

LOUISIANA BOARD OF PHARMACY

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Board Elects Officers for Calendar Year 2025 (25-01-789)

During the November 20, 2024 meeting, Louisiana Board of Pharmacy members conducted their annual election of officers, with the following results:

- President – Marty R. McKay, from Woodworth, LA, in District 8;
- First Vice President – Jacqueline L. Hall, from New Orleans, LA, in District 2;
- Second Vice President – Don L. Resweber, from St Martinville, LA, public member;
- Third Vice President – J. Robert Cloud, from Calhoun, LA, in District 5; and
- Secretary – Richard M. Indovina, Jr, from River Ridge, LA, in District 1.

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Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2025 (25-01-790)

The Board has announced the following **tentative** meeting dates for calendar year 2025: February 18-19, May 6-7, August 19-20, and

November 18-19, all of which are planned to take place at the Board office in Baton Rouge, LA.

Board Member Nomination Election (25-01-791)

Appointments of members to the Board are made in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 37:1175, which provides that whenever a vacancy occurs among the members representing one of the eight pharmacy districts, the pharmacists who are bona fide residents of the district in which the vacancy occurs shall nominate from among their number a representative to the Board. Whenever that vacancy shall occur by reason of an expiring term, the nomination shall be made by mail at least 60 days in advance of the expiration date of the term.

The Board's secretary is responsible for mailing a ballot by United States mail to each pharmacist holding an active license and residing in the district in which the vacancy will occur, at the last known address, as indicated in the Board's records. The pharmacist may participate in the nomination election by recording the name of their pharmacist nominee on the ballot, completing the signature slip, and mailing both items to the Board office in the manner indicated on the ballot. The nominee may be any pharmacist holding an active license and residing in the district; there are no term limits for members of the Board. The ballot or another enclosed communication will state the date, time, and place for counting ballots. At a gathering open

to the public, the secretary and one or more persons designated by him will open and count the ballots. The secretary will then certify to the governor the names of the three nominees in each district receiving the highest number of votes. For each district in which the vacancy will occur, the governor may appoint one of those three nominees to the Board.

The term of one current member of the Board, **J. Troy Menard, representing District 1**, will expire on June 30, 2025. The deadline for any address changes relative to this nomination election for District 1 is February 28, 2025. The ballots with the necessary information will be mailed to the pharmacists in District 1 – composed of the parishes of Jefferson and St Tammany – on or around March 14, 2025. The deadline for the return of the ballots to the Board office will be April 11, 2025. The ballots will be opened and counted at the Board office on or around April 16, 2025; information about the exact time will be included with the ballot.

Should any pharmacist need a list of pharmacists in this district for purposes related to the nomination election, the Board office will supply one complimentary list upon receipt of a written request by the pharmacist. The expiration date of the new appointee's term will be June 30, 2031.

New Rules (25-01-792)

The Board completed the rulemaking process for Regulatory Project 2024-05 – Pharmacy Technicians with the publication of the final rule in the November 20, 2024 edition of the *Louisiana Register*, with an immediate effective date. The amended rule expands the eligibility criteria for obtaining a pharmacy technician candidate registration, which includes training under a Louisiana-licensed pharmacist. Details on how to become a pharmacy technician in Louisiana can be found [here](#).

The Board completed the rulemaking process for Regulatory Project 2024-04 – Automated Medication

Systems (AMS), Regulatory Project 2024-06 – Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Permit Change of Ownership, and Regulatory Project 2024-07 – Prescription Transfers with the publication of the final rules in the December 20, 2024 edition of the *Louisiana Register*, with immediate effective dates.

The Board distributed email notices regarding the progress of these regulatory projects in addition to maintaining the information on the [Regulatory Projects](#) page of the Board's website. Please refer to this page to view the status and details of all projects.

Spotlight on Compliance (25-01-793)

Serving as the pharmacist-in-charge (PIC) of a pharmacy permit is a professional privilege that comes with responsibility (Louisiana Administrative Code 46:LIII.1105). The PIC is ultimately responsible for complete supervision, management, and compliance with all federal and state pharmacy laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of pharmacy of the entire prescription department.

The PIC is required to be present and practicing at the pharmacy for which they are the PIC no less than 20 hours per week unless the pharmacy is open fewer hours. In that instance, the PIC shall be present and practicing at least 50% of the normal business hours.

When a PIC voluntarily vacates the position, they must notify the Board and the owner of the permit at least 10 days before their departure. The permit holder shall designate a new PIC within 10 days of the departure of the prior PIC. In addition to the notification by the outgoing PIC, the permit holder and the incoming PIC are each required to notify the Board within 30 days.

Both PICs and the permit holder shall submit notifications of the change by logging in to their individual online services account, at www.pharmacy.la.gov, and selecting "Notice of PIC Change."

Laws and regulations are available on the Board's [website](#) under the Resources tab.



Disciplinary and Other Licensure Actions (25-01-794)

During its November 20, 2024 meeting, the Board acted in the following matters:

Heather Marie Ward (PTC.032818): For diverting controlled substances (CS) from her employer pharmacy, the Board suspended her credential for an indefinite period of time; and further, assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus hearing, administrative, and investigative costs; and further, conditioned the acceptance of any future application upon the satisfaction of certain requirements identified within the hearing order.

Kaja Lee'ann Joseph (PTC.032513): For diverting CS from her employer pharmacy, the Board suspended her credential for an indefinite period of time; and further, assessed a fine of \$1,000 plus hearing, administrative, and investigative costs; and further, conditioned the acceptance of any future application upon the satisfaction of certain requirements identified within the hearing order.

Taylor Marie Johnson (PTC.031720): For her failure to furnish to the Board information legally requested, the Board suspended her credential for an indefinite period of time; and further, assessed a fine of \$1,000 plus hearing, administrative, and investigative costs; and further, conditioned the acceptance of any future application upon the satisfaction of certain requirements identified within the hearing order.

Disciplinary and Other Licensure Actions (25-01-794) (cont)

Daniel Pharmacy, LLC, dba Daniel Pharmacy (Brosly, LA) (PHY.008230): For its failure to notify the Board of a change in PIC within 30 days of the prior PIC's departure date, the Board issued a letter of warning; and further, assessed a fine of \$2,500 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Walgreen Louisiana Co, Inc, dba Walgreen Pharmacy No. 110-02982 (Baton Rouge) (PHY.002942): For its failure to notify the Board of a change in PIC within 30 days of the prior PIC's departure date, the Board assessed a fine of \$1,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Chris' Pharmacy and Gifts, LLC, dba Chris' Pharmacy and Gifts (Maurepas, LA) (PHY.006032): For its accountability in shortages of CS and failure to provide effective controls and procedures to guard against theft or diversion of CS, the Board assessed a fine of \$10,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Wal-Mart Louisiana, LLC, dba Wal-Mart Pharmacy #10-5774 (Houma, LA) (PHY.007357): For its failure to notify the Board of a change in PIC within 30 days of the prior PIC's departure date and for renewal of the pharmacy permit without a validly designated PIC, the Board assessed a fine of \$2,500 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Wal-Mart Louisiana, LLC, dba Wal-Mart Pharmacy #10-3752 (Bossier City, LA) (PHY.007032): For its failure to notify the Board of a change in PIC within 30 days of the prior PIC's departure date and for renewal of the pharmacy permit without a validly designated PIC, the Board assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Precision Compounding Pharmacy and Wellness, Inc, dba Precision Compounding Pharmacy (Bellmore, NY) (PHY.008778): For dispensing 551 prescriptions to Louisiana residents without the required Louisiana nonresident pharmacy permit and for subsequently obtaining a pharmacy permit by misrepresentation, the Board assessed a fine of \$25,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Wells Pharmacy Network, LLC, dba Wells Pharmacy Network (Ocala, FL) (PHY.006593): The respondent dispensed 2,826 prescriptions of compounded products into Louisiana that failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable pharmacy practice. In addition, the respondent dispensed 52 prescriptions into Louisiana without a valid pharmacy permit. The Board assessed a fine of \$52,390 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Rhonda Renee Rohr Drobiaziewicz (PST.015067): For her accountability as PIC of Wells Pharmacy Network regarding the dispensing of 2,826 prescriptions of compounded products into Louisiana that failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable pharmacy practice and for the dispensing of 52 prescriptions into Louisiana without a valid pharmacy permit, the Board assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative costs.

WP Pharma Labs, Inc, dba WP Pharma Labs (Dallas, TX) (PHY.008392): For dispensing approximately 606 prescriptions of compounded products into Louisiana that failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable pharmacy practice, the Board assessed a fine of \$9,090 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Jerry Lance May (PST.022491): For his accountability as PIC of WP Pharma Labs regarding the dispensing of approximately 606 prescriptions of compounded products into Louisiana that failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable pharmacy practice, the Board assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative costs.

Revive Rx, LLC, dba Revive Rx Pharmacy (Houston, TX) (PHY.008198): For dispensing prescriptions of compounded products into Louisiana that the Board alleges failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable pharmacy practice, the Board assessed a fine of \$36,570 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Disciplinary and Other Licensure Actions (25-01-794) (cont)

Aaron Michael Schneider (PST.023621): For his accountability as PIC of Revive Rx Pharmacy regarding dispensing prescriptions of compounded products into Louisiana that the Board alleges failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable pharmacy practice, the Board assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative costs.

Drex, Inc (PBM.000035): For operating as a pharmacy benefit manager while processing 41,240 prescriptions for Louisiana patients prior to being credentialed, the Board assessed a fine of \$41,240 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Lasheka Ann Quinn Martin (CPT.017702): For her failure to report an adverse action as part of her pharmacy technician application, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$250 plus administrative costs.

Aubry Layne Moore (CPT.017424): For her failure to report an adverse action as part of her pharmacy technician renewal application, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$250 plus administrative costs.

Mi'Jell Mijanea Doyle (CPT.017804): For her failure to report an adverse action as part of her pharmacy technician application, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$250 plus administrative costs.

Deshaun Angelique Broussard (CPT.017799): For her failure to report an adverse action as part of her pharmacy technician application, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$250 plus administrative costs.

Marlana Danae' Mumphord (CPT.017828): For her failure to report an adverse action as part of her pharmacy technician application, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$250 plus administrative costs.

Patient Direct Rx, LLC, dba Patient Direct Rx (Yardley, PA) (PHY.007054): For dispensing 541 prescriptions from January 1, 2024, to February 11, 2024, with an expired Louisiana nonresident pharmacy permit, the Board assessed a fine of \$20,000 plus administrative costs.

Stacey Andrea Swoffer (PTC.032023): For an alleged diversion of CS, the Board revoked her credential; and further, prohibited her from applying or reapplying to practice or assist in the practice of pharmacy.

Vickie Sue Dorman (CPT.013714): For an alleged diversion of CS, the Board revoked her credential; and further, prohibited her from applying or reapplying to practice or assist in the practice of pharmacy.

Tonya Lynn Fontenot Meche (CPT.011651): For her failure to report an adverse action as part of her pharmacy technician renewal application, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$250 plus administrative costs.

Mandy Renee Arrant (PST.019118): The Board granted her request by removing all probationary terms and conditions imposed by the Board order issued on May 26, 2021, and restored the license to an active and unrestricted status.

Disciplinary and Other Licensure Actions (25-01-794) (cont)

Daniel Riley Boalch (PST.025586): The Board placed any credential issued to the respondent on suspension beginning on November 20, 2024, and terminating on November 20, 2034, suspended the suspension, and placed the credential on probation for the period of the suspension, subject to certain terms enumerated within the voluntary consent agreement.

Thomas Joseph Walker (PST.015721): The Board suspended his license for five years beginning on November 20, 2024, and terminating on November 20, 2029, suspended the suspension, then placed his credential on probation for the period of the suspension, subject to certain conditions enumerated within the voluntary consent agreement.

Calendar Notes (25-01-795)

The Board office will be closed on:

- January 20, 2025, for Martin Luther King, Jr Day;
- March 4, 2025, for Mardi Gras Day; and
- April 18, 2025, for Good Friday.

Special Note (25-01-796)

The *Louisiana Board of Pharmacy Newsletter* is considered an official method of notification to pharmacies, pharmacists, pharmacy interns, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy technician candidates credentialed by the Board. **These Newsletters will be used in administrative hearings as proof of notification.** Please read them carefully. Electronic copies dating back to 1998 are posted on the Board's website.

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