

NH Prescription Drug Affordability Board

In-person / Remote Hybrid Meeting

Meeting March 25, 9:30 A.M.

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 \(nh.gov\)](#)

CALL TO ORDER: Representative Gary Merchant called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M.

ATTENDING: *In person:* Representative Gary Merchant, Representative Jess Edwards, Robert Woodward, Senator Cindy Rosenwald, Jason Aziz, Kirk Williamson. *Virtual:* Todd Fahey. Quorum established. 10:36 min in, Tom Sherman arrived and was elevated to full member in place of Sen. Abbas.

ABSENT: Senator Sharon Carson, Representative David Nagel, Senator Daryl Abbas.

AGENDA REVIEW: Rep. Edwards spoke about the talks of establishing a fund to contribute to the Board, and perhaps placing it on a future agenda.

MINUTES REVIEW: The Board discussed the minutes of January 29. Rep. Edwards requested the language on line 10, to show that he “noted his position today changed”, rather than the prior language of Mr. Fahey “noting” what Rep. Edwards had said. Motion to accept the minutes with that edit, made by Robert Woodward, seconded by Jason Aziz. Roll call vote was made, with all in favor except Sen. Rosenwald who abstained.

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD: Kirk Williamson updated the Board about the advisory council. All but 2 members have responded to his request for nomination. Rep. Merchant spoke about the extra meetings to discuss data. HE was advised by Attorney Rob Berry that they would not be able to have a meeting with 3 members, alternate or not, as it would create a quorum, so he stated he would be scheduling upcoming extra Board meetings, for which attendance is not critical.

EXPERT SPEAKER: ANTONIO CIACCIA, 3 AXIS ADVISORS:

BOARD DISCUSSION WITH COMMISSIONER BETTENCOURT: REDUNDANCY REPORT:

FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDA ITEMS: Next meeting is April 22, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Maribeth Guarino, Health Care Advocate from NH PIRG, spoke virtually. She spoke to show her support from the Board. She touched upon the issue of anticompetitive tactics and offered collaboration with the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Tom Sherman, seconded by Rep. Jess Edwards. Motion passed unanimously.

