

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

BOARD OF PHARMACY

CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 20, 2025

Date: November 20, 2025

Time: 09:00am – 05:00pm

Location: Online via Zoom™

Attending: Board Members: Ashley Schaber, Sylvain Nouvion, Dylan Sanders, Julie McDonald, and Sara Rasmussen.

Staff: Michael Bowles, Greg Gober, Lisa Sherrell, Melissa Dumas, and Sylvan Robb.

Absent: Ramsey Bell

1. Roll Call/Call to Order

Roll Call:

Ashley Schaber - Present

Sara Rasmussen - Absent

Julie McDonald - Present

Ramsey Bell – Absent

Sylvain Nouvion – Present

Dylan Sanders – Present

On record at 09:03.

Quorum met.

Sara Rasmussen joined at 11:14am. Sara Rasmussen left the meeting at approximately 2:00pm.

2. Ethics Disclosures

A. No members provided any ethics disclosures.

3. Consent Agenda Items

A. Review/Approve Meeting Agenda

B. Review Lost or Stolen Controlled Substances/DEA 106s – CONFIDENTIAL

C. Adverse Drug Events

Motion: Sylvain Novion motioned to approve the consent agenda as written and requested unanimous consent, no objection.

Recorded Votes:
Unanimous Consent.

It was resolved to approve the consent agenda as written.

4. Investigations Review

A. Holly Handley - Investigator, Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing

- i. Provided the board with the Investigative Report.
 - o Investigative Report from May 09, 2025, through August 04, 2025.
 - Open Cases: 51
 - Closed Cases: 58
 - License Actions: 1
 - License Denials: 0

ii. Case # 2025-000399

Motion: Ashley Schaber motioned to approve the consent agreement order as written for case 2025-000399, seconded by Sylvain Novion.

Recorded Votes:
Ashley Schaber - Yes
Sara Rasmussen -
Julie McDonald - Yes
Ramsey Bell –
Sylvain Novion – Yes
Dylan Sanders – Abstain

It was resolved to approve the consent agreement order as written for case 2025-000399.

iii. Case # 2025-000192

Motion: Ashley Schaber motioned to approve the application for case 2025-000192, seconded by Sylvain Novion.

Recorded Votes:
Ashley Schaber - No
Sara Rasmussen -
Julie McDonald - No
Ramsey Bell –
Sylvain Novion – No
Dylan Sanders – Abstain

It was not resolved to approve the consent agreement order as written for case 2025-000192.

Motion: Ashley Schaber motioned to deny the application for case 2025-000192, seconded by Julie McDonald.

Recorded Votes:

Ashley Schaber - Yes

Sara Rasmussen -

Julie McDonald - Yes

Ramsey Bell –

Sylvain Nouvion – Yes

Dylan Sanders – Abstain

It was resolved to deny the application for case 2025-000192.

5. Michael Bowles - Executive Administrator of the Board of Pharmacy, Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing

- A. Discussed projection of upcoming renewal season.
- B. Online applications for manufacturers, wholesale drug distributors, third party logistics providers, and outsourcing facilities are almost complete.
- C. Discussed board vacancies. Carla Hebert resigned, and Ramsey Bell will not be seeking a second term.
- D. Ashley Schaber mentioned needing a vice chairperson.
- E. Julie McDonald requested description of responsibilities of vice chairperson.
- F. Ashley Schaber provided responsibilities of the vice chairperson.
- G. Task for Michael Bowles to add vice chairperson vote to the February agenda.

6. Melissa Dumas - Administrative Operations Manager, Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing

- A. Provided the Board with the 4th quarter fiscal year 2025 budget report.
- B. Discussed upcoming fee change project.
- C. Task for Michael Bowles to add the fee change project to February agenda.
- D. Julie McDonald and Sylvain Nouvion will work on fee change spreadsheet project and provide feedback.

7. Industry Updates

- A. Charles Semling, PharmD, RPh - Pharmacy & Ancillary Services Manager, Division of Health Care Services
 - i. Provided the board with an update on Medicaid dispensing fees.
 - ii. Task for Michael Bowles to send out the info provided to the Board during update via listserv.
- B. Brandy Seignemartin, PharmD - Executive Director, Alaska Pharmacy Association (AKPhA)
 - i. Provided the board with an update on the Rural Healthcare Transformational Project

- ii. Provided the board with an update on the Cicero Report titled 2025 Policy Strategies for Full Practice Authority.
- iii. Provided the board with an update on meetings attended.
- iv. Informed the board of the 60th annual convention and tradeshow February 20-22, 2026, in Anchorage.

C. Jennifer Adams, PharmD, EdD, FAPhA, FNAP - Associate Professor, L.S. Skaggs College of Pharmacy Idaho State University

- i. Provided the board with an update on NAPLEX pass rate of 98% for the class of 2025.
- ii. Provided the board with an update on the UAA pass rate of 100% for pharmacy students.
- iii. Provided the board with an update of a hearing in the ways and means subcommittee titled focusing on modernizing healthcare to treat chronic diseases.
- iv. Provided the board with an update of the “Ensuring Community Access to Pharmacist Services” (ECAPS) bill that would allow pharmacists to bill for services under Medicare and recognize pharmacists as providers within the Medicare system.

8. Public Comment Period

A. No public comments provided.

9. Unfinished Board Business

A. Regulations

- i. Sylvan Robb - Director, Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing
 - a. Provided the board with information on how they should be pursuing the regulation reduction requirements outlined in Administrative Order 360.
 - b. Provided the board with a document written by Sara Chambers, Boards and Regulations Advisor for the Department, on strategies to get the most out of AO 360.
 - c. Provided the board with a regulations reform spreadsheet titled, “Reform Plan and Decisional Document” to assist the board in the regulation reform project.
- ii. Current regulations project PHA 1124 was halted to align with AO 360.
 - a. This project does not need to start from the beginning stage of a regulations project with new votes and approvals by the board.

Motion: Ashley Schaber motioned to move regulations project PHA 1124 as written forward as part of the regulation reduction effort, seconded by Julie McDonald.

Recorded Votes:

Ashley Schaber - Yes

Sara Rasmussen -

Julie McDonald - Yes

Ramsey Bell –

Sylvain Nouvion – Yes

Dylan Sanders – Yes

It was resolved to move regulations project PHA 1124 as written forward as part of the regulation reduction effort.

Motion: Ashley Schaber moved to form a workgroup between the board, AKPhA, and UAA/ISU to work on the AO 360 regulation reduction effort to meet a minimum of twice before the next quarterly meeting in February, seconded by Sylvain Nouvion.

Recorded Votes:

Ashley Schaber - Yes

Sara Rasmussen -

Julie McDonald - Yes

Ramsey Bell –

Sylvain Nouvion – Yes

Dylan Sanders – Yes

It was resolved to form a workgroup between the board, AKPhA, and UAA/ISU to work on the AO 360 regulation reduction effort to meet a minimum of twice before the next quarterly meeting in February.

b. Task for Michael Bowles to create a survey to find what dates and times work best for workgroup.

- iii. The board reviewed written public comments received under the AO 360 announcement and added the comments to the AO 360 regulations reduction spreadsheet.
 - a. Justin Ruffridge, PharmD - Director of Pharmacy, Inlet Pharmacy Group addressed pharmacists-in-charge in telehealth systems.
 - b. Carrie Urena, PharmD, BCPS - Opioid Treatment Program Pharmacist addressed pharmacists as providers in opioid treatment programs.
- iv. The board reviewed current regulations line by line as well as those specifically related to Standard of Care and added multiple regulations to the regulations reform spreadsheet for consideration under AO 360. Topics include:
 - a. Vaccines/Immunizations
 - b. Security
 - c. Pharmacist-in-Charge
 - d. Labeling
 - e. Applications
 - f. Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)
 - g. Task for Michael Bowles to find out if statute changes to AS 08.80.157 and 08.80.330 can occur under AO360.

B. Statutes

- i. Ashley Schaber provided the board with updates on current legislative matters. There may be some amendments to the following bills including guardrails in for schedule II-controlled substances.

- a. SB 147 - PHARMACIST PRESCRIPTION AUTHORITY
- b. HB 195 - PHARMACIST PRESCRIPTION AUTHORITY

C. Sylvain Nouvion provided the board with an update on pharmacies turning off E- Prescribing during closures.

- i. Reached out to 32 other states and the majority of other states did not have anything specific in their statutes. The majority of them asked Sylvain to reach back out to them if he found any information addressing this.
- ii. Connecticut had some significant information. Each pharmacy must maintain a plan to manage unscheduled closings, reviewed and updated annually. They must inform the commission (board in Conn) and turn off e-prescribing to prevent acceptance of prescriptions. Must maintain a list of other pharmacies within a 2-mile radius. The pharmacy must transfer prescriptions within 24 hours if they cannot reopen.
- iii. The board discussed adding language in regulation for emergency closures vs permanent closures in Alaska. This was added to the regulation reform spreadsheet.

D. No new updates on the NABP Collaboration Addressing Workforce Well-Being

- i. Task for Michael Bowles to add this to February meeting if there is an update.

E. The board reviewed the pharmacy, remote pharmacy, drug room, and facility self-inspection sheet revisions completed by the subcommittee formed after the last board meeting.

- i. Task to have the board review the investigations inspection form at the February meeting.

Motion: Ashley Schaber motioned to approve the self-inspection sheets as presented to the board, seconded by Julie McDonald.

Recorded Votes:

Ashley Schaber - Yes
Sara Rasmussen - Yes
Julie McDonald - Yes
Ramsey Bell –
Sylvain Nouvion – Yes
Dylan Sanders – Yes

It was resolved to approve the self-inspection sheets as presented to the board.

10. Adjourned for Lunch at 12:29m

11. Roll Call/Call to Order 1:01pm

Ashley Schaber - Present
Sara Rasmussen - Present
Julie McDonald - Present
Ramsey Bell –

Sylvain Nouvion – Present
Dylan Sanders – Present

Quorum met.

12. Lisa Sherrell - Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Manager, Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing

- A. Provided the board with PDMP updates.
- B. Julie McDonald asked Lisa Sherrell how the states are decided for partnering and sharing information.
- C. Lisa Sherrell stated it comes down to states asking to join and having PDMP software that aligns.
- D. Discussed long-lasting injectables and PDMP, it would likely take a statute change, this will be placed on hold due to other priorities.

13. New Board Business

- A. Identify Member to Provide an Update at AKPhA Convention
 - i. Julie McDonald and Sylvain Nouvion were identified to present on behalf of the board.
- B. Ashley Schaber discussed the FDA's launch of Project Green List.
 - i. Effort by the FDA to protect the public from fraudulent and unsafe GLP-1s.
- C. The board had a lengthy discussion addressing regulation changes that could occur under AO 360.
 - i. It was determined the board would hold a workgroup to work towards completing the regulation reform spreadsheet prior to the next meeting for the board to vote and approve by the Governor's deadline of February 13, 2025.

14. Tasks List Review and Update

- A. Task created for Sylvain Nouvion to provide Michael Bowles a summary of the meeting as a newsletter to send as a listserv.

15. Chair Final Comments

- A. Next Quarterly Meeting – February 12, 2026
- B. Other proposed 2026 quarterly meeting dates - May 21, August 20, November 19

16. Adjourned at 4:55

Motion: Julie McDonald moved to adjourn the meeting and asked for unanimous consent. No objections.