

A G E N D A
NORTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
January 7-8-9, 2026
Club House Hotel & Suites - 4400 15th Ave South – Regency 3 Room
Fargo ND 58103 (1-701-282-5777)

Wednesday – January 7, 2026

5:00 PM CALL TO ORDER – Carolyn Bodell, President
Recite: Mission Statement

Review and approval of agenda
Review and approval of Minutes of November 20, 2025 meeting
Assign members to review all paid invoices and Reconciled Bank Statements
Grant Lifetime Licenses = **28**

**AGENDA
MINUTES**

TAB 1

6:30 PM Technician Advisory Dinner– Representatives from NAPT and NDSCS - Regency 3 Room

Discussion Items:

Pharmacy Technicians into the Community Health Worker (CHW) model
Models of Pharmacy Technician Education
Workforce and Recruitment of Technicians
Discussion by NAPT Officers of items of interest to NAPT

Thursday - January 8, 2026

8:30 AM CALL TO ORDER – Carolyn Bodell, President

9:00 AM Simi Osi-Efa Foreign Pharmacist Intern License Request

TAB 2

Review and recommendations of revisions to Chapter 61 of ND Admin. Code

TAB 6

12:00 PM Lunch - Lucky 13s

2026 inspection Cycle Discussion

Discussion Items:

Special 2026 Legislative Session

TAB 3

Board Review Task Force

340B Lawsuits (Potential Executive Session)

Annual Statement of Interest reporting for Board members

TAB 4

Preparations for May 19-21, 2026, Meeting and Exams [May 19-20]

TAB 5

Board Member Reports

Executive Director's Report

Consider approval of all legal action of the Executive Director

Approval of Paid Invoices and Reconciled Bank Statements

Year-to-date Financial Report & Budget comparisons

Investigating Committee Work

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5:30 PM **Profession of Pharmacy Dinner**– Regency 2 Room
Representatives of: NDSU – NDPhA – NDPSC - NDSHP

Discussion Items:

Updates from Representatives in attendance

Impacts to School of Pharmacy for legislative funding factor increase

Rural Health Grant – Opportunities for Pharmacy

Workforce challenges in pharmacy

Other areas of advancement for the Profession (CAP Center)

Friday - January 9, 2026

8:30 AM CALL TO ORDER – Carolyn Bodell, President
Recap of Discussions and any outstanding action items

Vouchers – Adjourn

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President Carolyn R Bodell, RPh, called the Board Meeting to order at 5 PM on Wednesday, January 7, 2026.

Present in the Room were Executive Director Mark J Hardy, PharmD, Technician Member Diane Halvorson, RPh Tech; Tanya Schmidt, PharmD; Carolyn Bodell, RPh; Shane Wendel, PharmD; Tyler

Lannoye, PharmD, Public Member Ron Horner; Howard C Anderson Jr RPh; Richard Erickson RPh, one of those receiving his 50 year certificate today and David Lindell, JD attorney for the Board.

President Bodell read the mission statement: *The Board of Pharmacy protects, preserves and promotes the public health and welfare of the citizens of North Dakota by assuring that the highest quality pharmaceutical care is delivered, and that appropriate use of pharmaceuticals is upheld through education, communication, licensing, legislation, regulation, and enforcement.*

It was moved by Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt and seconded by Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye to approve the agenda as presented. On vote by roll call Public Member Ron Horner -Aye- Pharmacist Shane Wendel -Aye- Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt -Aye- Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye -Aye- Technician Diane Halvorson -Aye- Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell -Aye-. The motion carried.

It was moved by Technician Diane Halvorson and seconded by Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt to approve the Minutes of the November 20, 2025, meeting, as printed. On vote by roll call Public Member Ron Horner -Aye- Pharmacist Shane Wendel -Aye- Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt -Aye- Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye -Aye- Technician Diane Halvorson -Aye- Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell -Aye-. The motion carried.

President Bodell appointed Pharmacist Shane Wendel and Technician Diane Halvorson to review the invoices and bank statements.

It was moved by Technician Diane Halvorson and seconded by Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye to grant the following list of lifetime licenses to those Pharmacists who have paid for 50 years. The certificates will be forwarded to Governor Armstrong for his signature. On vote by roll call Public Member Ron Horner -Aye- Pharmacist Shane Wendel -Aye- Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt -Aye- Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye -Aye- Technician Diane Halvorson -Aye- Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell -Aye-. The motion carried.

Board members reviewed Chapter 61 of the rules for possible revisions and reductions in rules.

At 6:30 PM the Board welcomed the Technician Advisory Committee consisting of Brenda Nitschke, RPh Tech who works for Thrifty White and is the current President, Amanda Chase, RPh Tech who is at Mercy Hospital in Valley City and is the Northland Association of Pharmacy Technicians Board Chair, and Darcy Kasprick, RPh Tech who is their current Vice President and works at Linson Pharmacy in Fargo.

There was extensive discussion about the Community Health Worker (CHW) model and how technicians and pharmacies could get certified with ND Medicaid to serve their patients and providing the information required for Medicaid for reimbursement.

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Amanda promoted the 2026 NAPT Fall Conference, which will be at The Baymont in Mandan, ND, with the theme of Lifelong Learning. Brenda spoke about NAPT's website, and the service it provides technicians in conjunction with the NDPhA. Discussion followed about technician ratios, whether they should be changed or eliminated, and the regulation of technicians checking technicians, as it relates to the protocol.

The meeting continued until about 9:30 PM.

On Thursday at 8:30 AM, Compliance Officer Gayle Ziegler joined the Board and President Bodell called the meeting to order. Discussion followed up from last night with discussion about Technician in Training programs and how to improve success rates. NDSCS continues to graduate students with a very high pass rate on the PTCB with other programs needing a little more pharmacist mentoring.

At 9 AM Abdul-Azeez Similoluwa Osi-Efa, a Foreign Pharmacist, joined the Board along with Pharmacist Gabe Lautenschlager District Leader with CVS, to request an intern license. Board members discussed Simi's credentials, his plans to work at CVS in North Bismarck with Noah Johnson, PharmD as his precepting pharmacist.

It was moved by Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt and seconded by Technician Diane Halvorson to grant an Intern License to Abdul-Azeez Similoluwa Osi-Efa as soon as he obtains his social security number, so he can pursue his required 1500 hours of required internship. On vote by roll call Public Member Ron Horner -Aye- Pharmacist Shane Wendel -Aye- Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt -Aye- Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye -Aye- Technician Diane Halvorson -Aye- Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell -Aye-. The motion carried.

Dr. Hardy continued the review of the rules until 11:30 AM, at which time the Board broke for lunch.

President Bodell called the Board back to order at 1:30 PM for discussion of the 2026 inspection cycle. Dr. Hardy indicated that the inspections will include wholesale and veterinary retail facility inspections.

The Board determined the following focuses of the next inspection cycle for Pharmacies:

- Policies and Procedures Manual Standards
- DSCSA
- Quality Assurance and Medication Errors
- Enhanced Patient Care Services Offered by Pharmacies

Dr. Hardy reviewed the first draft of bill number 25-1386-01000 and asked for comments and suggestions for improvement.

It was moved by Pharmacist Shane Wendel and seconded by Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye to be supportive of Pharmacists practicing to the fullest extent of their training in order to serve the patients of North Dakota and to rely on Dr. Hardy to work on the legislation through the interim committee and get it ready for the special legislative session. On vote by roll call Public Member Ron Horner -Aye- Pharmacist Shane Wendel -Aye- Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt -Aye- Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye -Aye- Technician Diane Halvorson -Aye- Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell -Aye-. The motion carried.

Dr. Hardy spoke about the Board Review Task force working to make improvements and efficiencies to make suggestions for the next legislative session in 2027.

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There was discussion about the 340B lawsuits with work ongoing, some discovery taking place and that the consolidation of all three lawsuits is still under consideration.

The Annual Statement of Interest required of all Board members was discussed. Members have until the end of January to get their statement filed online with the Secretary of State's Office.

Preparation for the May exams was discussed. A tentative schedule was shared by Dr. Hardy. Gayle volunteered to work with the Board on the exam delivery. Dr. Hardy asked about the NABP meeting in May, who could go and discussed the \$2500 NABP has allowed for each Board to help with expenses.

Executive Director Mark Hardy, PharmD, reported the Veterinary Dispensing Technician renewal was now available online.

Executive Director Mark Hardy, PharmD, expressed his intention of attending the upcoming Federation of International Pharmacists meeting to be held in Montreal, Canada.

It was moved by Technician Diane Halvorson and seconded by Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt to approve all legal actions of the executive director since this was last done. On vote by roll call Public Member Ron Horner -Aye- Pharmacist Shane Wendel -Aye- Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt -Aye- Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye -Aye- Technician Diane Halvorson -Aye- Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell -Aye-. The motion carried.

It was moved by Technician Diane Halvorson and seconded by Pharmacist Shane Wendel to approve the paid invoices and bank statements since last reviewed. On vote by roll call Public Member Ron Horner -Aye- Pharmacist Shane Wendel -Aye- Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt -Aye- Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye -Aye- Technician Diane Halvorson -Aye- Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell -Aye-. The motion carried.

It was moved by Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt and seconded by Public Member Ron Horner to approve the balance sheet and profit and loss statement as presented, noting there were no journal entries to review. On vote by roll call Public Member Ron Horner -Aye- Pharmacist Shane Wendel -Aye- Pharmacist Tanya Schmidt -Aye- Pharmacist Tyler Lannoye -Aye- Technician Diane Halvorson -Aye- Pharmacist Carolyn Bodell -Aye-. The motion carried.

At 6 PM President Bodell welcomed representatives of the NDSU School of Pharmacy to dinner. The representatives included Dr. Teresa Conner, Dean of the College, Michael Kelsch, Pharm D, Senior Associate Dean for Pharmacy, Pharmacist Amy Werremeyer Pharmacy Practice Chair, Elizabeth Skoy, Pharm D, head of the CAP Center. Also present were Joan Anderson Pharmacy Technician, Jessica Ziegler, Pharm D, President of the ND Pharmacists Association, Pharmacist Gayle Ziegler, Board compliance officer, Katie Evans, Pharm D, President of the ND Society of Health System Pharmacists, and Michael Schwab, Executive Vice President of the ND Pharmacists Association and the ND Pharmacy Service Corporation.

Discussion started on the progress that the school is making with Dickinson State University to establish a cohort for entering the pharmacy program to hopefully serve western ND, which will start with a pre-pharmacy cohort in the fall of 2026 and, hopefully, a P1 cohort start in fall of 2027.

The CAP Center continues to receive grant funding and is working on projects to help pharmacists practice at the top of their training and get reimbursed for those services. The Association is working **January 7-8-9, 2026 Clubhouse Hotel & Suites 4400 15th Ave South Fargo Page 6**

with the interim legislature to expand pharmacists' scope of practice in conjunction with rural health care funding available through CMS. Both Associations are working to expand the practice of pharmacy to the top of a pharmacist's training. Everyone discussed how pharmacy can continue to grow its impacts on patients in our state.

President Bodell adjourned the meeting at 9 PM.

President Bodell called the Board to order at 8:30 AM on January 9, 2026. Discussion followed on the possible modification of the rules and the things learned at the Profession of Pharmacy dinner last evening.

It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn and President Bodell Adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.

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