

NH Prescription Drug Affordability Board

In-person / Remote Hybrid Meeting

August 22, 2022 10:00 AM

NOTE: This meeting was recorded. All related documents (and a recording of the entire meeting) are available at: [New Hampshire Prescription Drug Affordability Board | New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services \(nh.gov\)](https://www.nh.gov/health/human-services/prescription-drug-affordability-board)

CALL TO ORDER: Representative Gary Merchant, Chair, opened; introductions were made.

ATTENDING: In person: Representative Gary Merchant, Senator Tom Sherman, Dr. Robert Woodward, Representative James Murphy; **Virtually:** Senator Cindy Rosenwald.

A quorum was established.

ABSENT: Senator Sharon Carson, Todd Fahey.

AGENDA REVIEW: Representative Gary Merchant reviewed the agenda with the Board.

REVIEW AND APPROVE JULY 25 MINUTES: Initially, Senator Rosenwald moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Senator Tom Sherman. Minutes approved via roll call. Later in the meeting, it was observed that Representative James Murphy had mistakenly been left off the list of attendees, and a roll call vote was made to revise the minutes.

UPDATE ON BOARD RULES: Attorney Robert Berry and Allyson Zinno reviewed, in detail, each change that was made to the twenty-four pages of Board Rules. Some key changes: the definitions of manufacturer and pricing unit were updated, based on SB 450, and the number of alternates to the Board was updated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Donald Pfundstein brought up his concern about the Board not addressing the issue brought up in his letter from June 16, outlining the need for establishing a spending target for prescription drugs purchased by public payers and the need for the language of the Rules to be easily understood by everyone. A short discussion with the Board followed.

Heidi Kroll, AHIP, discussed the issue of cost to the public payers by hospital-administered drugs.

A representative from the insurance department discussed what he considers gaps in the wording of the intent of the Board, and the obligation of the Board to amend the wording. Senator Tom Sherman clarified the original intent of the Board, as he was the prime sponsor, and took the comment under advisement.

A Motion to accept the Rules, as revised, was made by Representative James Murphy. The motion was passed via roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Senator Rosenwald. Motion passed without opposition.

Todd Fahey was not in attendance, however, respectfully submits: Todd C. Fahey, Clerk

Nancy T. Plourde, Recording Secretary