

**AGENDA**  
NORTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY  
**January 8-9-10, 2025**  
*Club House Hotel & Suites - 4400 15<sup>th</sup> Ave South – Regency 3 Room*  
*Fargo ND 58103 (1-701-282-5777)*

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**Wednesday – January 8, 2025**

- 5:00 PM**      CALL TO ORDER – Tanya Schmidt, President  
Recite: Mission Statement
- Review and approval of agenda  
Review and approval of Minutes of November 21, 2024  
Assign members to review all paid invoices and Reconciled Bank Statements  
Grant Lifetime Licenses = **14**
- 5:30 PM**      Central Pharmacy – New Rockford Remodel Plans (Phar787)
- 6:30 PM**      Technician Advisory Dinner– Representatives from NAPT and NDSCS
- Discussion Items:  
Expanding Pharmacy Technician roles  
Models of Pharmacy Technician Education  
Workforce and Recruitment of Technicians  
Discussion by NAPT Officers of items of interest to NAPT

**Thursday - January 9, 2025**

- 8:30 AM**      CALL TO ORDER – Tanya Schmidt, President
- 9:00 AM**      Abigail Otoo Tech2140 – Foreign Pharmacist Graduate request for Intern License
- 9:30 AM**      Edgeley Pharmacy (Phar717) Relocation Plans
- 10:30 AM**      NCDQS request to accept QAS accreditation
- 11:30 AM**      Lunch - Lucky 13s
- 1:30 PM**      2025 inspection Cycle Discussion

**Discussion Items:**

Labor Commissioner Study Report  
2025 Legislative Session  
Veterinary prescriptions  
Board Member Reports  
Executive Director’s Report  
Consider approval of all legal action of the Executive Director

Approval of Paid Invoices and Reconciled Bank Statements  
Year to date Financial Report & Budget comparisons  
Investigating Committee Work

**5:30 PM**     **Profession of Pharmacy Dinner**– Regency 2 Room  
Representatives of: NDSU – NDPhA – NDPSC - NDSHP  
Discussion Items:  
Updates from Representatives in attendance  
Workforce challenges in pharmacy  
Other challenges and solutions for the Profession

**Friday - January 10, 2025**

**8:30 AM**     CALL TO ORDER – Tanya Schmidt, President  
Recap of Discussions and any outstanding action items

**9:00 AM**     Gaylen Volk, RN – Hospice at Red River Valey Hospice House  
  
Vouchers – Adjourn

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President Tanya Schmidt, PharmD called the Board Meeting to order at 5:00 PM on Wednesday January 8, 2025.

**Present in the Room** were Executive Director Mark J Hardy, PharmD, Shane Wendel, Pharm D, Kevin Oberlander, RPh. Technician Member Diane Halvorson, RPhTech; Tanya Schmidt, PharmD; Carolyn Bodell, RPh. Public Member Ron Horner; Tyler Lannoye, PharmD; and Howard C Anderson Jr RPh.

President Schmidt read the mission statement: *The Board of Pharmacy protects, preserves and promotes the public health and welfare of the citizens of North Dakota by assuring that the highest quality pharmaceutical care is delivered, and that appropriate use of pharmaceuticals is upheld through education, communication, licensing, legislation, regulation, and enforcement.*

**It was moved by Technician Diane Halvorson and seconded by Pharmacist Shane Wendel to approve the agenda with the addition of the consideration of remodeling plans for Central Pharmacy at 4 8<sup>th</sup> Street North in New Rockford, ND 58356. On vote by roll call Public Member Ron Horner -Aye- Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell -Aye- Pharmacist Kevin Oberlander -Aye- Technician Diane Halvorson -Aye- Pharmacist Shane Wendel -Aye- Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye -Aye- and Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt -Aye-. The motion carried.**

**It was moved by Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye and seconded by Pharmacist Kevin Oberlander to approve the minutes of November 21, 2024, as printed. On vote by roll call Public Member Ron Horner -Aye- Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell -Aye- Pharmacist Kevin Oberlander -Aye- Technician Diane Halvorson -Aye- Pharmacist Shane Wendel -Aye- Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye -Aye- and Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt -Aye-. The motion carried.**

Copies of the final 2023-2024 audit report were made available to all Board members.

President Tanya Schmidt appointed Technician Diane Halvorson and Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell to review the paid invoices and reconciled bank statements.

**It was moved by Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell and seconded by Pharmacist Shane Wendel to approve the fourteen lifetime licenses suggested by their 50 years of paid licensure and send the certificates on to Governor Kelly Armstrong for his signature. On vote by roll call Public Member Ron Horner -Aye- Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell -Aye- Pharmacist Kevin Oberlander -Aye- Technician Diane Halvorson -Aye- Pharmacist Shane Wendel -Aye- Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye -Aye- and Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt -Aye-. The motion carried.**

The plans for Central Pharmacy in New Rockford were reviewed. Pharmacist Shane Wendel who disclosed he is one of the owners of the pharmacy detailed the plans for the Board.

**It was moved by Technician Diane Halvorson and seconded by Pharmacist Kevin Oberlander to approve the remodeling plans for Central Pharmacy at 4 8<sup>th</sup> Street North in New Rockford, ND 58356. On vote by roll call Public Member Ron Horner -Aye- Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell -Aye- Pharmacist Kevin Oberlander -Aye- Technician Diane Halvorson -Aye- Pharmacist Shane Wendel recused himself as an owner of the pharmacy, Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye -Aye- and Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt -Aye-. The motion carried.**

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At 6:30 PM President Tanya Schmidt welcomed the Technician Advisory Committee and asked everyone to introduce themselves. The Committee is comprised of, Brenda Nitschke, RPhTech, Vice President of the Northland Association of Pharmacy Technicians (NAPT), Josie Quick, RPhTech, CPhT-Adv. NAPT Chairperson, Mandy (Amanda) Chase, RPhTech, CPhT, NAPT President and Melissa Krava, NDSCS Pharmacy Technician Program Director.

Josie Quick explained the work their group has been doing, trying to identify the roles of a Pharmacy Technician, including the expanded role and the advanced role they can play in the pharmacy work

scheme. They identified the expanded role as a technician working beyond the baseline of an entry level technician.

Expanded roles focus on the technician who has utilized the opportunities of education including, but not limited to:

- ACPE continuing education such as:
  - Attending the NAPT Annual Fall Conference
  - Attending the Annual ND Pharmacy Association Convention
- Employer based education
- Other education platforms such as:
  - ASHP
  - CEImpact
  - Many other platforms available to the pharmacy community

Advanced rules identify the pharmacy technician who has completed an educational component of a specific role as well as completes and passes a competency exam specific to that role. Testing would be provided by an established credentialing body. A current credentialing body would be the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB).

Discussion continued on this topic with the Board trying to understand the advantages of the definitions in the workplace, while staying away from differentiating varying levels of training through registration or licensing. The employer is the one concerned about the ability and, if guaranteed by certification, assigning work and reimbursement for the various roles they need performed in the workplace.

Technician Diane Halvorson said they were not here to redefine things but here to help define things. She indicated the discussion needed to return to the Board of NAPT for further work.

Melissa Krava was asked to comment on the discussion and the program at NDSCS. She said they have many of the Advanced Role competencies imbedded in their program and issue certificates for their completion, but was disappointed that PTCB did not consider them recognizable as preparation for the advanced testing.

NDSCS has 40 students in the program offerings. Nine students graduated last year. She said their dual credit courses for high school students are doing well and they are looking at expanding in more high schools. All of the PATSIM modules are now receiving college credit for their completion.

Members of NAPT shared highlights of their activities throughout the year. Brenda Nitschke reported that NAPT has published five articles, and they are available under the NAPT tab on the Pharmacy Association website.

Mandy reported on the NAPT conference in Bismarck, attended by 63 individuals who received much continuing education. NAPT is planning another fall conference for this year.

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NAPT has submitted posters for presentation at the NABP annual meeting. They asked, if they were chosen, whether the Board would provide some funding help for those attending. The goal would be to advance ideas from North Dakota which other states could adopt.

**It was moved by Pharmacist Shane Wendel and seconded by Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye to provide \$1000 to NAPT for their poster presenters to travel to the annual meeting. On vote by roll call Public Member Ron Horner -Aye- Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell -Aye- Pharmacist Kevin Oberlander -Aye- Technician Diane Halvorson -Aye- Pharmacist Shane Wendel -Aye- Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye -Aye- and Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt -Aye-. The motion carried.**

Dr. Hardy asked for a sense of the workforce in the state currently. The consensus seemed to be that it is stable at present.

After dinner President Schmidt thanked everyone for the great discussion and expressed that the Board looks forward to their further work and success.

The meeting was recessed at 9:30 PM.

At 8:30 AM January 9, 2025, President Schmidt called the meeting to order. Present on Zoom: John Long R.Ph. representing CVS Health, Andrew Funk, Pharm D, representing NABP and Michelle Woolsey representing NCQDS. She asked for recap comments from last night's technician Advisory Committee meeting. Essentia is to be congratulated for their support of the dual credit program in high schools. Pharmacist John Long of CVS contributed that he sees North Dakota a leader in expanded roles for technicians. He feels there is still a national shortage of qualified technicians, with spot shortages in North Dakota.

President Schmidt welcomed Abigail Aba Kwaboah Otoo, Tech2140 who is a foreign pharmacy graduate from Ghana and is seeking a North Dakota Intern License. She graduated from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology with a PharmD degree. She has passed the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalence certification. Dr. Otoo is accompanied by Molly Naumann, PharmD who is the North Dakota Regional Support Pharmacist with Thrifty White Pharmacy. Dr. Otoo worked for two years in Ghana before coming to the US on an H1B visa. She has worked for a year with Thrifty White Pharmacy in Dickinson.

Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt disclosed she works for Thrifty White and intends to vote on Dr. Otoo's request.

**It was moved by Technician Diane Halvorson and seconded by Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell to grant Abigail Otoo 750 hours of internship credit given for her one year of work with Thrifty White and to issue her a North Dakota Intern License. On vote by roll call Public Member Ron Horner -Aye- Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell -Aye- Pharmacist Kevin Oberlander -Aye- Technician Diane Halvorson -Aye- Pharmacist Shane Wendel -Aye- Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye -Aye- and Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt -Aye-. The motion carried.**

Pharmacist Dan Churchill joined the Board via Zoom to explain his request for relocation plan approval for Edgeley Pharmacy (Phar717) to a new building in Edgeley. Dr. Hardy put the plans up on the large screen and the Zoom link.

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**It was moved by Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell and seconded by Public Member Ron Horner to approve the relocation plans for Edgeley Pharmacy to 503 Main St. in Edgeley, ND. Pharmacist Churchill expects the move to occur in the spring of 2025. On vote by roll call Public Member Ron Horner -Aye- Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell -Aye- Pharmacist Kevin Oberlander -Aye- Technician Diane Halvorson -Aye- Pharmacist Shane Wendel -Aye- Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye -Aye- and Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt -Aye-. The motion carried.**

At 10AM Compliance Officer Gayle Ziegler joined the Board.

Dr. Hardy invited Michelle Woolsey to explain the request of the National Coalition of Drug Quality and Security. (NCQDS). Michelle has no ownership in the company. Michelle answered several questions from the Board and ultimately asked for the board to accept NCDQS accreditation.

Dr. Hardy explained that the current VAWD Accreditation program requirement was in our law. The Board could by rule, approve a second accreditation program, if determined to accept NCQDS. He thanked Dr. Woolsey for taking the time to meet with us.

**It was moved by Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye and seconded by Pharmacist Shane Wendel not to move forward with NCQDS accreditation as requested. On vote by roll call Public Member Ron Horner -Aye- Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell -Aye- Pharmacist Kevin Oberlander -Nay- Technician Diane Halvorson -Aye- Pharmacist Shane Wendel -Aye- Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye -Aye- and Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt -Aye-. The motion carried.**

At 11:30 the Board went to Lucky 13's for lunch.

At 1:30 PM President Schmidt reconvened the meeting.

Dr. Hardy began the inspection cycle discussion. Currently Tom Simmer does the northwest, Rick Detwiller does the SW and central, Gayle Ziegler does the balance of the retail pharmacies and Dennis Delabarre does the hospital and higher compounding pharmacies.

The focus of the upcoming cycle was discussed. The following focuses were agreed on:

- A controlled substance audit
- Roles and responsibilities of staff.
- DSCSA
- Compounding compliance

**It was moved by Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell and seconded by Technician Diane Halvorson to approve the paid invoices and the reconciled bank statements. On vote by roll call Public Member Ron Horner -Aye- Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell -Aye- Pharmacist Kevin Oberlander -Aye- Technician Diane Halvorson -Aye- Pharmacist Shane Wendel -Aye- Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye -Aye- and Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt -Aye-. The motion carried.**

Dr. Hardy reported that the Labor Commissioner study of Boards did identify a few improvements Boards and commissions could make. With the change of Labor Commissioner, it is uncertain what changes will be proposed.

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Legislative report: The controlled substance bill is through the Senate committee. There is a bill (Senate Bill 1101) suggesting that Kratom be scheduled. We will monitor its progress. The association will likely have some 340B legislation and there are several licensure compact bills. A bill (Senate bill

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Carolyn Bodell asked if we have a definitive process for consideration of new accreditation agencies. Dr. Hardy responded that we consider them on a case-by-case basis depending on the focus of the request. She also works on the PDMP committee, and their focus is on getting the methadone treatment facilities to report to the PDMP.

Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt reported she has attended the first NABP test development meeting and the acronym has been modified to the Universal Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence exam (UMPJE).

Pharmacist Shane Wendel discussed the DSCSA relative to some foreign sources. Josh Bolin of NABP has been in South Africa where there seems to be no traceability. PULSE is working on solutions. NABP is also working with the FDA to get recall notices so pharmacists can learn about them before the public starts asking questions.

Dr. Hardy reported that the office is continuing to work on the online application process for technicians. We are gradually working through all our applications to get them in an online application.

**It was moved by Technician Diane Halvorson and seconded by Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye to approve all legal actions of the executive director since this was last done. On vote by roll call Public Member Ron Horner -Aye- Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell -Aye- Pharmacist Kevin Oberlander -Aye- Technician Diane Halvorson -Aye- Pharmacist Shane Wendel -Aye- Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye -Aye- and Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt -Aye-. The motion carried.**

The Board reviewed the May 2025 exam schedule and made assignments. Gayle will attend to help. Kevin will do the compounding.

**It was moved by Technician Diane Halvorson and seconded by Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell to approve the financials with the exception that the \$300 in account 2301 be moved to the proper accrued revenue account. There were no journal entries. On vote by roll call Public Member Ron Horner -Aye- Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell -Aye- Pharmacist Kevin Oberlander -Aye- Technician Diane Halvorson -Aye- Pharmacist Shane Wendel -Aye- Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye -Aye- and Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt -Aye-. The motion carried.**

Tanya Schmidt recessed the meeting until the profession of pharmacy dinner.

The investigating committee met to review some cases.

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At 6:30 PM President Tanya Schmidt welcomed everyone to the Profession of Pharmacy Dinner. Attendees in addition to the Board were, Joan Anderson RPh Tech, and Howard C. Anderson Jr, also included were NDSU President David Cook, NDSU Provost David Bertolini, Dean of the College of Health and Human sciences Teresa Connor, Michael Kelsch Associate Dean for Pharmacy, Amy Werremeyer Pharmacy

Practice Chair and ND Pharmacists Association President, Steve Boehning President of the ND Pharmacy Service Corporation, Sadie Oberlander ND Society of Health Systems Pharmacist President.

President Tanya Schmidt invited NDSU President Cook to begin. Dr. Cook said since he has been at NDSU, three years now, he is starting his second legislative session. He volunteered that the last session of the legislature was very good to higher education and NDSU. Since he has been here, NDSU has cut 80 FTE's and \$25 million dollars from the budget. This is in response to lower enrollment in the last few years. This session NDSU is asking for \$35 million. The first budget hearing is before Senator Ron Sorvag's committee on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. He is encouraging the legislature to increase the challenge grants to higher education.

Provost David Bertolini highlighted the strength of the research program at NDSU. Mentioning the CAP program and the pharmaceutical sciences program under Dr. Jadish Singh. All programs at NDSU are on a P & L budget where they are charged with bringing in funds to support their programs.

Dean Connor spoke about the importance and strength of the pharmacy program.

Dr. Kelsch & Dr. Werremeyer provided more updates on the college and School of Pharmacy.

Steve Boehning reported that the ND Pharmacy Service Corporation is focused on getting pharmacists reimbursement to provide extra services to the public. They are working with Mike Schwab to get favorable legislation on PBM's through the legislature.

Sadie Oberlander told of the good work of the ND Society of Hospital Pharmacists. They hold monthly meetings to share patient care information and have a robust presence at the ND Pharmacy Convention.

President Schmidt recessed the meeting at 9PM, thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

At 8:30 AM, January 10, 2025, President Schmidt called the meeting to order. Board members briefly recapped the Profession of Pharmacy dinner from last night.

Present with the Board were three representatives of Hospice of the Red River Valley, Tracae Capron RN, Liz Sterling, RN, and Gaylen Volk, RN in the room and Mary Grace Mihalyo, Pharm D and Lori Ann Kuehue, MD on the Zoom. Hospice of the Red River Valley has a new facility under construction in South Fargo, which should open in May 2025. They are not sure on the exact licensure they may hold with the state of ND. They want two pharmaceutical dispensing machines in the facility to facilitate order approval and lower medication costs to the facility. After discussion it was explained, they would need to contract with a North Dakota pharmacy to permit the dispensing devices as a Class L pharmacy and then the partner pharmacy would apply for a DEA registration and manage the meds in the devices. The Board answered many questions for the representatives.

Pharmacist Shane Wendel brought up NDAC 61-02-06-03 Prescription filed and preserved and asked if we might look at it to see if keeping the hard copies was necessary or if the rule could be modified to allow keeping them in an electronic format.

At 10:43 AM President Schmidt adjourned the meeting.

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**President**  
**Tanya Schmidt, PharmD**

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**Technician & Senior Member**  
**Diane M. Halvorson, RPhTech**

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**Member**  
**Tyler G Lannoye, PharmD**

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**Member**  
**Carolyn R Bodell, RPh**

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**Member**  
**Shane R Wendel, PharmD**

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**Public Member**  
**Ron J Horner**

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**Member**  
**Kevin J Oberlander, RPh**

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**Mark J. Hardy, PharmD**





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