairperson  
Pierre Boutros, R.Ph.  
Keith Binion, BS, C. Ph.T.  
Scott Ciarkowski, PharmD, MBA  
Kyle McCree, Public Member  
Kelli Oldham, Public Member  
Grace Sesi, PharmD  
Sandra Taylor, R.Ph., M.S.

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Marshall Hooks, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section  
Kim Smith, Board Support Technician, Boards and Committees Section  
Jennifer Shaltry, J.D., Departmental Specialist,  
Boards and Committees Section  
Michele Wagner-Gutkowski, J.D., Assistant Attorney General

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Foumia, seconded by Taylor, to approve the June 18, 2025, meeting minutes as written.

Voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

### **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Continuing Education Waiver Request**

**Aliaa Salim, R.Ph.**

MOTION by Foumia, seconded by Oldham, to discuss the matter.

A voice vote followed

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion held.

MOTION by Sesi, seconded by Ciarkowski, to approve the Continuing Education Waiver request.

Roll call vote taken: Yeas: Binion, Boutros, Ciarkowski, Foumia, McCree, Oldham,  
Sesi, Taylor, Sleiman  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

#### **Remote Pharmacy Waiver Requests**

**Hopps Pharmacy LLC**

MOTION by Ciarkowski, seconded by Foumia, to discuss the matter.

A voice vote followed

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion held.

MOTION by Foumia, seconded by Sesi, to approve the request to waive the 10-mile limitation.

Roll call vote taken: Yeas: Binion, Boutros, Ciarkowski, Foumia, McCree, Oldham, Sesi, Taylor, Sleiman

Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Remote Pharmacy Waiver Request- Remus Pharmacy**

MOTION by Taylor, seconded by Boutros, to approve the request to waive the 10-mile limitation.

Roll call vote taken: Yeas: Binion, Boutros, Ciarkowski, Foumia, McCree, Oldham, Sesi, Taylor, Sleiman

Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Pharmacy Technician Training Programs and Examinations**

#### **DMC Huron Valley Sinai Hospital**

MOTION by Boutros, seconded by Foumia to approve the Pharmacy Technician Training Program and Examination.

Roll call vote taken: Yeas: Binion, Boutros, Ciarkowski, Foumia, McCree, Oldham, Sesi, Taylor, Sleiman

Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Elections**

Shaltry ran the elections.

MOTION by Sleiman, seconded by Sesi to elect Foumia as Chairperson.

Roll call vote taken: Yeas: Binion, Boutros, Ciarkowski, Foumia, McCree, Oldham,  
Sesi, Taylor, Sleiman  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Sesi, seconded by Sleiman to elect Boutros as the Vice Chairperson.

MOTION by Taylor, seconded by McCree, to elect Binion as Vice Chairperson.

Roll call vote taken: Boutros: Boutros, Foumia, McCree, Oldham, Sesi, Sleiman  
Binion: Binion, Ciarkowski, Taylor

Boutros elected as Vice Chairperson

### **Committee Assignments**

#### **Board Review Panel**

Foumia  
Sleiman  
Taylor

#### **Rules**

Foumia  
Sesi  
Sleiman  
Taylor

#### **DSC**

Oldham (Chair)  
Binion  
Ciarkowski  
McCree  
Sesi  
Boutros – Professional Alternate

#### **Continuing Education**

Ciarkowski

#### **Pharmacy Technician Training & Examination Review Committee**

Binion

## **2026 Public Notice**

Smith advised the board members that the 2026 Public Notice was emailed to them as well as posted on Egress. Smith asked that the members make note of all meeting dates and let her know as soon as possible if there is a meeting they cannot attend.

## **Resolution Review**

Shaltry stated that the Master Resolution was found within Egress for board members to reference. She stated that it is reviewed annually for updates.

No changes were made to the Master Resolution.

## **Continuing Education**

None.

## **Chair Report**

Sleiman congratulated Fomia and Boutros on their elections as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Sleiman clarified that the Implicit Bias Training needs to be completed every renewal period, not just one time. Sleiman said the only training that is taken once is Human Trafficking.

## **Department Update**

Shaltry said a link would be made available in the Zoom chat for pharmacists attending the meeting virtually who wished to verify their attendance to receive continuing education credit.

Shaltry shared that the General Rules hearing is scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the Williams Building. Shaltry stated that the public comment period for this rule set opens August 28<sup>th</sup>, and comments can be submitted in writing.

Shaltry shared that the Pharmacist Continuing Education Rules comment period has closed. Shaltry shared that the Rules Committee will meet to discuss comments received from both rule sets.

Shaltry let the board members know that the New Board Member Training can be found in Egress for the members to view.

Smith asked that all board members fill out their travel vouchers and parking affidavits.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tony Michienzi feels the Implicit Bias Training needs to be made more prevalent and important so that licensees know it is necessary to complete every renewal period.

Olivia Sugarman, research faculty member from Johns Hopkins, wanted to share with the board a study they are conducting with pharmacists in Michigan and other states. Sugarman shared that the study will survey 200 pharmacists in Michigan that are randomly sampled within Medicaid. Sugarman said that the purpose of the survey is to dive into the issue of buprenorphine ordering thresholds and how much they affect buprenorphine dispensing in pharmacies.

Kate Bolton, Senior Legal Technical Advisor with the Vital Strategies Overdose Prevention Program, introduced herself and briefly explained her role in the study.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held October 15, 2025, 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 Ciarkowski, to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the board on: October 15, 2025

Prepared by:  
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August 25, 2025