

NOVA SCOTIA PHARMACY REGULATOR (NSPR)
BOARD MEETING SUMMARY¹
DATE: June 23, 2026

1. **Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement and Nova Scotia Pharmacy Regulator (NSPR) Board Statement**
 - The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.
2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
 - No conflicts of interest identified.
3. **Approval of Agenda**
 - Motion: To approve the June 23, 2026, NSPR Board Meeting Agenda.
 - Motion passed.
4. **Strategic Discussion / Emerging Issues**
 - 4.1 The Quintuple Aim as a Strategic Compass
 - The Board engaged in discussion on the NSPR's incorporation of the Quintuple Aim into its work.
 - The Quintuple Aim (QA) Framework provides a comprehensive north star for healthcare leaders in strategizing and monitoring the design and performance of the health system, ensuring that it remains high-performing, sustainable and just.
 - As a regulator, the QA Framework can function as a Balanced Scorecard for Public Interests. The use of the QA Framework can be helpful in the NSPR's approach to strategic planning by:
 - Facilitating a Systems-Thinking Analysis
 - Considering Competing Public Interests
 - Ensuring Integration of Health Equity
 - Fostering Proactive vs. Reactive Oversight
 - Serving as a health system taxonomy that is broadly used and understood in other jurisdictions

¹ In accordance with section 6 (1) of the *Regulated Health Professions General Regulations* to publish Board meeting agenda items and decisions on the NSPR website.

5. Business Arising

5.1 NSPR Bylaws – Amendments for Approval

- Motion: To approve the proposed NSPR Bylaw amendments.
- Motion passed.
- The amendments support regulatory flexibility by transferring content from the NSPR Bylaws to the NSPR Policy Framework. The amendments also updated language to clarify and align the content with the *Regulated Health Professions Act*.

5.2 Policies Related to Bylaw Amendments – For Approval

- Motion: To approve the Preceptor Policy: Pharmacy Students, Interns and Pharmacy Technician Candidates.
- Motion passed.
- A second policy, the Registration and Licensing of Pharmacists as Pharmacy Technicians Policy, was presented for information-only purposes.

5.3 Updated Board Governance Policies

- Motions:
 - To approve the External Communications Policy.
 - To approve the Board Meeting Agenda Policy.
 - To approve the In-Camera Sessions Policy.
- All motions approved.

5.4 Appointment to the NSPR Board

- Motion: To approve the appointment of Matt Martel as a public representative on the NSPR Board for a term ending December 31, 2028.
- Motion passed.

5.5 Chair Appointment – Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee

- Motion: To appoint Rowan Sarty as Chair of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2026.
- Motion passed.

5.6 Standards of Practice: General Pharmacy Practice –Amendment

- Motion: To approve the update to the Standards of Practice: General Pharmacy Practice – Standard 2.2 effective immediately.
- Motion passed.
- The amendments removed a restriction that precluded a pharmacist from releasing an early refill of a prescription for controlled substances.

6. New Business

6.1 Prescription Transfer Policy Update

- The Board agreed to the NSPR undertaking broad consultation on the update to the Prescription Transfer Policy.

6.2 Auditor's Report

- Motions:
 - To accept the Independent Auditor's Report.
 - To approve the draft Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2025.
- Motions passed.

6.3 Updated Risk Register

- An update was provided to the Board on the NSPR Risk Register.
- No motion for 6.3.

6.4 Request to Apply for Limited-Service Pharmacy Licence

- Motion: To grant the request for Lumera Therapeutics Inc. to submit an application for accreditation for a limited-service pharmacy that will dispense intravitreal medications exclusively to patients of licensed ophthalmologists in Nova Scotia.
- Motion passed.

8. Consent Agenda

- Motion: To adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.
- Motion passed.

The Consent Agenda included:

- Board Meeting Minutes and Tracking
 - 8.1 (A) Board Meeting Minutes – April 1, 2026
 - 8.1 (B) April 1, 2026, Board Meeting Summary (To be posted to the NSPR website)
 - 8.2 Summary of Motions and Action Items
- CEO Report and Supporting Organizational Reports
 - 8.3 CEO Report
 - 8.4 Strategic Milestones Report
 - 8.5 Financial Update
 - 8.6 2025 Annual Report
 - 8.7 RHPA Regulatory QA Report

- Policy Updates and Consultations
 - 8.8 Approval of Bridging Programs to Educate and Train Pharmacy Technicians Policy – Update
 - 8.9 NSPR Bylaw Amendment Consultation: Professional Liability Insurance
 - 8.10 Waiver of Registration and Licensing Requirements in the Public Interest – Eligible International Jurisdictions Policy

9. Meeting Wrap and Adjournment

- The Board meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Approved: October 1, 2026