ALABAMA BOARD OF PHARMACY
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2026

President Thomas H. Cobb called the June 17, 2026, meeting of the Alabama Board of Pharmacy to order at 9:03 a.m. to conduct necessary business. The meeting was held at the office of the Alabama Board of Pharmacy, 111 Village Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35242.

The following Board members were present:

Thomas H. Cobb	President
Stacy S. Giles	Vice President
Johnny Brooklere	Treasurer
Brandon Hicks	Member
Darrelle Knight Marbury	Member
Jeb Mitchell	Member
Alecia Booker	Member
Honorable Freddie Stokes	Member
Nathan Pinner	Member

Alabama Board of Pharmacy staff members present in person or via WebEx teleconference were:

Aaron Dettling, Gen. Counsel, Disciplinary Division
Scott Daniel, Gen. Counsel, Administrative Division
Jon Linna, Executive Secretary
Casey Shaw, Chief Investigator/HR
Todd Brooks, Investigator
Peyton Zarzour, Investigator
Cristal Anderson, Dir. of Compliance
Anne Marie Nolen, Administrative Supervisor
Rebecca Tindle, Licensing Supervisor
Wendy Passmore, Operations Manager
Terry Lawrence, IT Manager

Members of the public present in person or via WebEx teleconference were:

Jim Driskell
Logan Gray
Tori Patterson
Jim Easter
Logan Gray
Jim Driskell
Nick Meza
Hutson Sargent
Maricela Lara-Nevarez
Nicole Martin
Ella Blankenship
Kacia Nolan
Jennifer Anderson-Fung
Brad Brown
Krystyne Douglass
Tiffany Piver
Will Skaggs
Jennifer Campbell
Nicole Bouldin
Alan Coons
Jade Green
Tim Rowland
Laura Eady
APCI
Shannon Robertson
Maria
Lea Wolsoncroft
Mary Wooten
Misty Gaddis
Dan Gillis
Brooke Schultz
Tonya Marler
Meredith Frazier
Susan DelMonico
Lynn Stevenson
Danielle Cole
Dan McConaghy
Ja'kala Turner
Meredith Townsend
Louise Jones
Brad Livingston
Morgan Phillips
Steffanie Hocking
Joe King Chavers
Neal Arnette Presley
Haley Cook
Brandy Jacobs
Sarah C.

Heather Vega	Karen Williams	Phyllis
Roland Naseman	Vicki Faulk	Tamra Foshee
Donna Huggins	Renee Moore	Casey Souders
Carley Horner	Berkley Sykes	Thomas B. Wolsoncroft
Mary McKnight	Nick Stringer	Benjamin Rodgers
Jacey Cox	Allyson Gilliam	Tina Tarsitano
Cayla Hicks	Rebekah Neal	Robyn Ledbetter
Rob Geddes	Rebecca •	Vicki Walker
Jack Wanschek	Riley Atkinson	Ashlyn Bradham
Nick Carter	Helena Cardona	
Charles Reid	Alana Holland	

1. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
The invocation was given by Mr. Brooklere followed by recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **ROLL CALL**
Executive Secretary Linna called the roll. All nine Board members were present and a quorum was established.

3. **AGENDA**
President Cobb called for a motion to adopt the agenda with an amendment allowing CoverMyMeds to present first. A motion was made by Ms. Giles and seconded by Dr. Hicks to adopt the agenda, as amended. A vote was taken and the motion to adopt the agenda, as amended, passed unanimously. No nays or abstentions recorded.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
A motion was made by Dr. Pinner and seconded by Ms. Giles to approve the May 20, 2026, interview minutes. A vote was taken and the motion to approve the May 20, 2026, interview minutes passed unanimously. No nays or abstentions recorded.

A motion was made by Mr. Brooklere and seconded by Dr. Hicks to approve the May 20, 2026, business meeting minutes. A vote was taken and the motion to approve the May 20, 2026, business meeting minutes passed unanimously. No nays or abstentions recorded.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**
   - Bella Blankenship of Gifthealth and Hutson Sargent and Maricela Lara-Nevarez of CoverMyMeds were sworn and gave a presentation requesting a central fill permit. Nick Meza of Quarles and Brady also appeared on behalf of both companies. Following the presentation and brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Brooklere and seconded by Ms. Giles to approve the central fill permit pending receipt of information related to the Alabama Medicaid tax. A vote was taken and the motion to approve the central fill permit pending receipt of information related to the Alabama Medicaid tax passed unanimously. No nays or abstentions recorded.

   - Timothy "Brad" Brown of J. Paul Jones Emergency Rural Hospital and Monroe Drugs was sworn and presented a request to reduce the hours of operation for the J. Paul Jones Emergency Rural Hospital pharmacy to four hours per week. A motion was made by Ms. Giles and seconded by Dr. Hicks to retroactively and prospectively approve the request to reduce the hours of operation for J. Paul Jones Emergency Rural Hospital to four hours per week. A vote was taken and the motion to approve the request for reduced hours of operation passed unanimously. No nays or abstentions recorded.

Dr. Brown also requested approval to serve as the supervising pharmacist at both J. Paul Jones Emergency Rural Hospital and Monroe Drugs in Monroeville, Alabama. A motion was made by Mr. Brooklere and seconded by Dr. Hicks to approve Dr. Brown to serve as the supervising pharmacist for both J. Paul Jones Emergency Rural Hospital and Monroe Drugs. A vote was taken and the motion to approve Dr. Brown to serve as the supervising pharmacist at both J. Paul Jones Emergency Rural Hospital and Monroe Drugs passed unanimously. No nays or abstentions recorded.

- Tiffany Piver and Will Skaggs of CSI Pharmacy were sworn and presented a request for a nonresident pharmacy services permit. Following the presentation, the Board determined additional information was needed before the request could be considered. The matter was tabled to a future meeting pending receipt of the requested information.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Mr. Brooklere presented the treasurer's report. As of May 31, 2026, total revenues for the fiscal year were 82.77 percent of annual budget. Operating expenses were 60.39 percent of budgeted amounts. Licensing fee revenues were 83.14 percent of budget projections. Overall operating expenditures remained slightly below budget, although several individual budget line items are tracking above budget, including court reporter services, repairs and maintenance-building, equipment and grounds, and housekeeping.

  A motion was made by Ms. Giles and seconded by Dr. Hicks to accept the treasurer's report. A vote was taken and the motion to accept the treasurer's report passed unanimously. No nays or abstentions recorded.

- Mr. Brooklere recommended that the Board begin the budget planning process for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026. The Board designated Mr. Brooklere, Dr. Hicks, Dr. Pinner, and Dr. Marbury to serve on the finance committee. Staff members designated to serve on the finance committee were Mr. Linna, Dr. Nolen, Mr. Shaw, and Dr. Tindle.

  A motion was made by Ms. Giles and seconded by Dr. Hicks to begin the finance committee's budget planning process for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026. A vote was taken and the motion to begin the finance committee's budget planning process for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, passed unanimously. No nays or abstentions recorded.

7. WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Shaw gave the Wellness report as follows:

- All individuals being monitored are without complaint and their screens have been negative. There are 44 pharmacy health professionals being monitored, which is slightly higher than the number of participants being monitored at the same time last year.

Current work-Pharmacists:

- Seven pharmacists are currently in process, including individuals in residential or outpatient treatment, being held out of practice following treatment, or undergoing evaluations.
- One pharmacist is having hearings at the Board session.

Current work-Pharmacy Technicians:

- Two pharmacy technicians are in process with no return contacts.
- One pharmacy technician is in a residential treatment program, being held out of practice following treatment, or undergoing an evaluation.

Current work-Pharmacy Students:

- One pharmacy student is in process, either in a residential or outpatient treatment program, being held out of practice following treatment, or undergoing an evaluation.

8. CHIEF INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

Chief Investigator Casey Shaw gave his report as follows:

- During May 2026, investigators completed 139 compliance inspections. No violations were identified that warranted a complaint or possible issuance of a statement of charges. From January 1, 2026, through May 31, 2026, investigators completed a total of 682 inspections, with one violation identified for further review.

- During May 2026, the Board received 20 complaints and investigators completed 16 investigations. One complaint was referred to legal counsel for review for a possible issuance of a statement of charges for alleged violations of the Pharmacy Practice Act.

- Year to date, the Board has received 102 complaints, seven of which have been referred to legal counsel for further review and possible issuance of statements of charges.

- Since the last Board meeting, no pharmacy burglaries have been reported.

- During May 2026, ALBOP investigators participated in the FBI National Annual Training Conference and narcotics investigators' training conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

- The automobile dealership has confirmed the VIN numbers for the two Dodge Durango vehicles purchased by the Board. Delivery is anticipated between July 16 and July 23, 2026. If delivered within that time frame, the vehicles will have taken approximately four months from the date of order to delivery.

9. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Executive Secretary Jon Linna gave his report, which consisted of the following:

- Since the last Board meeting, there has been one reported pharmacy closure in Courtland, Alabama.

- Board staff continues to work with the Examiners of Public Accounts on the audit. No estimated completion date has been provided.

- Board staff continues to monitor the proposed rescheduling of cannabis products to a Schedule II controlled substance. The Alabama Committee of Public Health is evaluating the potential impact of this action on Alabama's controlled substances list and medical cannabis laws.

- Ms. Giles, Dr. Hicks, Mr. Brooklere, and Mr. Linna represented the Board at the Alabama Pharmacy Association Annual Meeting where they presented a Board update and stakeholder engagement CE on topics including the cannabis rescheduling, peptide issues, alternative funding programs, early MPJE access, and expanded access to PDMP. Mr. Linna thanked Louise Jones and the APA for inviting the Board to present and for hosting a successful meeting.

- The Alabama Attorney General's office issued a press release on June 15 announcing its partnership with ALEA in Operation Southern Shield. The operation included the execution of numerous search warrants and the seizure of illegal kratom products throughout the state in retail and wholesale locations. Kratom products and derivatives containing mitragynine have been classified as Schedule I controlled substances since 2016.

- The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners has issued a formal notice addressing non-FDA approved or research grade peptides. Physicians may not prescribe, administer, dispense, recommend, or supply non-FDA approved peptides to Alabama patients. Mid-level practitioners may only administer, dispense, and prescribe legend drugs on a BME-approved formulary and no research grade or non-FDA approved peptides are included on any approved formulary. Physicians must also purchase all prescription products, drugs, and ingredients only from entities permitted by the Alabama Board of Pharmacy. Also, retatrutide is not an FDA-approved drug in the U.S. and may not be compounded, prescribed, dispensed, or administered.

- The American Medical Association is planning to engage NABP, national pharmacy organizations, and chains that are subject to the national opioid litigation settlements to collect information regarding pharmacists' refusal to fill prescriptions, with an emphasis on opioid prescriptions.

- As a reminder, PDMP submission is required. Submission errors will be communicated by Vicki Walker, PDMP compliance coordinator. All pharmacists are eligible to create a PDMP account by visiting Alabama.pmpaware.net.

10. ATTORNEY REPORT

- A longstanding appeal pending in the Montgomery County Circuit Court was settled approximately two years ago, but the settlement has not been fully performed, so the respondent is requesting the Court to hear and decide the appeal.

- A hearing on the Board's motion to dismiss in a separate lawsuit, also pending in Montgomery County Circuit Court, was held on June 2. Mr. Dettling reported he is awaiting a ruling on that motion.

11. LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT

Mr. Logan Gray stated the legislature is undergoing reorganization and that he expects to provide a more detailed update at a future board meeting.

12. RECESS

A recess was taken from 10:04 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

13. OLD BUSINESS

- A discussion was held regarding 680-X-A, Appendices, Civil Penalty Schedules. After discussion and review, a motion was made by Judge Stokes and seconded by Ms. Giles to adopt 680-X-A, Appendices, Civil Penalty Schedules, as presented. A vote was taken and the motion to adopt 680-X-A, Appendices, Civil Penalty Schedules, as presented, passed unanimously. No nays or abstentions recorded.

- A discussion was held regarding 680-X-2-.50, Civil Penalties. A motion was made by Mr. Brooklere and seconded by Dr. Hicks to adopt 680-X-2-.50, Civil Penalties, as presented, to begin the rulemaking process. A vote was taken and the motion to adopt 680-X-2-.50, Civil Penalties, as presented, to begin the rulemaking process passed unanimously. No nays or abstentions recorded.

- The fiscal notes for 680-X-2-.50 and 680-X-A were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Ms. Giles and seconded by Dr. Pinner to adopt the fiscal notes for 680-X-2-.50 and 680-X-A, as presented. A vote was taken and the motion to adopt the fiscal notes for 680-X-2-.50 and 680-X-A, as presented, passed unanimously. No nays or abstentions recorded.

- A public hearing was held for Rule 680-X-1-.03, Petition for Declaratory Ruling of the Board. This new rule establishes the procedure for requesting a declaratory ruling from the Board in accordance with the Alabama Administrative Procedures Act. No comments were received and no individuals requested to speak at the public hearing.

  A motion was made by Mr. Brooklere and seconded by Ms. Giles to adopt Rule 680-X-1-.03, Petition for Declaratory Ruling of the Board, as presented. A vote was taken and the motion to adopt Rule 680-X-1-.03, Petition for Declaratory Ruling of the Board, as presented, passed unanimously. No nays or abstentions recorded. The rule will become effective August 14, 2026.

- A public hearing was held for Rule 680-X-1-.04, Petition for Adoption, Amendment, or Repeal of a Rule. This rule establishes a procedure for submitting a petition to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule in accordance with the Alabama Administrative Procedures Act. No comments were received and no individuals requested to speak at the public hearing.

  A motion was made by Mr. Brooklere and seconded by Dr. Hicks to adopt Rule 680-X-1-.04, Petition for Adoption, Amendment, or Repeal of a Rule, as presented. A vote was taken and the motion to adopt Rule 680-X-1-.04, Petition for Declaratory Ruling of the Board, as written, passed unanimously. No nays or abstentions recorded. The rule will become effective August 14, 2026.

- The following rules are in the rulemaking process:

  - Rule 680-X-2-.40, Non-disciplinary Penalties will have a public hearing on July 15, 2026. Comments are due to Anne Marie Nolen at anolen@albop.com by July 10, 2026.

  - Rule 680-X-2-.05, Pharmacies, clarifies the definitions of chain and independent pharmacies. The rule will become effective July 13, 2026.

  - Rule 680-X-3-.03, Time and Method of Payment; Renewal and Non-disciplinary Penalty for Late Renewal of Controlled Substances Permit removes the non-disciplinary component of the rule (to be placed into 680-X-2-.40). The rule will become effective July 13, 2026.

- Mr. Dettling drafted two new rules for the Board's review and discussion. Rule 680-X-1-.06, Officers of the Board, and Rule 680-X-1-.07, Meetings of the Board, were presented. Dr. Cobb requested Board members review the proposed rules, which will be discussed at the July 15, 2026, Board meeting.

- A draft amendment to the emergency dispensing component of Rule 680-X-2-.18, Institutional Pharmacies, was presented to Board members followed by a lengthy discussion. Board staff will continue to work on this amendment to be presented at a future Board meeting.

- A discussion was held regarding upcoming travel, specifically the NABP District III meeting and Maltagon. Dr. Cobb requested that Board members review their calendars and determine their availability and interest in attending.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- The Joint Committee on Collaborative Practice will not meet during the second quarter of 2026 but is scheduled to meet during the third quarter of 2026. Dr. Nolen presented a joint resolution for the Joint Committee's decision not to meet during the second quarter of 2026.

  A motion was made by Mr. Brooklere and seconded by Ms. Giles to approve the joint resolution for the Joint Committee's decision not to meet during the second quarter of 2026. A vote was taken and the motion to approve the joint resolution for the Joint Committee's decision not to meet during the second quarter of 2026 passed unanimously. No nays or abstentions recorded.

- Mr. Brooklere initiated a discussion regarding the inspection and permitting process for new pharmacies. Currently, a pharmacy must undergo an inspection prior to receiving a permit; however, the permitting process must be completed before the pharmacy can establish contracts with insurance companies, PBMs, and other entities responsible for payment on behalf of patients.

Mr. Brooklere suggested that permits be issued prior to inspection, with the inspection conducted immediately before the pharmacy begins operations. Any pharmacy that does not pass inspection would not be permitted to open. He also noted that when a permit is not issued until after inspection and opening, the pharmacy could experience delays in establishing necessary contracts with insurance companies, PBMs, and other payment entities.

Dr. Nolen and Investigator Shaw will review the matter to determine if and how any procedures may be amended.

15. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Thomas H. Cobb, President

Jon M. Linna, Executive Secretary

7/15/26

Date