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**Board Meeting Minutes of 03/20/2025**

**Board Members Present:** Kris Jonas, PharmD, Chair  
Kevin Ellis, PharmD  
Justin Messenger, PharmD  
John Nielsen, Public Member

**Division Staff:** Nicki Chopski, PharmD, Executive Officer  
Russ Spencer, General Counsel  
Berk Fraser, Chief Investigator  
Candace Villarreal, Board Support Specialist

**Board Members Absent:** Anna Hoenke, PharmD

**Others Present:** Eric Nelson, Board Prosecutor

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 AM by Kris Jonas, PharmD.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 12/19/2024 minutes. The motion carried.

**DIVISION BUSINESS**

**Financial Update:** Dr. Chopski presented the financial report for the second quarter of the fiscal year and encouraged questions from the Board members. She reiterated the concerns expressed by the legislature regarding the increased cash balances and emphasized the Board's commitment to making substantial progress in addressing the ongoing accumulation of surplus revenue. The financial report indicated that the Board had a cash balance of \$5,087,380.95 as of January 28, 2025.

**2025 Legislative Update:** Dr. Chopski presented an overview of the 2025 Legislative Update, supported by the Legislative Tracker, which provided comprehensive insights into ongoing legislative bills and developments. Additional discussion focused specifically on House Bill 29, House Bill 14, House Bill 200, HB 107, and other relevant legislation.

**Renewal Transition Plan:** Dr. Chopski announced the implementation of legislation that mandates a transition for all licensees to a birthdate-based biennial renewal cycle. The Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) will initiate the first phase of this renewal rollout starting on July 1, 2025. The Board of Pharmacy is one of fifteen Boards which have been selected to commence this transition process.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

**Fee Review:** Dr. Chopski presented the Board with an overview of the expectations pertaining to the review and implementation of fee reductions, highlighting the necessity to make significant progress towards the goal established by the Idaho legislature. Following this discussion, a motion was made and seconded to reduce fees by 15%. The motion carried.

**Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Grant Update:** The Board received an update regarding the MOUD grant. The application is accessible on the Board's website, and approval of a

grant will facilitate reimbursement of fees paid to the DEA. There are a total of 392 potential grant awards, with twenty (20) applications currently submitted and approved. She also stated that the grant expires on June 30, 2025, and that any unused monies will revert to the state directed opioid settlement fund.

**Process for Volunteers into HPRP:** The Board engaged in a discussion regarding the reporting of non-compliance issues from the Health Professionals Recovery Program (HPRP), with particular emphasis on the current contract for participation as well as the pathways for involvement. After discussion, the Board determined that it would continue to uphold existing practices for individuals who choose to voluntarily participate in the program and will not review their participation status. Subsequently, a motion was made and seconded to approve reporting to the Board regarding each pathway, as discussed. The motion carried.

**1341138 Finding of Facts, Conclusion of Law, and Recommended Order:** The Board reviewed the hearing officer's report regarding a suspended license. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Findings of Facts and Conclusion of Law and proceed as discussed. The motion carried.

**Default Judgements:** The Board reviewed the default judgements. A motion was made and seconded to revoke licenses for the following cases:1314088;1317854;1318962; 1319441;1322878;1327922; 1328127;1328226;1328230;1328232;1328236;1328238;1332822;1332824;1332829;1332830;1333612; and 1333613.The motion carried

**Case number 1229314: Reconsideration of Fines:** The Board reviewed the request. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to deny the request. The motion carried.

**Conference Attendance Reports and Request:** The Board discussed attendance at upcoming conferences. A motion was made and seconded to support upcoming board travel as presented. The motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Dr. Jonas provided the opportunity for public comment. Dr. Jen Adams, ISU College of Pharmacy, thanked Dr. Messenger and Dr. Jonas for their participation in the ACPE site visit.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made and seconded to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records related to a licensee's ability to retain a license, which is exempt from public disclosure. The vote was: Dr. Ellis, aye; Dr. Messenger, aye; Mr. Nielsen, aye; and Dr. Jonas, aye. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to exit the Executive Session. The motion carried.

## **Discipline:**

A motion was made and seconded that the Board of Pharmacy close the following cases:1363899;1348372; and 1362906. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded that the Board of Pharmacy close with a Letter of Concern case numbers:1483527; and 1478819. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded that the Board of Pharmacy authorize negotiation of an Agreement in Lieu of Discipline with the terms discussed in executive session and authorize legal counsel to

approve on behalf of the Board regarding case numbers: 1374968;1378913; 1382473;1387818; 1502402 and 1482681. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded that the Board of Pharmacy enter a Stipulation and Order with the terms discussed in executive session regarding case numbers: 1348295; and 1384146. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board Prosecutor to file an administrative complaint in case number: 1493714. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board Prosecutor to file an administrative complaint should any negotiations expire or be rejected. The motion carried.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:56 PM.

The next meeting will be held on 06/18/2025.