

LOUISIANA BOARD OF PHARMACY

*Newsletter to Promote Pharmacy
and Drug Law Compliance.*

Board Member Appointments (26-10-844)

The terms of five Louisiana Board of Pharmacy members expired on June 30, 2026. Governor Jeff Landry reappointed four members and named one new member to the Board.

- For District 2, Dr Joseph T. Pierre III, PharmD, from New Orleans, LA, was appointed to replace Ms Jacqueline L. Hall, who completed more than 23 years of service.
- For District 3, Mr David A. Darce, from St Martinville, LA, was reappointed to another term.

- For District 5, Mr William C. "Charlie" Jones, from West Monroe, LA, was reappointed to another term.
- For District 6, Mr Anthony G. Mercante, from Ponchatoula, LA, was reappointed to another term.
- For District 8, Mr Marty R. McKay, from Woodworth, LA, was reappointed to another term.

The Board extends its appreciation to Ms Hall for her dedicated service and welcomes its new member. The terms for all five district members will expire on June 30, 2032.

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Board Personnel Announcements (26-10-845)

After more than 30 years of distinguished service, Mr Carlos M. Finalet III, general counsel to the Board, announced his retirement, effective January 31, 2027. Mr Finalet first assisted the Board on a contractual basis while with the Louisiana Attorney General's

Office in 1995, and on July 24, 2000, became the Board's first full-time, in-house counsel. Throughout his tenure, he served the Board and the public with exceptional dedication and expertise. His contributions will be deeply missed. Congratulations, Carlos!

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The Board is pleased to announce that Ms Sarah A. Perkins will succeed Mr Finalet as general counsel. She brings experience in health care, insurance, regulatory,

and administrative law. Ms Perkins began her service with the Board on September 8, 2026. Welcome to the Board, Sarah!

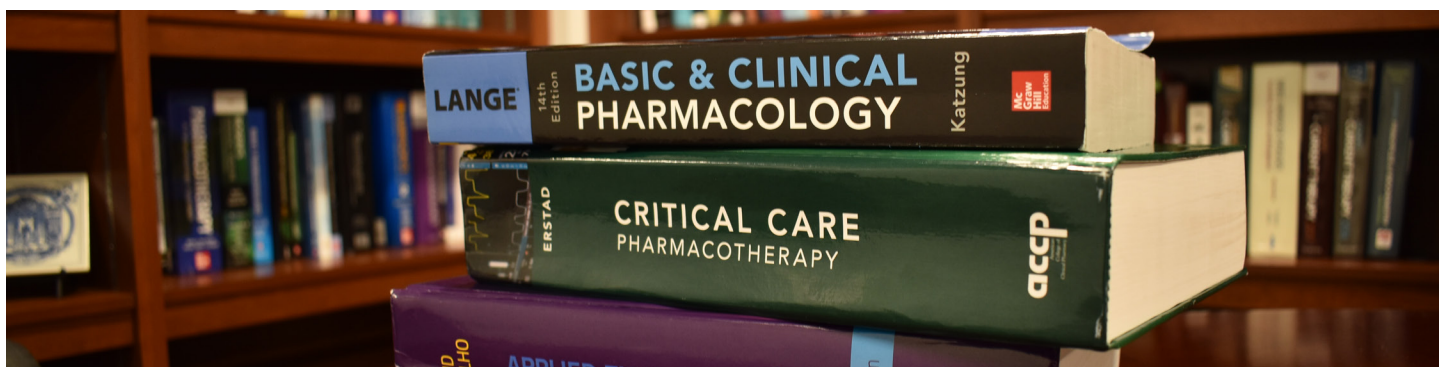
Renewal Time for Pharmacists and Pharmacies (26-10-846)

The renewal cycle for pharmacist licenses, pharmacy permits, compounded sterile preparation (CSP) permits for pharmacies, and controlled dangerous substance (CDS) licenses for pharmacies opens on November 1, 2026. Renewal notices will be sent just before that date via email from licensing@pharmacy.la.gov or, if no email is on file, by mail during the first week of November. The available renewal methods will be outlined in the renewal notice.

Pharmacists must be compliant with continuing pharmacy education (CPE) requirements as a

prerequisite to renewal. Compliance will be verified through CPE Monitor® prior to the acceptance and processing of the renewal application. Licensees are encouraged to complete CPE as soon as possible to avoid renewal delays.

Pharmacist licenses, pharmacy permits, CSP permits, and CDS licenses not renewed by 11:59 PM on December 31, 2026, will expire. There is no grace period; practicing with an expired license or permit is strictly prohibited.



New Rules (26-10-847)

The Board completed the rulemaking process for three regulatory projects with publication of the final rules in the October 20, 2026 edition of the *Louisiana Register*, with immediate effective dates. The Board distributed three separate 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.

Regulatory Project 2026-05 – Off-Site Services

amended Section 1139 of the Board's rules. The revision updates the definition of "Remote Processing Services" to include final product verification and clarifies the term by specifying that these services are performed "using technology."

Regulatory Project 2026-06 – Advertising

amended Section 1115 of the Board's rules. The revision removes "apothecary," "apothecary shop," and "chemist's shop" from the list of terms prohibited in the names of businesses other than Board-permitted pharmacies.

Regulatory Project 2026-07 – Pharmacy Interns

Professional Experience amended Section 705 of the Board's rules. The revision reduces the required licensure for a pharmacist supervising an intern from two years to one.

Verify ATPs to Comply With DSCSA (26-10-848)

The **Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA)** requires pharmacies and other members of the pharmaceutical supply chain to identify and prevent counterfeit medications from reaching patients. Under DSCSA, pharmacies, also referred to as dispensers, may only conduct business with licensed and authorized trading partners (ATPs).

The Board urges pharmacies to use the **Distributor License Lookup** tool to verify licensure of wholesale drug distributors and third-party logistics providers before conducting business with them.

Pharmacies must also accept prescription drugs only from trading partners that provide the required **product tracing** documentation and retain that documentation for six years. In addition, pharmacies must have processes in place to investigate suspect and illegitimate medications. If the medications are confirmed to be counterfeit, pharmacies must follow DSCSA notification and response requirements, including notifying Food and Drug Administration and appropriate trading partners, as well as coordinate efforts with the manufacturer to remove the product from the supply chain.

Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2027 (26-10-849)

The Board has announced the following **tentative meeting dates** for calendar year 2027.

- February 16-17
- May 4-5
- August 10-11
- November 16-17

Disciplinary and Other Licensure Actions (26-10-850)

During its August 12, 2026 meeting, the Board acted on the following matters:

Wellness Pharmacy, LLC (Baton Rouge, LA) (PHY.008515): For failure to account for prescription drug transactions resulting in audit shortages of non-controlled substances (CS), the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$10,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Wellsmart Pharmacy South, LLC (Opelousas, LA) (PHY.008559): 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 permanently revoked the pharmacy permit; and further, assessed a fine of \$25,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Terry Norman Mengarelli (PST.015334): For his accountability as pharmacist-in-charge (PIC) of Wellsmart Pharmacy South, LLC (PHY.008559) regarding the shortages of CS and failure to provide effective controls and procedures to guard against theft or diversion of CS, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; imposed a prohibition from holding the position of PIC for any pharmacy permitted by the Board; and further, assessed a fine of \$2,500 plus administrative costs.

Tracey Bankston Schilling (PST.015456): For improper access of patient information in the Louisiana Prescription Monitoring Program, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative costs.

NDD, LLC, dba North Desoto Drug (Stonewall, LA) (PHY.006948): For permitting an individual to assist in the practice of pharmacy with an expired credential, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$2,500 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Amanda Sims Dominguez (PST.019390): For her accountability as PIC of NDD, LLC, dba North Desoto Drug (PHY.006948) for permitting an individual to assist in the practice of pharmacy with an expired credential, the Board issued a letter of warning; and further, assessed a fine of \$500 plus administrative costs.

Disciplinary and Other Licensure Actions (26-10-850) (cont)

Katy Southern Hicks (CPT.008250): For assisting in the practice of pharmacy with an expired credential, the Board issued a letter of warning; and further, assessed a fine of \$100 plus administrative costs.

Pharmacy 1920, LLC, dba Whit's Pharmacy (Bastrop, LA) (PHY.009013): For its failure to designate a new PIC within 10 days of the departure of the prior PIC, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Leighken Lynndale Brown (CPT.017379): 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.

Carrington Shontrice Yokum (CPT.017882): 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.

Tyiuanna La'Shay Dixon (CPT.018116): 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.

Christopher Richard Allen Gray, Jr (CPT.014792): For his failure to report an adverse action as part of his 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.

Amiracle Kilea Brooks (CPT.018679): 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.

Tarrah Loraine Humphries (CPT.008175): 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.

Nya Le`Chea Conerly (CPT.018415): 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.

Tameisha Trinette Brown (CPT.018205): 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.

Alexcia Anita Howard (CPT.013872): 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.

Alexandria Shavon LeBlanc (CPT.018963): 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.

Bryan Chayce Iles (CPT.016052): For his failure to report an adverse action as part of his 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.

Fallon Ationne Cordova (CPT.017630): 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.

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Jasmin Rae Billiot (CPT.015224): 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.

Alicia Briane Dexter (CPT.014739): 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.

Paul Michael Boitnott (CPT.016873): For his failure to report an adverse action as part of his 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.

Keith Daniel Wilkinson (PST.017070): The Board suspended his license once reinstated, and any other credential issued, for five years beginning on August 12, 2026, and terminating on August 12, 2031, 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.

Charles Scott Weatherford (PST.015275): The Board granted his request, removing all probationary restrictions and conditions imposed by a Board order dated August 18, 2021, restoring his license to an unrestricted status.

Keesha Sheree Dinkins (PST.017032): In relation to a conviction of misprision of a felony (withholding information regarding a crime), the Board suspended her license for five years beginning on August 12, 2026, and terminating on August 12, 2031, suspended the suspension, then placed her credential on probation for the period of the suspension, subject to terms and conditions.

Calendar Notes (26-10-851)

The final quarterly meeting of the Board and some of its committees for calendar year 2026 is scheduled for November 17-18, 2026. Upcoming events can be found on the home page of the Board's website.

Special Note (26-10-852)

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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