

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Oregon State Board of Pharmacy**  
**800 NE Oregon, Suite 150**  
**Portland, OR 97232**

**Monday, May 15, 2006 @ 10:30 Conference Call**

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**OPEN SESSION, Linda Howrey, RPh. Presiding**

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 by Linda Howrey

Roll Call

The following Board Members were present either in person or by telephone:

Linda Howrey, Board President  
Ann Zweber, Co-Vice President  
Cathryn Lew, Co-Vice President  
Bernie Foster  
Lee Howard  
Blake Rice  
Marcus Watt

The following staff members were present:

Gary Schnabel, Executive Director  
Karen MacLean, Administrative Director  
Gary Miner, Compliance Director  
Joe Ball, Chief Inspector  
Michael Hunt, Licensing Representative  
Courtney Frank, Licensing Representative  
Chrisy Hennigan, Licensing Representative

Tom Cowan, Board Counsel

Board staff requested a brief meeting with the Board for the purpose of reviewing final text changes made to the technician rules that the Board approved during the April meeting and to discuss potential issues that they found in the process of finalizing the rule.

Agenda review and approval

Board President Howrey requested adding a short discussion about a comment from the Pain Commission on the Pain Continuing Education Rule to the meeting agenda.

**MOTION**

**Motion to approve the revised agenda was made and unanimously carried. (Motion by Howard, second by Foster)**

Review final adopted Technician Rule text from April 5, 2006 meeting:

The Board reviewed text changes requested in the Technician Rule which were made at the last meeting. Upon review, the Board made minor corrections to the final rule text.

The Board discussed Board Counsel's recommended changes to ORS 855-025-0010 (1). In the current version, technicians have one year after their initial

licensure, or until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to become certified. Board staff proposed changing the requirement so that technicians have until their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday to obtain National Certification. The Board discussed this issue, and approved the language revision to give technicians until their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday to become certified.

The Board discussed staff recommendation on changing the wording for license title. Board decided to modify title. The new certified technician licenses will read, "This Certifies That the Following is a Licensed Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician."

The Board discussed staffs recommendation of having a different license color for certified technicians. The Board decided on keeping pharmacy technician licenses red, and making the certified technician licenses purple.

Board discussed reinstatement/renewal policy:

An applicant who had been licensed in the past, but their license has been expired for more than a year will apply for reinstatement of license. A delinquent fee will not apply however licensee must complete a new application.

An applicant who was licensed within a period of one year prior to the current licensing cycle must apply for a license renewal. Delinquent fee will apply if postmarked after August 31, and licensee must fill out renewal form.

A technician who renews license during the October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008 renewal cycle will be subject to the October 1, 2008 certification requirement date, regardless of when they apply for renewal.

The Board discussed testing issues:

Currently the Oregon PTCB is offered three times a year, and is offered only in Eugene and Portland. Results can take up to 60 days. The Oregon ExCpt tests are offered continuously. Testing sites are state wide. Results are given immediately, but certificates can take up to 6 weeks to be delivered.

The Board determined that most of the timing issues involved with testing, and the technicians receiving their certificate before the deadline will no longer be a problem as both testing programs plan to have their tests available online with results and certificate given at time of testing.

Board had questions regarding how staff will emphasize that the technicians must plan for timing issues in order to keep working. Since no grace period will be available, the staff will be proactive with information through newsletters, Boards website, FAQ, perhaps even an email to PIC's advising that technicians cannot work if they don't have test results and applications in before the October 1, 2008 deadline.

Board discussed staff recommendation to withdraw repeal for parts of Division 41. Board discussed and decided not to repeal text, and to put on agenda to discuss at a later date.

The Board reviewed the following staff recommendations/requirements:

To change the moral turpitude (MT) questions on the certified technician application.

To require a copy of Certification with initial application, as well as subsequent renewals.

To require a new photo and copy of ID from technicians who are currently licensed upon application for license renewal. The Board confirmed this requirement for the purpose of future scanning photo into licensing system, or onto the technician license. The Board also discussed a standardization of photos, and decided that only a standard 2 x 2 passport size photo will be accepted.

To pull a criminal background checks on all Certified Technician Applications. Through transition process and renewals licensing will be able to pick up all licensees.

To offer of two different applications, one for new licensee, and one for technician renewal.

How to handle the issuing of new license numbers on technician files. Staff recommended putting the label on the left side of the folder on a colored label, and to keep licensed technician and certified technician files in same place to avoid confusion.

Request to be placed on Pharmacy Technician renewal forms that if they are certified, to please disregard the form and complete the Certified Pharmacy Technician Renewal Application.

That if a technician is currently certified, and the information is in boards licensing system, and that this information has only been recorded for the past year, that the Board staff will mail a "Renewal Application" rather than a renewal form.

How late fees will apply for people transferring their license to a Certified Technician. Board staff will mail out renewal application in late June/ early July to allow for additional items now needed. Board agreed with staff that late fees will still apply if postmarked after August 31.

What information could be added to the website. Board staff can add a FAQ to help with transition, as well as scenario based examples.

What, if any outreach Board needs to provide to trade schools and community colleges. Staff shared that it was the responsibility of training programs to be aware of Board of Pharmacy rules.

A flow chart showing the proposed pharmacy technician licensing transition process which will be valid from August 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. Also reviewed was a chart showing the proposed pharmacy technician licensing process that will start on October 1, 2007.

## **MOTION**

**Motion to approve rule text as revised was made and unanimously carried. (Motion by Howard, second by Foster.)**

Pain Commission comment on Pain Continuing Education (CE)

President Howrey shared a comment from the pain commission regarding the Pain CE requirement. They wanted it clarified that the CE is not required to be done by June. In addition, Board president Howrey wanted to reiterate that this is still a topic of interest, and will be discussed further at the June Board Meeting.

Exception requests for non-pharmacist supervision

Administrative Director, Karen MacLean presented a request from Oregon State University to have non-pharmacists supervising students at their clerkship sites. Board discussed and approved exception request.

**MOTION**

**Motion to allow non-pharmacists to supervise students was made and unanimously approved. (Motion by Watt, second by Foster)**

Approval for OSU 2006-2007 Clerkship Sites

**MOTION**

**Motion to approve the Oregon State Universities 2006 – 2007 Clerkship sites was made and unanimously carried. (Motion by Howard, second by Lew)**

Open Forum

Dr. Ember Skidmore R.Ph., from Liberty Northwest Insurance reported to the Board a change in current workman's compensation policies regarding the length of time physicians are allowed to dispense prescription drugs to a patient after they are injured. At the time of the presentation the policy regarding the length of time physicians are allowed to dispense drugs had already been changed. The Board thanked Dr. Skidmore for her appearance, but that they unfortunately were unable to help her at this time.

**MOTION**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30am was made and unanimously carried. (Motion by Howard, second by Lew)**

Minutes Accepted By:

Gary A. Schnabel, Executive Director  
/s/ Gary A. Schnabel, R.Ph., R.N.  
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