



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF PHARMACY

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News From the District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy

The District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy members are:

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- Alan Friedman, RPh, Vice Chairperson
- Ashlee Bow, PharmD, RPh, AAHIVP, Member
- Allison Hill, PharmD, RPh, Member
- Benjamin E. Miles, PharmD, RPh, BCPS, Member
- Vacant, Consumer Member
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- Justin Ortique, PharmD, RPh, Executive Director

Contact the Board! All inquiries regarding licensure and general information should be directed to Ms Karin Barron, health licensing specialist, at karin.barron@dc.gov.

To contact the Board directly, visit its [website](#). Should you need to contact the Pharmaceutical Control Division, its website is dchealth.dc.gov/pcd.

Notice of Board Meeting Schedule

The Board holds open (public) session meetings in the even-numbered months of the year, ie,

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February, April, June, August, October, and December. In these months, the meetings will begin at 9:30 AM. These meetings are open to the public, including licensed pharmacists, where parties may share their comments pertaining to Board activities. All are invited to attend.

In the odd-numbered months of the year, ie, January, March, May, July, September, and November, the Board holds executive (closed) session meetings. Pursuant to D.C. Official Code §2-575(b), and for the purposes set forth therein, these meetings are not open to the public.

The Board has transitioned to a hybrid schedule, meaning that quarterly Board meetings will be held in person. The public can still attend virtually via the Webex link after registration.

Future open session meeting dates are:

Thursday, April 4, 2024 – 9:30 AM

Thursday, June 6, 2024 – 9:30 AM

Board Licensees by the Numbers

Licensees as of February 8, 2024	
Pharmacists	2,186
Pharmacist Vaccination & Immunization Authority	819
Pharmacy Interns	373
Pharmacy Technicians	1,152
Pharmacy Technician Trainees	112
Pharmaceutical Detailers	876
Pharmacy Technician Trainee Programs	13

NABP/AACP Districts 1 & 2 Meeting Update

District 2 hosted the joint National Association of Boards of Pharmacy® (NABP®)/American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP) Districts 1 & 2 Meeting in Atlantic City, NJ, September 20-22, 2023. State board of pharmacy and college of pharmacy representatives from Maine to Virginia met for *Advancing Our Profession Through Pharmacy Collaboration*; the District of Columbia’s delegation included Drs Allison Hill, Tamara McCants, and Justin Ortique. The NABP/AACP District Meetings convene regional pharmacy stakeholders for updates on regulatory, educational, and practice of pharmacy issues. Attendees were privileged to attend session topics on *Collaboration in Advancing Pharmacy*; *Revolutionizing Pharmacy Practice: Embracing a New Paradigm*; and *Past, Present, and Future: Shifting Paradigms in Pharmacy Practice and Education*. Trending topics, such as compounding and the Drug Supply Chain

Security Act, were also explored. Evening networking receptions were held at the Steel Pier and Hard Rock Hotel & Casino and included a performance by The Hashtags, whose lead singer was a pharmacy technician. Congratulations to Dr Ortique, who was elected to serve as the District 2 representative on NABP's Committee on Resolutions, and Dr Hill, who will continue serving as District 2 secretary/treasurer. Overall, the meeting was informative, collaborative, and productive. The 2024 NABP/AACP Meeting will be held October 7-9 in Boston, MA. For more information on participation, please visit NABP District 2 at <https://nabpdistrict2.org>.

Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023

The Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023 was introduced on June 2, 2023, which would allow non-District residents to serve on health professional licensing boards. Restrictions include requirements for the Board chair and consumer members to be District residents, and no more than 50% of the Board could be made up of non-District residents. Mayor Muriel Bowser signed the bill on November 21, 2023, and it became law on January 23, 2024.

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