

**SD Board of Pharmacy Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 16, 2019; 4:00 p.m. CST**  
**South Dakota Board of Pharmacy Conference Room**  
**4001 W. Valhalla Blvd Suite 202, Sioux Falls, SD 57106**

**Board Members Present:** Acting Chair – Lisa Rave, Diane Dady (by phone), Tom Nelson (by phone), Dan Somsen (by phone), Lenny Petrick (by phone).

**Board Staff Present:** Executive Director Kari Shanard-Koenders; Inspector Tyler Laetsch, PDMP Assistant Melanie Houg.

**Attendees Present:** Jeff Nielson, Kenton Welbig (SDSU Pharmacy Intern).

**A. Call to Order and Introductions**

At 4:07 p.m. CST the meeting was called to order by Acting Chair, board member Lisa Rave. Introductions of Board Members, Board Staff and meeting attendees was made. Roll call was taken and a quorum present.

**B. Agenda Approval**

The Acting Chair reviewed the agenda. Diane Dady made a motion approve the agenda; motioned seconded by Tom Nelson. Motion passed (5-0).

**C. Jeff Nielsen Variance-Motion**

1. Jeff Nielsen requested this meeting originally to discuss a Variance proposal to have a certified technician (CPhT) work@home arrangement. He was informed minutes prior to the meeting that he should wait and have others present at a later date. Since the group had gathered, he provided the following information to the Board.
  - i. Supervision by a pharmacist who is readily and immediately available at all times for the delegated tasks are performed where a pharmacist and technician(s) are on the same physical premises, or if not, technology is used to enable real time, two-way communications between the pharmacist and technician(s). Use of Technology: A pharmacist, as an adjunct to assist in the direct supervision of the pharmacy technician, may employ technological means to communicate with or observe the pharmacy technician. A pharmacist shall make certain all applicable state and federal laws, including, but not limited to confidentiality, are fully observed when employing technological means of communication and observation. If technology is being used to provide direct supervision of pharmacy technician(s), such technology shall be sufficient to provide the personal assistance, direction and approval required to meet the standard of practice for the delegated tasks.
  - ii. Florida's use of technology law was provided as a guideline.
  - iii. The SD Board's Policy Statement on Guidelines for approval of pharmacists or other pharmacy employees working from home was provided.
  - iv. Cigna's work at Home Agreement proposal was reviewed without action. Cigna has purchased Express Scripts.
2. Discussion and questions regarding the above items were addressed. Based on information gathered from this discussion, Cigna/Express Scripts will reach out to the board at a future board meeting to request a variance.

**D. Public Comment** (no public comments presented)

**E. Adjourn**

Board member Dan Somsen motioned to adjourn, Lenny Petrik seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m. CST

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Lisa Rave, Acting Chair

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Kari Shanard-Koenders, Ex. Director

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