

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOARD OF PHARMACY
BOARD MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES**

**May 12, 2008
10:00 a.m.**

**Conference Call Number: 1-888-808-6959
Conference Code: 5642037**

Board Members Present:

Albert Garcia, R.Ph., M.H.L., Miami, Chair
Jennifer Lalani, R.Ph., Windermere, Vice-Chair
Gail Merrell, Pharm.D., Tierre Verde
Bob Parrado, R.Ph., Tampa
Jim Powers, B.Pharm., Tallahassee
Ron Salem, Pharm. D., Jacksonville

Board Staff Present:

Rebecca Poston, Executive Director
Erika Lilja, Program Operations Administrator
Maxine Wenzinger, Administrative Assistant II

Board Counsel Present:

Deborah Loucks, Assistant Attorney General

Absent:

Eric Alvarez, Pharm.D., Miami
Amy Jones, J.D.
Brigitte Goersch

Department of Health Staff Present:

Billie Jo Owens, Attorney
Richard Sands, R.Ph., Statewide Inspection
Program Manager

Monday, May 12, 2008

10:00 a.m. Call To Order by Albert Garcia, R.Ph., M.H.L., Chair

TAB 1 Immunization Rule

Mr. Garcia explained the action taken at the April Board meeting regarding the Immunization Rule. At that meeting, there was a Motion by Dr. Salem, second by Dr. Merrell to make the immunization course one course number. The Motion carried unanimously. There was discussion about whether individuals who had taken the 12 hour APHA approved course prior to the passage of F.S. 465.189 (July 1, 2007) would have to take the new approved 20 hour course or just take the two additional components in order to complete 20 hours. Mr. Loucks said that the Board could not approval any course taken prior to July 1, 2007. After a lengthy discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: by Mr. Powers, that the Board set the acceptance date for a board approved 20 hour immunization CE program taken prior to the passage of F.S. 465.189 to the date 465.189 became law. I further move that in addition to the 20 hour CE program, said applicant must take a board approved CE program on F.S. 465.189 as designated in 64B16-26.1031(13).

After additional discussion, Mr. Garcia made an amendment to the motion:

The Board accept any approved course taken after July 1, 2007. Mr. Powers and Dr. Merrell agreed to amendment.

Motion seconded by Dr. Merrell. Motion carried unanimously.

TAB 2 Petitions for Variance of Waiver for Foreign Pharmacy Graduates
No petitions were received for review.

TAB 3 General Board Business

Mr. Powers raised a hypothetical case regarding immunization protocol. Mr. Garcia responded but no action was needed.

Mr. Parrado said he had a call from DEA regarding a pattern of people, not pharmacists, coming into Florida from other countries and opening pharmacies and doing illicit activities. When they feel the heat, they leave. They are doing this because it is easy to be licensed in Florida. He felt that the application process should be reviewed. Ms. Loucks said that changes could only take place with a change in statutes. Mr. Garcia said the Rules Committee could review and make suggestions to the full board for legislative changes.

MOTION: by Salem, second by Parrado to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.