

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, August 17, 2021**  
**Minutes**

Chair Van Mitchell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Board Members present:** Van Mitchell, Joseph Levy, PhD, Eberechukwu Onukwugha, MS, PhD, and Gerard Anderson, PhD. The Chair confirmed that a quorum was present.

**AGENDA ITEM 1.**

**Final Action on Proposed Regulations**

PDAB Executive Director Andrew York provided a presentation reviewing the two new chapters of regulations the Board approved to publish as proposed regulations in the July 2 Issue of the Maryland Register: COMAR 14.01.01 – General Provisions, and COMAR 14.01.02 – Prescription Drug Affordability Fund. Mr. York noted that the Board received three comments throughout the public comment period, covering issues including concerns over the late fee penalty in the first year of the program, including manufacturers of animal prescription drug products, and the exclusion of non-profit entities from the assessment. Mr. York stated that the staff recommendation was to publish the regulations for final notice without change.

Chair Mitchell explained the procedural process should the Board approve the regulations for final notice and noted that PDAB staff would continue its outreach process to the stakeholder community to address concerns as they arise.

**Vote #1 — Motion to Adopt the Proposed Regulations COMAR 14.01.01 – General Provisions.**

**Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to vote on whether to publish COMAR 14.01.01 – General Provisions for Final Notice. Dr. Anderson made this motion, and Dr. Levy seconded. The Chair moved for a roll call vote. The Board voted unanimously in favor of publishing COMAR 14.01.01 – General Provisions for Final Notice.**

**Vote #2 — Motion to Adopt the Proposed Regulations COMAR 14.01.02 – Prescription Drug Affordability Fund.**

**Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to vote on whether to publish COMAR 14.01.02 – Prescription Drug Affordability Fund for Final Notice. Dr. Anderson made this motion, and Dr. Onukwugha seconded. The Chair moved for a roll call vote. The Board voted unanimously in favor of publishing COMAR 14.01.02 – Prescription Drug Affordability Fund for Final Notice.**

**AGENDA ITEM 2.**

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

No person or group reached out to PDAB staff to register for an opportunity for public comment.

**AGENDA ITEM 3.**

**Chair's Update, Van Mitchell**

Chair Mitchell noted the next date for a Board meeting, explained that PDAB staff would look into a possible in-person meeting in Annapolis, and thanked PDAB staff for their work on the regulations.

**No Action Needed**

**Adjourned** at 9:13 a.m.