

NEBRASKA BOARD OF PHARMACY

MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2025

ROLL CALL

Sabrina Beck, R.P., Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Pharmacy to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Husker Room at the Hampton Inn & Suites, located at 7343 Husker Circle, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was conducted In-Person and by WebEx. The following Board members answered the roll call:

Sabrina Beck, R.P., Vice-Chairperson
Charles Tomlinson, R.P., Secretary
Kenneth Kester, R.P., J.D.
Darrell Klein, J.D.
Amy McMurtry, RP – New Member

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

Also present were: Dean Willson, R.P., Pharmacy Inspector; Melissa Pollard, R.P., Pharmacy Inspector; John Hayes, R.P., Pharmacy Inspector, Vonda Apking, Program Manager; Heather Ord, Health Licensing Coordinator; Jessica Dean, Health Licensing Coordinator; Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General; Teresa Hampton, Department Attorney; Anna Harrison, RN, BSN, Compliance Monitor; Brittany Bigham, Investigator.

Beck announced that there is a copy of all the public documents being reviewed at this meeting available in the meeting room pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS web site: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx> and posted on the Bulletin Board at the main entrance of the NSOB (Nebraska State Office Building) 14th & M Streets on 12/31/2024 and 1/7/2025.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Adoption of Agenda

Klein moved, seconded by Kester, to approve the agenda as presented with the Chair having the authority to rearrange agenda items as needed. Voting aye: Beck, Kester, Klein, McMurtry, Tomlinson. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Additions, Modification, Reordering

There are no additions, modifications, or reordering at this time.

Adoption of Consent Agenda(s)

The Board requested that the following applications be removed from the Consent Agenda:

- Misbah Siddique (e-mail ballot)– Pharmacist Intern
- Shannon Eads – Pharmacist Reinstatement AFTER Discipline

The Board requested that the following applications be removed from the Pharmaceutical Care Agreements Consent Agenda:

- Charles Drew Health Center
- Hasting Family Care

Klein moved, seconded by Tomlinson, to approve the adoption of the Consent Agenda as amended. Voting aye: Beck, Kester, Klein, McMurtry, Tomlinson. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS, DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AUDIT REPORTS & APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

Klein moved, seconded by McMurtry, to go into closed session at 9:04 a.m. for the purpose of review and discussion of investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Voting aye: Beck, Kester, Klein, McMurtry, Tomlinson. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open the session at 10:59 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 4, 2024

Klein moved, seconded by Kester, to approve the minutes as they are presented. Voting aye: Beck, Kester, Klein, Tomlinson. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: McMurtry. Motion carried.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION

Pharmacy Technician Reinstatement AFTER Discipline Application(s) (1)

EADS, SHANNON – Reinstatement After Discipline Application to practice as a pharmacy technician – Beck moved, seconded by Klein to recommend reinstating Eads' pharmacy technician license on 3 years' probation. The basis for the probation is due to driving under the influence. Voting aye: Beck, Kester, Klein, McMurtry, Tomlinson. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Pharmacist Intern Application (1)

SIDDIQUE, MISHAP – Application to practice as a Pharmacy Intern – Tomlinson moved, seconded by Beck to recommend approval of the application for pharmacist intern application on probation for 2 years with no other convictions can occur, submission of quarterly reports from the school to the board or pharmacy, proof of informing the school and future employers during 2-year probation, and following all state and federal laws. Voting aye: Beck, Kester, Klein, McMurtry, Tomlinson. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF E-MAIL BALLOTS SINCE LAST MEETING

- A pharmacy technician registration was issued to Matricia Wright on 11/5/2024. Her registration number is 15327.
- A pharmacy technician registration was issued to Juli Slobastewski on 11/5/2024. Her registration number is 15328.
- A pharmacy technician registration was issued to Mackenzie Gibler on 12/9/2024. Her registration number is 15396.
- A pharmacy technician registration was issued to Charly Knolles on 12/9/2024. Her registration number is 15397.
- A pharmacy technician registration was issued to Alliea Bice on 1/8/2025. Her registration number is 15449.

- A pharmacy technician registration was issued to DeAnna Schell on 1/8/2025 Her registration number is 15450.
- A pharmacy technician registration was issued to Alisha Ninneman on 1/8/2025 Her registration number is 15451.
- A pharmacy technician registration was issued to Tiffani Stewart on 1/8/2025 Her registration number is 15452.

REVIEW OF PHARMACEUTICAL CARE AGREEMENT(S) (2)

- Charles Drew Health Center – nurses cannot be a part of the pharmaceutical care agreements.
- Hasting Family Care – nurses cannot be a part of the pharmaceutical care agreements.

LEGISLATION UPDATE

There are no updates at this time.

REGULATIONS UPDATE

There are no updates at this time.

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN SEAT ON THE BOARD OF PHARMACY LETTER

Dear Board of Pharmacy Members,

We are writing to express our strong support for the establishment of a dedicated board member seat for a pharmacy technician on the Board of Pharmacy in your state. We are a group of pharmacy technicians that currently or recently have served as board members on our respective Boards of Pharmacy but are sending this letter as a representation of our individual thoughts, not on behalf of any board or NABP. We have seen firsthand the evolving and expanding role of pharmacy technicians in healthcare. Including a pharmacy technician on the Board provides invaluable insights, ensures more comprehensive decision-making, and better reflects the composition of the professional pharmacy workforce.

In 2022 our team put forward a resolution through NABP to support pharmacy technicians on boards of pharmacy which passed nearly unanimously. The Model Act has been amended to include language to support a pharmacy technician board seat as part of the Board of Pharmacy makeup [Section 202]. The Model Act serves as NABP's "endorsement" for regulatory and statutory language. The next step is carrying the momentum forward into your state to make the change that is needed.

Pharmacy technicians have become integral to the operation of pharmacies across various settings – retail, hospital, compounding, long-term care, specialty, operations, education, compliance, regulatory, and beyond. Their responsibilities have significantly increased in scope and complexity. Yet, despite these critical duties, the unique perspectives and challenges faced by pharmacy technicians are often underrepresented in policy and regulatory discussions that impact the profession.

A dedicated board seat for a pharmacy technician offers several key benefits:

Representation of the Pharmacy Team: Pharmacy technicians are vital in delivering safe and effective care to the public. Their inclusion on the Board would help to better represent the makeup of a pharmacy team and ensure decisions are made by pharmacy professionals involved in patient care.

Enhanced Regulatory Insight: Pharmacy technicians provide the Board with crucial insights into the practical implications of regulatory changes, particularly those related to pharmacy operations and patient

safety. Their experience in day-to-day pharmacy practice offers a valuable perspective in the creation and revision of rules and regulations.

Patient-Centered Care: Pharmacy technicians often serve as the first point of contact for patients in the pharmacy. Their unique understanding of patient needs and concerns is an asset in the development of more patient-centered policies and regulations, ultimately improving the quality of care provided and patient safety.

As the role of pharmacy technicians continues to evolve, it is crucial that their contributions are recognized and that they have a voice in shaping the policy and regulations within the practice of pharmacy. A dedicated board seat for a pharmacy technician not only acknowledges their critical role within the pharmacy profession, but also enhances the Board's ability to create informed, effective policies and regulations that benefit the entire healthcare system.

We respectfully urge the Board to consider this important step towards inclusivity and representation. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for your ongoing commitment to public safety and the pharmacy profession.

Sincerely,

Kristen Snair

Julie Lanza

Diane Halvorson

Keith Binion

Brad Miller

No comment at this time.

DESIGNATION OF THE METHOD BY WHICH THIS BODY GIVES PUBLIC NOTICE OF ITS MEETINGS

There are no changes at this time. Klein moved, seconded by McMurtry, to continue the current method of which this body gives public notice of its meetings. Voting aye: Beck, Kester, Klein, McMurtry, Tomlinson. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Klein moved, seconded by McMurtry to appoint Beck as Chairperson, Tomlinson as Vice-Chairperson, and Kester as Secretary. The slate of officers is as follows: Beck – Chairperson, Tomlinson – Vice-Chairperson, and Kester – Secretary. Voting aye: Beck, Kester, Klein, McMurtry, Tomlinson. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Name: Allison Dering-Anderson, R.P., PharmD
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Business: UNMC, College of Pharmacy

Dr. Dering-Anderson from UNMC, College of Pharmacy in Omaha, Nebraska expressed her gratitude and appreciation for Apking, who goes above and beyond, on what she does for the international students and making it seamless for UNMC.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next Board of Pharmacy meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2024.

To view the projected schedule for 2025, go to: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting at 12:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(signature on file with the Department)

Charles Tomlinson, R.P., Secretary
Board of Pharmacy