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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PLACING CERTAIN CHEMICALS INTO
SCHEDULE I**

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center
Board Room 2
9960 Mayland Drive
Henrico, Virginia 23233

CALL TO ORDER: A public hearing regarding the placement of 7 chemicals into Schedule I per recommendation from the Department of Forensic Science was convened at 9:00 AM.

PRESIDING: **Larry Kocot**, JD, Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Jay Agarwal**, RPh
Shannon Dowdy, PharmD, Vice Chairman
JoeMichael Fusco, PharmD
Kelly Hasty Kale, RPh
Nicara Neely, PharmD
Jade Ranger, PharmD
Derek Webb, PharmD
Michelle Hoffer Wilgus, JD

MEMBER ABSENT: **Brian Spoelhof**, PharmD

STAFF PRESENT: **Erin Barrett**, JD, DHP Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
David E. Brown, DC, DHP Director
Sorayah Haden, Executive Assistant
Caroline Juran, RPh, Executive Director
Ryan Logan, RPh, Deputy Executive Director
Beth O'Halloran, RPh, Deputy Executive Director
Jim Rutkowski, JD, Senior Assistant Attorney General/Section Chief
Ellen Shinaberry, PharmD, Deputy Executive Director
Erin Weaver, JD, Assistant Attorney General

PUBLIC COMMENT Robyn Weimer, Chemistry Program Manager, Division of Technical Services, Virginia Department of Forensic Science provided comment that the recommended 7 chemicals listed below are a risk to public safety and do not serve a known medical use as they are composed of synthetic opioids, hallucinogenic properties, depressant properties, or cannabimimetic

properties.

1. **5-nitro-2-[2-(4-propoxyphenyl)ethyl]-1H-1,3-benzimidazole (other names: N-pyrrolidino ethylene protonitazene, ethylene protonitazepyne)** its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers, unless specifically excepted, whenever the existence of these isomers, esters, ethers and salts is possible within the specific chemical designation.
2. **1-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-2-(sec-butylamino)butan-1-one (other names: 3,4-Methylenedioxy-alpha-sec-butylaminobutiophenone; N-sec butyl butylone),** its salts, isomers, (optical, position, and geometric), and salt of isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within chemical designation.
3. **3-[2-(methyl(propyl)amino)ethyl]-1H-indol-4-yl] acetate (other names: 4-acetoxy-N-methyl-N-propyltryptamine, 4-acetoxy-MPT-, 4-AcO-MPT)** its salts, isomers, (optical, position, and geometric), and salt of isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within chemical designation.
4. **3-[2-[methyl(propan-2-yl)amino]ethyl]-1H-indol-4-yl] acetate (other names: 4-acetoxy-MiPT, 4-AcO-MiPT)** its salts, isomers, (optical, position, and geometric), and salt of isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within chemical designation.
5. **1-ethyl-7-nitro-5-phenyl-3H-1, 4-benzodiazepin-2-one (other name: N-ethyl Nitrazepam)** its salts, isomers, (optical, position, and geometric), and salt of isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within chemical designation.
6. **Ethylflualprazolam (other name: 8-chloro-1-ethyl-6-(2-fluorophenyl)-4H-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]benzodiazepine)** its salts, isomers, (optical, position, and geometric), and salt of isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within chemical designation.
7. **Methyl N-{{[5-bromo-1-(4-penten-1-yl)-1H-indazol-3-yl]carbonyl}-3-methyl-valinate (other name: MDMB-5'Br-4en-PINACA)** its salts, isomers, (optical, position, and geometric), and salt of isomers, whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within chemical designation.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

9:05AM

Caroline Juran, RPh
Executive Director

Date