

FINAL/APPROVED

VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY MINUTES OF TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463

Orders/Consent Orders referred to in these minutes are available upon request

TIME & PURPOSE:

Pursuant to § 54.1-2408.1(A) of the Code of Virginia, a telephone conference call of the Virginia Board of Pharmacy ("TCC") was held on June 11, 2025, at 10:00 AM, to consider summary suspensions in case number 244717.

PRESIDING:

Cheri Garvin, Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kristopher Ratliff
Shannon Dowdy
Derek Webb
Michelle Hoffer
Wendy Nash
Larry Kocot

STAFF PRESENT:

Ellen Shinaberry, Deputy Executive Director
Caroline Juran, Executive Director
Mykl Egan, Discipline Case Manager
Jim Rutkowski, Senior Assistant Attorney General
David Robinson, Asst. Attorney General
Rebecca Ribley, DHP Adjudication Specialist

POLLING OF BOARD MEMBERS

The Board members were polled prior to scheduling the telephone conference call as to whether they could attend the meeting in Richmond.

With seven (7) members participating, it was established that a quorum could not have been convened in a regular meeting to consider this matter.

DEREK LESTER MCCOWAN
License No. 0202-219948

David Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, presented a summary of the evidence in case no. 244717 regarding the pharmacist license of Derek Lester McCowan. Mr. Robinson was assisted by

Rebecca Ribley, Adjudication Specialist.

CLOSED MEETING:

Upon a motion by Dr. Dowdy, and duly seconded by Dr. Webb, the Board voted 7-0, to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision regarding the matter of Derek L. McCowan. Additionally, she moved that Ellen Shinaberry, Caroline Juran, Mykl Egan and Jim Rutkowski attend the closed meeting.

RECONVENE:

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed meeting met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board reconvened an open meeting and announced the decision. (Dowdy/Webb)

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Mr. Kocot and duly seconded by Dr. Dowdy, the Board unanimously voted (7-0) that, with the evidence presented, the continued practice of Derek L. McCowan poses a substantial danger to the public; and therefore, his pharmacist license shall be summarily suspended and with the Notice of formal hearing, a Consent Order shall be offered in lieu of the formal hearing.

ADJOURN:

With all business concluded, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Ellen B. Shinaberry, PharmD
Deputy Executive Director

Date