INDIANA BOARD OF PHARMACY Indiana Government Center South 402 West Washington Street, Room W064 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Minutes of May 13, 2024

Jason Jablonski, R.Ph., President, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-26-13-3(d), pursuant to public notice posted at the principal office for the Board, online at the board's website and on the state calendar at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.

Members Present:

Jason Jablonski, R.Ph., President
Steve Anderson, R.Ph., Vice President
Mark Bunton, R.Ph., Member
Mark Smosna, R.Ph., Member – Out at 11:50 p.m.
Matt Balla, R.Ph., Member
Andrew Meador, C,Ph.T., Member
Kate Snedeker, Consumer Member – Out at 11:50 p.m.

PLA Staff Present:

Evan Bartel, General Counsel Kim Snyder, Board Director Caitlin Cress, Assistant Board Director

Advisory Counsel:

Leif Johnson, J.D.

Court Reporter:

Accurate Reporting – Margie Addington

The Board moved to adopt the agenda. Smosna/Bunton, 7-0-0 Motion carries

The Board moved to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2024 Board meeting. Balla/Meador, 7-0-0 Motion carries

Personal Appearances

<u>Tracy L. Cleary – 26020167A - Pharmacist Renewal Application – Positive Response:</u>

Tracy L. Cleary appeared with counsel Tony Ridolfo before the Board regarding a positive response on a pharmacist renewal application. On March 6, 2024, Tracy was terminated for work avoidance for utilizing a mouse mover preventing the computer from locking while taking notes. Logging back into the computer required triple authentication. Tracy was employed for 21 years with Express Scripts and was expected to meet a quota of 400 scripts/hour. She has been working remotely in a dedicated office space in her home for the last 15 years.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE applicant's pharmacist renewal application.

Smosna/Anderson 7-0-0 Motion carries

Nathaniel L. Johnson – Pharmacist Re-exam MPJE 4th attempt:

Nathaniel L. Johnson appeared before the Board and discussed his studying habits with the Board.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE applicant's repeat exam application.

Balla/Bunton 7-0-0 Motion carries

Wesley Cammenga - Technician/Tech in Training Application - Positive Response:

Wesley Cammenga appeared before the Board regarding a positive response on a technician application. November and December of 2022 experienced a psychiatric breakdown during graduate studies. He had an altercation with a psychiatrist and a campus safety officer. Was banned from school campus after the altercation with the campus safety officer. Wesley is currently on probation until April 2025.

After discussion, the Board moved to TABLE applicant's Technician application until receipt of a mental health evaluation verifying fitness to practice from physician.

Smosna/Balla 7-0-0 Motion carries

Onyekachi J. Robert-Eze – Pharmacist Re-exam MPJE 4th attempt:

Onyekachi J. Robert-Eze appeared before the Board and discussed his studying habits with the Board.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE applicant's repeat exam application.

Balla/Smosna 7-0-0 Motion carries

Keyaira L. Johnson – Technician/Tech in Training Application – Positive Response:

Keyaira L. Johnson appeared via Zoom before the Board regarding a positive response on a technician application. Her Criminal Background Check was flagged for missing court due to a traffic violation for driving with a suspended license. This case is still currently pending, and Keyaira is actively working towards its resolution. She currently holds an active/valid driver license.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE applicant's Technician application.

Snedeker/Bunton 7-0-0 Motion carries

Eghosa M. Ekhator – Technician/Tech in Training Application – Application Review:

Eghosa M. Ekhator appeared before the Board regarding his technician application. Eghosa graduated from a school in Nigeria in 1990 for Pharmacy. He worked as a Pharmacist in Nigeria and has been in the US for the last 10-15 years. He has also worked as a Pharmacy Intern in the US. Eghosa does know his boundaries working as a Pharmacy Technician and plans to study to pass the NAPLEX to obtain his Indiana Pharmacist License.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE applicant's Technician application.

Anderson/Balla 7-0-0 Motion carries

<u>Marti T. Luken – Technician/Tech in Training Application – Positive Response:</u>

Marti T. Luken appeared before the Board regarding a positive response on a technician application. On September 18, 2023, Marti was arrested for DUI and resisting arrest. She was not driving but was a passenger. Sober for 8 months and has been on unsupervised probation. Currently employed at CVS for 6 months and is attempting to obtain her Pharm Tech license to continue working. Does plan to move to FL in the next year or so. Does not currently have a car.

The Board differentiates this case as she has a long-established carrier, and the Board is confident that this was an isolated incident.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE applicant's Technician application.

Snedeker/Balla 4-3-0 Opposed -Bunton/Smosna/Anderson Motion does not carry

A motion was made to approve the license on Indefinite Probation with terms and conditions to run concurrently with current criminal probation.

Balla/Snedeker 7-0-0 Motion carries

Kortecia C. Hawkins – Technician/Tech in Training Application – Positive Response:

Kortecia C. Hawkins appeared before the Board regarding a positive response on a technician application. In December 2023, Kortecia was pulled over for driving without a license. She is on probation for 180 days or until she receives her license.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE applicant's Technician application.

Bunton/Smosna 6-1-0 Meador - Opposed Motion carries

<u>Timothy J. Rosa – Technician/Tech in Training Application – Positive Response:</u>

Timothy J. Rosa appeared before the Board regarding a positive response on a technician application. Timothy disclosed that he had a positive response on his application due to past substance abuse issues arising from recovery from back surgery. He has been sober for 16 years as of June 7, 2024.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE applicant's Technician application.

Snedeker/Meador 7-0-0 Motion carries

Ashley N. Bay - Technician/Tech in Training Application - Positive Response:

Ashley N. Bay appeared before the Board regarding a positive response on a technician application. She had a DUI in September 2021 that she plead guilty to in March 2023. All matters of the case have been settled.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE applicant's Technician application.

Smosna/Balla 7-0-0 Motion carries

<u>Madison Grier – 67035096A - Technician Renewal Application – Positive Response:</u> Failure to appear.

<u>Angela Ackerman – 26018420A - Pharmacist Renewal Application – Positive Response:</u> Failure to appear.

Justin C. Donat – 26026376A - Pharmacist Renewal Application – Positive Response:

Justin C. Donat appeared before the Board regarding a positive response on a pharmacist renewal application. Justin is currently on non-reporting probation and has completed the required community service.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE applicant's pharmacist renewal application on probation with terms and conditions.

Anderson/Smosna 7-0-0 Motion carries

<u>Terrance G. Clemans – 26024317A - Pharmacist Renewal Application – Positive Response:</u>

Terrance G. Clemans appeared via Zoom before the Board regarding a positive response on a pharmacist renewal application. Terrance had a DUI that occurred 2 years ago that was reduced to a no contest. This case has been completely resolved.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE applicant's pharmacist renewal application.

Anderson/Bunton 7-0-0
Motion carries

Nathaniel L. Lucas – 26022777A - Pharmacist Renewal Application – Positive Response:

Nathaniel L. Lucas appeared before the Board regarding a positive response on a pharmacist renewal application. In April of 2023, Nathaniel entered treatment for alcohol abuse on his own initiative. He was in treatment for 30 days and his date of sobriety is April 1, 2023.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE applicant's pharmacist renewal application.

Smosna/Balla 7-0-0 Motion carries

<u>Joshua H. Goskowsky – 26029147A - Pharmacist Renewal Application – Positive Response:</u>

Failure to appear.

Wendy Schultz – 26024381A - Pharmacist Renewal Application – Failure to Disclose:

Wendy Schultz appeared before the Board regarding a failure to disclose on a pharmacist renewal application. A DUI occurred in February 2022 and Wendy self-reported the incident in February of 2023. She is not currently on any criminal probation.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE applicant's pharmacist renewal application.

Smosna/Meador 7-0-0 Motion carries

Rachel Perrine – 67039587A - Technician Renewal Application – Positive Response:

Rachel Perrine appeared before the Board regarding a positive response on a technician renewal application. She was arrested for a DUI and was placed on probation. Her probation will end in 6 months if there is no incident.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE applicant's Technician renewal application on probation with terms and conditions to run concurrent with current criminal probation.

Bunton/Snedeker 7-0-0 Motion carries

DISCUSSION

Monthly Reports

Board Director's Report - Presented by Kim Snyder

OAG Report - Presented by DAG, Ryan Eldridge

Compliance Director Report – Presented by Zaneta Nunnally

INSPECT Director's Report – Presented by Kara Slusser

Old Business

Lebanese American University - Update

New Business

<u>Third Party Logistic Provider – Provisional Licenses Process</u>

Administrative Hearings

CVS Pharmacy # 8643, License No: 60006000A - Cause No. 2024 IBP 0004

Proposed Settlement Agreement

DAG: Ryan Eldridge Respondent: Not Present Exhibit(s): None

Witness(es): None

Let the record reflect that Mark Bunton explained that they are both employed with CVS but feels he can be fair and impartial in this matter. All parties were fine with Mr. Bunton participating.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE the proposed settlement agreement.

Smosna/Balla, 7-0-0 Motion carries

LifeSpan Pharmacy, LLC, License No: 60006848A - Cause No. 2024 IBP 0005

Proposed Settlement Agreement

DAG: Ryan Eldridge Respondent: Not Present

Exhibit(s): None Witness(es): None

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE the proposed settlement agreement.

Bunton/Anderson, 6-0-1 Balla Abstained Motion carries

Jordan Nuger, R.Ph., License No: 26022974A - Cause No. 2023 IBP 0021

Proposed Settlement Agreement

DAG: Ryan Eldridge Respondent: Not Present

Exhibit(s): None Witness(es): None

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE the proposed settlement agreement.

Balla/Meador, 7-0-0 Motion carries

Salim Saba, M.D., License No: 01086957B - Cause No. 2024 IBP 0002

Proposed Settlement Agreement

DAG: Ryan Eldridge

Respondent: Bradley Keffer, Counsel for Salim Saba, M.D.

Exhibit(s): None Witness(es): None

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE the proposed settlement agreement.

Anderson/Smosna, 7-0-0 Motion carries

<u>Indiana University School of Medicine/Michelle Block, Ph.D., License No: 61101235B - Cause No. 2023 IBP 0035</u>

Final Hearing

DAG: Ryan Eldridge and Jackson Yerkes Respondent: Michelle Block with counsel, Bob Saint

Exhibit(s): State's Exhibit 1

State's Exhibit 2 State's Exhibit 3 State's Exhibit 4

State's Exhibit 5/Respondent's Exhibit N

Respondent's Exhibit C Respondent's Exhibit D Respondent's Exhibit E Respondent's Exhibit F Respondent's Exhibit G Respondent's Exhibit H Respondent's Exhibit J Respondent's Exhibit K

Witness(es): Michelle Block, Ph.D., Tim Thomas, Diversion Officer with Indiana Professional

Licensing Agency, Zaneta Nunnally, Compliance Director at Indiana Professional Licensing Agency, Amy Waltz, Indiana University Deputy Research Integrity Officer

During Zaneta's June 17, 2022 on-site inspection,-Dr. Block mentioned that there were some fraudulent documents regarding information in the lab and asked a lab assistant to "doctor" the forms. A violation of disposal of an expired controlled substance was noted during the inspection. Zaneta provided proper disposal information about controlled substances at that time. Another violation noted during the inspection concerned the security of controlled substances. Dr. Block was required to purchase a new safe as well as limiting access to personnel for the use, handling, and storage of controlled substances. The third violation concerned records of registrant. The result of the June 17, 2022 inspection was a failed inspection. Following the failed inspection, Zaneta and Diversion Officer, Tim Thomas filed a Consumer Complaint.

In October of 2021, Amy Waltz, Deputy Research Integrity Officer, received reports about document fabrication. As a result, Amy initiated an investigation. Allegations included falsification of surgical records, falsification of logs related to the use of Ketamine, and falsification of the access logs for the controlled substances. During Amy's investigation, records concerning mouse surgeries and controlled substance access logs were sequestered. The investigation found that Dr. Block had falsified and fabricated the controlled substances access list.

Dr. Block's counsel moved that count 2 be dismissed because the Ketamine was expired but was not "filthy, putrid, or decomposed". Dr. Block's counsel also moved to dismiss count 3.

A motion was made and seconded to deny Respondent's motion to dismiss count 2.

Jablonski/Bunton 4-1-0 Anderson Opposed

Dr. Block's counsel moved to dismiss count 3 because there are safety precautions in place including not being able to access the lab without a valid key card and no access to controlled substances is possible without a key to the lock box.

A motion was made and seconded to deny Respondent's motion to dismiss count 3.

Balla/Meador 5-0-0

Dr. Block has been researching lung-brain access for diseases such as Alzheimer's at the research lab. Dr. Block stated that she does not spend any time in the lab conducting research but will stop by the lab at least once a day to check in on the staff. She stated most of her time is spent traveling for work. Dr. Block states that she instructed her lab manager to correct the forged documents in the access logs on September 17, 2021, when they were noticed.

Count 1 - A motion was made and seconded to find there was a violation.

Anderson/Balla 5-0-0

Count 2 – A motion was made and seconded to find no violation.

Jablonski/Bunton 5-0-0

Count 3 – A motion was made and seconded to find no violation.

Balla/Anderson 5-0-0

Count 4 – A motion was made and seconded to find there was a violation.

Bunton/Jablonski 5-0-0

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

Anderson/Balla, 5-0-0 Motion carries

There being no further business the Board ADJOURNED at 4:08 p.m.