

GM722
Mark Brown
Board of Pharmacy

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Pharmacy?

Having served previously on the Board of Pharmacy, I wish to help move the profession of pharmacy through the ever changing landscape of the field of medicine.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Pharmacy?

Attend the meeting, be active in **participation** during the meetings. In addition, do research on what is happening in other jurisdictions across the country and to bring that information forward to the rest of the Board. Public safety is the priority of the Board so doing whatever is needed to maintain that is paramount.

(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board of Pharmacy member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

As stated earlier, I served on this Board from 7/2005-6/2013 and during that time I became very familiar with scope of what the Board's responsibility and role of a member of the Board was. During that time I became active with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) in the area of the law exam required to become a pharmacist. I remain active in that role with the NABP and currently serve as a member on the committee that is tasked with developing and reviewing the Multi-State Pharmacist Jurisprudence Exam (MPJE).

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I would like to promote the role of the pharmacist from more of the traditional dispenser of medication to one that utilizes the education that all pharmacist need to graduate from pharmacy school. This clinical knowledge should be utilized more in the health care arena and I would like to assist in that.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board of Pharmacy.

Versatile, experience, and dependable.

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board of Pharmacy member.

I have been the operations manager for a LTC pharmacy on Maui now for 25 years. In my role there I have worked as a dispensing pharmacist and as a LTC consultant in facilities doing chart reviews throughout that time. In addition to being the operations manager and a member of the MPJE committee, I am the head pharmacist for the Hawaii DMAT team (Disaster Medical Assistance Team - under NDMS) and have deployed many times throughout the country (NY, CA, FL - for responses to disasters or for training) as well as 2 international deployments (Guam and Saipan - typhoon responses). I have recently been hired on by CVS to be a COVID vaccine vaccinator as well.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board of Pharmacy? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

The only conflicts I can foresee would be if one of my employers or one of my pharmacist friends would come before the Board for discipline. If that would occur, I would have a discussion with the Board's attorney to determine if I would need to recuse myself and would do so if appropriate.

Testimony of the Board of Pharmacy

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, April 9, 2021
9:20 a.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 722, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MARK BROWN,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lee Ann Teshima, and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Pharmacy (Board). The Board supports the appointment of Mr. Mark Brown to the Board as a licensee member from Maui County.

Mr. Brown has held a pharmacist license in Hawaii since August 6, 1996, and his license is current, valid, and in good standing. Mr. Brown has 25 years of experience in pharmacology. Since 1998, he has been employed as a pharmacy operations manager and a consultant pharmacist for PharMerica in Wailuku, where he manages long-term care pharmacies, oversees their daily operations, and reviews the drug regimens of hundreds of long-term care residents.

Mr. Brown has experience serving on multiple organizations. Since 2005, he has been a member of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, and through that membership, he currently writes and reviews questions for the Multi-state Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination. He also previously served on the Board from 2005 through 2013, including as vice-chair and chair. Through this service, Mr. Brown appreciates and understands the commitment necessary to prepare for and attend the Board's monthly meetings.

Mr. Brown's professional experience and dedication to Maui County will offer a meaningful perspective to the Board. In addition, his prior service and commitment to actively participate in board meetings will greatly enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Testimony for CPN on 4/9/2021 9:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronald Taniguchi, Pharm.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the appointment of Mark Brown, RPh, to the Board of Pharmacy. Mahalo

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Senator Baker,

I have known and worked with Mark Brown for 11 years. He is extremely knowledgeable in the practice of pharmacy both clinically and operationally. He has previously served on the Board of Pharmacy (BOP), about 8 years ago, and uses his expertise in Hawaii's pharmacy law locally for our company and nationally through his participation with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. He is a patient advocate through his humanitarian efforts with the Hawaii Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) and recent efforts with COVID vaccination clinics. Mark would, once again, be a valuable asset to the Hawaii BOP.

I fully support him in his pursuit of serving on the BOP and recommend his confirmation on 4/9/2021.

Thanks,

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Senator Roz Baker

Hawaii State Capitol

4/5/2021

Senator Baker:

It is my privilege to write a letter of recommendation for my friend and boss, Mark Brown. We have worked together In Long Term Care and Retain Pharmacy for 25 years. During that time I have come to respect Mark as a pharmacist with the highest work ethic, with a curiosity for knowledge, with a sense of equality in the work place and in life, and a drive to do what is right.

He is volunteering for another 4 years (and I know that it will extend for 8 years) on the Board of Pharmacy. He was a board member and Chair before he termed out. That was when I took over (8 years goes by pretty fast these days) and have encouraged him to take on that responsibility again. His experience working with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) as a supervisor for item writers (those folks who write questions for the Hawaii pharmacy law test) has given him an integral knowledge of our laws and a working knowledge of the laws of other states.

And as a side light, he is also (besides all his other activities which I will not mention but he has enumerated in his letter) working with Long's pharmacists administering the Covid vaccine to members of our community.

He is the best choice for the Board of Pharmacy given his experience, his interest in the practice of pharmacy, and his desire for caring for our patients with compassion, safety, and objectivity.

The County of Maui should be proud that we have such excellence in our community.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Mish Keefe RPh