



TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

**Held via Videoconference
Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

MINUTES¹

PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

President Julie Spier, R.Ph., called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. via videoconference in accordance with the Office of the Texas Governor's suspension of applicable sections of Chapter 551 of the Tex. Gov't Code, effective March 16, 2020, in response to the disaster declaration issued March 13, 2020, for the State of Texas. Other Board Members present via videoconference were Vice President Donnie Lewis, R.Ph.; Treasurer Jenny Downing Yoakum, R.Ph.; Rick Fernandez, R.Ph.; Daniel Guerrero; Lori Henke, Pharm.D.; Bradley A. Miller, Ph.T.R.; Donna Montemayor, R.Ph.; Chip Thornsburg; Suzette Tijerina, R.Ph.; and Rick Tisch.

Staff present via videoconference were Allison Vordenbaumen Benz, R.Ph., M.S., Executive Director/Secretary; Kerstin Arnold, General Counsel; Megan Holloway, Deputy General Counsel; Caroline Hotchkiss, Director of Enforcement; Ann Driscoll, Ph.T.R., Team Manager; Lily Moreno, Executive Assistant; and Shayda Bakhshi, Outreach Coordinator.

President Spier provided an opening statement regarding the public hearing to receive comments concerning:

- The proposed amendments for adoption which were published in the October 2, 2020 issue of the Texas Register; and
- Other November 3, 2020 Board Meeting Agenda Items.

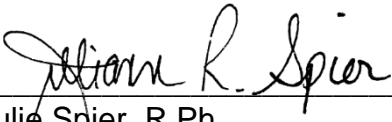
¹See agenda and corresponding attachments for supporting materials.

The following individuals provided verbal comments regarding the proposed amendments for adoption concerning Pharmacy Technician/Technician Trainee Ratios and Duties:

- Debbie Garza, R.Ph., Chief Executive Officer, Texas Pharmacy Association, who spoke in support of the proposed amendments;
- Gary Cacciatore, R.Ph., who was neutral regarding the proposed amendments and suggested clarification regarding the expansion of technician duties not including the receipt of oral controlled substances prescriptions;
- Jeenu Philip, Director, Pharmacy Affairs, Walgreen Co., who spoke in support of the proposed amendments and suggested consideration of removal of the pharmacist to pharmacy technician ratio in the future in the Class A pharmacy setting;
- John Rocchio, Pharm.D., R.Ph., Senior Director, CVS Health, who spoke in support of the proposed amendments and recommended removal of the ratio in the Class A pharmacy setting;
- Sarah Lake-Wallace, M.S., Pharm. D., President, Texas Society of Health-System Pharmacists, who spoke in support of the proposed amendments and suggested additional training and quality assurance processes be implemented into any setting implementing an expansion of technician duties, and who also provided comments in support of the proposed amendments to §315.15 concerning Prescription Monitoring Program access requirements;
- Valentine Duru, R.Ph., Pharmacist-in-Charge and Managing Officer, Medicine Shoppe #1247, who spoke in opposition to the proposed amendments allowing pharmacy technicians receiving oral prescription orders;
- Lauren Hayden, Pharm.D., R.Ph., Staff Pharmacist, H.E.B. Grocery Company, LP, who spoke in support of the proposed amendments;
- Rob Geddes, Pharm.D., Director, Pharmacy Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, Albertsons Companies, Inc., who spoke in support of the proposed amendments;
- Jeff Loesch, Pharm.D., R.Ph., CHC, President, Texas Federation of Drug Stores and Director of Pharmacy, Kroger Health, who spoke in support of the proposed amendments regarding expansion of technician duties and suggested an increase or removal of the pharmacist to pharmacy technician ratio in the Class A pharmacy setting;
- Staten Holmes, Pharm.D., R.Ph., Pharmacy Manager, H.E.B. Grocery Company, LP, who spoke in support of the proposed amendments and suggested an increase or removal of the pharmacist to pharmacy technician ratio in the Class A pharmacy setting; and
- Jill Lester, Pharm.D., R.Ph., Pharmacy Practice Coordinator and Pharmacist, Kroger Health, who spoke in support of the proposed amendments increasing the Class A pharmacist to pharmacy technician ratio to 1:6.

President Spier adjourned the Public Hearing at 9:39 a.m.

APPROVED:



Julie Spier, R.Ph.
President



Allison Vordenbaumen Benz, R.Ph., M.S.
Executive Director/Secretary

February 2, 2021