

**MINUTES**

**UTAH STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**March 24, 2026 | 8:30 A.M.**

**Room 474, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**160 E 300 S Salt Lake City UT**

**Hybrid Meeting-In Person and Electronic**

**Electronic attendance was available.**

**CONVENED: 8:32 A.M.**

**ADJOURNED: 12:13 P.M.**

**DOPL STAFF PRESENT:**

**Bureau Manager:** Jim Garfield

**Board Secretary:** Tina Marshall

**Pharmacy Specialist:** Maddy Holt

**Investigator:** Travis Drebing

**CSD Admin:** Jeff Henrie

**Compliance Specialist:** Sharon Bennett

**Legal Analyst:** Lauren Harvey

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Chair:** Christopher Sheard, Pharm.D.

**Vice Chair:** Gary Hale, R.Ph.

Karen Gunning, Pharm.D.

Sabrina Ouk, Pharmacy Technician

Cheyenne Cunningham, Pharm.D.

Matthew Higley, Pharm.D.

Shaun Curran, PA CS, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

**DOPL STAFF NOT PRESENT:**

**Investigation Supervisor:** Ben Baker

**Bureau Manager:** Larry Marx

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jolene Evans, DOPL Investigator

Ryan Young, MedQuest Pharmacy

David Young, University of Utah

Nathan Hagen, U of U Health Pharmacies

Joseph Simpson, University of Utah

Janel Christensen, MedQuest Pharmacy

Dallas Moore, Utah Family Pharmacy

Dave Davis, Utah Retail Merchants

Skyler Sugden, Genoa Healthcare

Mitch Crosgrove, University of Utah

Kelli Jacobsen, UPHP

Robert Simpson, UPHP

LaWanda Esquibel, DHHS

Nicole Daniels, Walmart

Jordan Gygi, OPLR

Christopher Davy, Costco

Andrew Liu, Costco

*Note: Other guests may have been in attendance but were not identified.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**Dr. Sheard called the meeting to order at 8:32 A.M.**

**REVIEW AND APPROVE February 24, 2026 MINUTES (Audio 00:42:59)**

**Dr. Sheard made a motion to approve the minutes.**

**Mr. Hale seconded the motion.**

**The Board motion passed unanimously.**

**INVESTIGATIVE REPORT—Travis Drebing (Audio 00:44:26)**

Mr. Drebing stated that in January, 12 cases were received, 48 cases were closed, 33 pharmacy inspections were completed, and 1 citation was issued.

Dr. Gunning asked if there were any themes to the letters of concern that were issued.

Mr. Drebing stated there were many minor reasons the letters of concern were issued.

**CSD UPDATE—Jeff Henrie (Audio 00:46:06)**

Mr. Henrie explained that UPUP is receiving 97% good data and is still working on notifications for incorrect data.

The Board and Mr. Henrie discussed ASAP 5 roll out, notifications and changes that will be coming in the new version of the system.

Mr. Henrie and the Board discussed the 87% of controlled substance prescriptions that were submitted electronically, which is getting close to the 90% goal. Also discussed were reasons that the 90% goal has not yet been reached.

Mr. Henrie and the Board discussed the changes made to R156-37f. The changes include defining emergency situations and that if an individual has a change in license type, they need to contact the CSD to update their license in order to retain access to the database. The system also requires the last four digits of social security numbers to verify that the person accessing the database is actively licensed.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**UPHP (Audio 00:03:20)**

Dr. Simpson provided the purpose of Utah Professional Health Program (UPHP), informing the Board that there have been changes made to the UPHP program. Dr. Simpson explained that UPHP is working with DOPL to ensure consistent monitoring of individuals throughout all professions. UPHP will continue to work with individuals in a confidential manner if they meet the requirements of the program, as they have done in the past. UPHP has begun to monitor individuals that have had disciplinary action taken against their licenses for substance use disorders. Dr. Simpson provided the Board with an explanation on how this will happen for the two different programs.

**OPLR** (*Audio 01:57:37*)

Mr. Gygi explained that he is working on a project that can overlap with the pharmacy profession. OPLR is working on defining minor surgical procedures and gaps in regulation for IV hydration, ketamine clinics and cosmetic medical procedures.

Mr. Gygi explained they would like to create a small working group with licensed professionals to help provide guidance and input during the drafting process.

Mr. Gygi and the Board discussed issues OPLR could be looking for in the areas.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE PRESENTATION** (*Audio 01:28:13*)

Mr. Simpson provided an update to legislation that would affect the pharmacy professions.

Mr. Simpson explained that the following bills passed and the impact that each bill will have on pharmacy. The bills that passed are: H.B. 97 Medical Waste Amendments, H.B. 264 Prescription Medication Amendments, H.B. 356 Drug Distribution Amendments, H.B. 527 Pharmacy Pricing Amendments, S.B. 83 Controlled Substance Scheduling Amendments, S.B. 87 Naloxone Amendments, S.B. 174 Exercise of Religious Beliefs and Conscience Amendments and S.B. 261 Pharmacy Practice Act.

Mr. Simpson explained that the following bills failed: H.B. 96 Ivermectin Amendments, H.B. 257 Opiate Information Amendments and H.B. 359 Health Care Preceptor Amendments.

**PEP/PREP – UTAH DHHS** (*Audio 00:00:13*)

Ms. Esquibel explained that she has updated the flow chart on the PEP document to make the flow chart easier to understand. An exposure risk table was added to help determine the appropriate risk category and determine the pathway to take on the flow chart.

Ms. Esquibel and the Board discussed whether a pharmacist was able to order lab work for PrEP. Unfortunately, with the way the statute is written there is no statutory authority for a standing order to be written for the lab work. If lab work is available, a pharmacist can prescribe a 90-day supply. If lab work is not available, a pharmacist can prescribe a 30-day supply. A collaborative practice agreement was discussed as a way for labs to be ordered and help with continuing care with a primary care provider.

The Board and Ms. Esquibel discussed whether injectables should be kept as a medication option or if they should be removed from the list. Also discussed were possible operational challenges such as insurance coverage and medication administration.

**REMOTE LOCATION/AFTER HOUR PICK UP LOCKERS - COSTCO** (*Audio 00:35:19*)

Dr. Liu explained the reasons that Costco is requesting pick-up lockers for pharmacy prescriptions. Lockers would be located within 50-100 feet of the pharmacy within the warehouse. The patient would access the medication by using barcodes which would only allow access to the locker associated with the barcode. Only pharmacy staff will have access to pharmacy stocked lockers and the pharmacist in charge would be the only person with an over-

ride key to all lockers to ensure no one can have access to medications in case of failure. Video counseling would be provided to make sure the patient would have counseling if or when it is needed.

The Board and Costco representatives discussed in depth aspects of how the system will work and concerns that the Board had.

**Dr. Sheard made a motion to allow enforcement discretion on the use of lockers in Costco warehouses as described in the proposal.**

**Ms. Ouk seconded the motion.**

**Mr. Hale abstained from the vote.**

**The Board motion passed.**

#### **GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS REVIEW** *(Audio 01:14:55)*

Dr. Sheard explained that vaccines and epinephrine have been added to 58-17b-627. Guidance documents are available on DOPL's website.

The Board discussed the option to review the current guidance documents and update them when needed. The Board decided to review the guidance one at a time and to start with the vaccine guidance document.

#### **APPOINTMENT ITEMS:**

##### **STEPHANIE HOLT, PROBATIONARY INTERVIEW** *(Audio 01:57:31)*

Ms. Bennett gave an update on Dr. Holt's probation.

Dr. Gunning stated that the employer report has been received.

Dr. Gunning and Dr. Holt discussed hours worked, and the pharmacy location Dr. Holt will be working at.

Dr. Gunning, Dr. Holt and Ms. Bennett discussed the CEs that were approved and what needed to be submitted once the CE has been completed.

**Dr. Gunning made a motion that Stephanie Holt is in compliance with their Stipulation and Order.**

**Dr. Cunningham seconded the motion.**

**The Board motion passed unanimously.**

Tentative next meeting will be on April 28, 2026.

##### **ALA SHWANI, PHARMACY INTERN EXTENSION REQUEST** *(Audio 01:28:27)*

Ms. Shwani did not attend the meeting, and no recommendation was made on the request.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:13 P.M.**

*Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record*

*the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.*

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**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** April 28, 2026

**2026 Tentative Board Meeting Scheduled:**

May 19, June 23, July 28-29 Hearing, September 22, October 27, November 17, December 15

  
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