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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING TO PLACE CHEMICALS INTO SCHEDULE I**

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Department of Health Professions  
Perimeter Center  
9960 Mayland Drive  
Henrico, Virginia 23233

**CALL TO ORDER:** A public hearing was called to order at 9:05 AM.

**PRESIDING:** **Ling Yuan**, PharmD, Vice Chairman

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** **Shannon Dowdy**, PharmD  
**Michelle Hoffer**, JD  
**Kelly Hasty Kale**, RPh  
**Larry Kocot**, JD  
**Wendy Nash**, PharmD  
**Derek Webb**, PharmD

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** **Cheri Garvin**, RPh  
**Kristopher Ratliff**, DPh  
**Patricia Richards-Spruill**, RPh

**STAFF PRESENT:** **Caroline Juran**, RPh, Executive Director, Virginia Board of Pharmacy  
**Arne Owens**, Director, DHP  
**Erin Barrett**, JD, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, DHP  
**James Rutkowski**, JD, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
**Sorayah Haden**, Executive Assistant, Virginia Board of Pharmacy  
**Beth O'Halloran**, Deputy Executive Director, Virginia Board of Pharmacy  
**Ryan Logan**, Deputy Executive Director, Virginia Board of Pharmacy  
**Ellen Shinaberry**, PharmD, Deputy Executive Director, Virginia Board of Pharmacy  
**Tim Reilly**, RPh, Pharmacy Compliance and Pilot Program Manager

**QUORUM:** With 7 members present, a quorum was established.

Dr. Yuan indicated the public hearing is being held to consider the placement of two chemical compounds into Schedule I in consultation with the Department of Forensic Science (DFS) and in accordance with subsection D of 54.1-3443(D). The following compounds were proposed:

Compounds expected to have depressant properties.

1. **7-Bromo-5-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,3-dihydro-2H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one (other name: phenazepam)**, its alt, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.

Compounds classified as a cannabimimetic agent:

1. **Methyl N-[[5-methyl-1H-indazol-3-yl]carbonyl]-3-methyl-valinate (other name: MDMB-5Me-INACA)**, its alt, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemicals designation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Robyn Weimer provided public comment on behalf of the Department of Forensic Science indicating the proposed chemicals are a risk to public safety and serve no medical use.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

9:07 AM

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Caroline Juran, RPh  
Executive Director

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