

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
Wednesday, October 27, 2021  
Minutes**

Chair Van Mitchell called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

**Board Members present:** Van Mitchell, Joseph Levy, PhD, Eberechukwu Onukwugha, MS, PhD, and Gerard Anderson, PhD.

**AGENDA ITEM 1.**

**Adoption of Proposed Emergency Regulations**

PDAB Executive Director Andrew York provided a presentation reviewing the proposed amendments to COMAR 14.01.02 – Prescription Drug Affordability Fund. Mr. York noted that Board staff issued invoices for the FY 2022 fee assessments in September 2021. After beginning this process, Mr. York explained that it became evident to Board staff that additional changes were needed to address situations involving those entities that received invoices, but may be ultimately exempt from paying the assessment. These issues did not become fully evident until the commencement of the invoicing process. Additionally, the proposed emergency regulations further clarified the waiver process for interested and qualifying entities. Mr. York stated that the staff recommendation was to publish the proposed emergency regulations, without change, and to authorize Board staff to request the earliest possible effective date.

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.

**Motion to Adopt the Proposed Emergency 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 publication in the Maryland Register. Dr. Anderson made this motion, and Dr. Onukwugha seconded. The Chair moved for a roll call vote. The Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor of adopting the proposed emergency regulations for COMAR 14.01.02 – Prescription Drug Affordability Fund for publication in the Maryland Register, with the earliest effective date.**

**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, and thanked the Board for its time and flexibility.

**Adjourned** at 8:52 a.m.