

**INTERVIEWS
CANDIDATES FOR PHARMACIST LICENSURE
ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

JANUARY 15, 2014

On Wednesday, January 15, 2014, ***PRESIDENT MARK CONRADI*** called the Board to order at 11:32 A.M. Those present were:

MARK CONRADI	President
TIM MARTIN	Vice-President
BUDDY BUNCH	Member
DAVID DARBY	Member
MITZI ELLENBURG	Interim Secretary
JIM WARD	Board Attorney

ABSENT: DAN MCCONAGHY **Treasurer**

PRESIDENT CONRADI presented five (5) candidates seeking licensure to the Board:

By Examination:

GARY HOYT FRAZIER, JR.	Alabama
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By Reciprocation:

KATHERINE ZOBEL GREER	North Carolina
MOHAMMED W. KHURRAM	Tennessee
GILWAN KIM	Texas
KATI MICHELLE TURNER	Georgia

PRESIDENT MARK CONRADI welcomed the candidates for licensure, asked them to stand, state their names, pharmacy school they attended and where they intended to work in Alabama.

He stated that three (3) of the Members of the Board are appointed by the Governor of Alabama consisting of a hospital pharmacist, an independent pharmacist and a chain pharmacist. Two (2) are voted on by all Alabama pharmacists.

He introduced himself and informed the candidates that he is a chain pharmacist serving his second term on the Board. He has worked as Director of Pharmacy for a chain pharmacy and presently works as a staff pharmacist for CVS/pharmacy. He is also an attorney and teaches law at Auburn University to 4th year pharmacy students. He was appointed by the Governor of Alabama as a representative of chain pharmacy. He explained that pharmacy laws differ from state to state and the way one pharmacist that has been practicing for thirty (30) years might not necessarily be within the law. He stated that just because you work in a hospital doesn't mean drugs aren't stolen. He gave an example of a prior board case where a technician was ordering the controlled substances and when received at the hospital she was taking them to her car in a tote. For a technician, stealing Lortab is more money in one day than working for a month. On most occasions, a pharmacist abuses drugs; a technician sells. If you have any questions, call one of the Board Member directly or the Board office.

He requested that the Board Members introduce themselves and asked that the Board Members give their place of employment, briefly describe how they became a member of the Board and the position they hold.

He further informed the candidates that the Board was formed to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the people of Alabama.

MEMBER BUDDY BUNCH introduced himself and informed the candidates that he was a community pharmacist. He began work with Harco Pharmacy in 1980 and in 1997 opened his own pharmacy, Bunch Pharmacy, in Guntersville, Alabama. He was appointed by Governor Bentley as a representative of independent pharmacy and this month begins his second year on

the Board. He encouraged the candidates to become involved in different pharmacy associations on a local, state and national level and be active.

VICE PRESIDENT TIM MARTIN introduced himself and informed the candidates that he is an institutional pharmacist and is the Director of Pharmacy for both DCH Regional Medical Center in Tuscaloosa and Northport Medical Center in Northport. He was appointed to the Board by Governor Bentley and represents the institutional practice of pharmacy. He is beginning his 3rd year as a Board Member this month. With all the news of prescription drugs being diverted, the public asks where the drugs are coming from. Spend a significant portion of your time knowing what's going on in your environment. Ninety percent of the administrative hearings each month are technicians stealing drugs from the pharmacy where they are employed.

MEMBER DAVID DARBY introduced himself and informed the candidates that he has just been elected as a candidate at large for a five (5) year term and this is his first official Board Meeting. He has lived in Andalusia approximately thirty (30) years, worked for Harco Drugs for 15 years but currently he and his wife, who is also a pharmacist, own two (2) pharmacies. He informed the candidates of the Board of the Pharmacy Wellness Program and of the tremendous job of the Program's Administrator Dr. Mike Garver. He encouraged the candidates if there ever came a time when they worked with a pharmacist or technician or if they themselves felt impaired, to contact Dr. Garver with the Wellness Program.

BOARD ATTORNEY JIM WARD introduced himself and noted that he had been practicing law for thirty-nine plus years and represented several healthcare boards. He advised the candidates that the Supervising Pharmacist is ultimately responsible for the legal operation of the pharmacy. He encouraged them to read the Supervising Pharmacist Rule and that it specifically details the duties and responsibilities of someone in this position. He mentioned past scenarios of Board Hearings were Supervising Pharmacists are brought before the Board for huge amounts of

controlled drug shortages which happened while they were responsible for the pharmacy.

INTERIM SECRETARY MITZI ELLENBURG introduced herself and informed the candidates to advise Lynn Martin or the Board Office within ten (10) days after they go to work in Alabama or when they have a change of address.

The interviews concluded with **PRESIDENT CONRADI** welcoming each candidate to Alabama.

On a motion by **VICE-PRESIDENT TIM MARTIN**, second by **MEMBER DAVID DARBY**, and a vote of ALL AYES, Alabama licensure was granted to five (5) candidates for pharmacist licensure pending completion of necessary forms, payment of fees, and collection of funds.

At 12:00 p.m., the Board Meeting adjourned.

OFFICIAL:

FOR THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY:

Mark Conradi
President

Mitzi G. Ellenburg
Interim Secretary