



# **SO YOU WANT TO BE A BOARD MEMBER**

**Newfoundland & Labrador Pharmacy Board**

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# What is the Board?

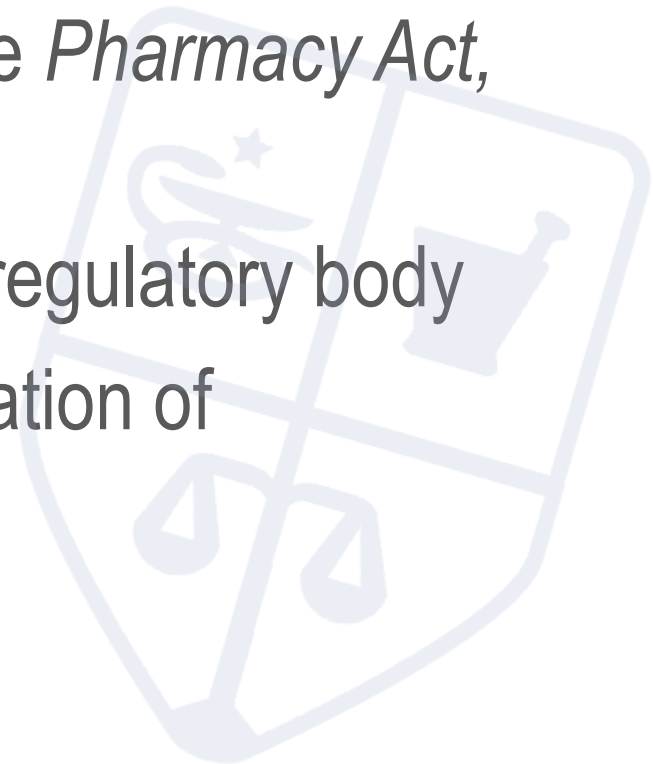
- The group of individuals that govern the regulation of pharmacy practice in NL
- Receives authority from the Pharmacy Act, 2012
- Represents the public interest
- Accountable to the public
- Elected members do not “represent” the pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who elected them

*The Board shall regulate the practice of pharmacy and the pharmacy profession in the public interest.*

*s. 7, Pharmacy Act, 2012*

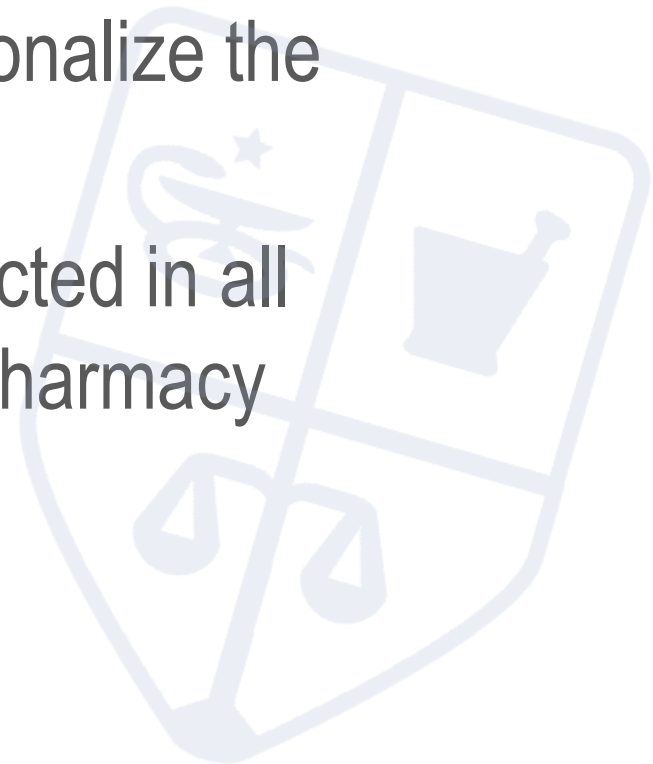
# What does the Board do?

- Makes decisions that ensure the public receives safe, competent and ethical care from pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacies in NL
- Works within the rules set out in the *Pharmacy Act, 2012*, regulations, and bylaws
- Sets the strategic direction for the regulatory body
- Establishes standards for the operation of pharmacies



# What does the Board do?

- Promotes continuing competency and quality improvement
- Provides governance and direction to the Registrar, and allows the Registrar to operationalize the direction
- Ensures the public interest is protected in all matters relating to the practice of pharmacy



# Board composition

- Seven elected pharmacists
- One elected pharmacy technician
- Two members of the public appointed by the Board
- Two members of the public appointed by the Minister of Health and Community Services

All positions serve three-year terms

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- Dean of the School of Pharmacy of Memorial University
  - Registrar appointed by the Board (non-voting member)

Both serve the duration of their position

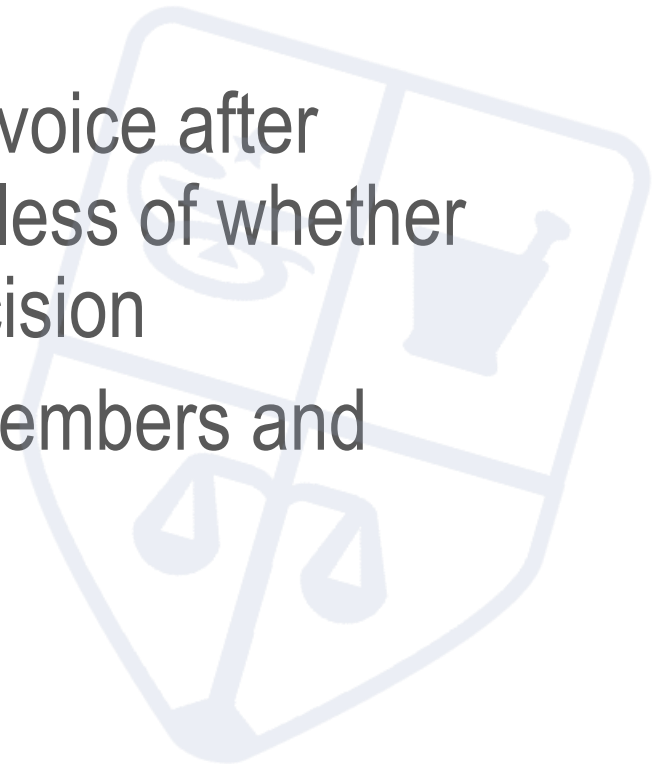
# General responsibilities of a Board member

- Remain committed to the vision, mission, core values and strategic goals of the Board
- Come to meetings prepared and ready to discuss the matters on the agenda
- Become familiar with all relevant legislation, by-laws, standards and guidelines
- Engage in discussion and put forward your opinions on matters



# General responsibilities of a Board member

- Work with others towards finding consensus on all matters
- Step back if you are in a conflict or unable to perform your duties
- Allow the Board to speak with one voice after decisions have been made, regardless of whether you personally agreed with the decision
- Act with respect for fellow Board members and NLPB staff at all times

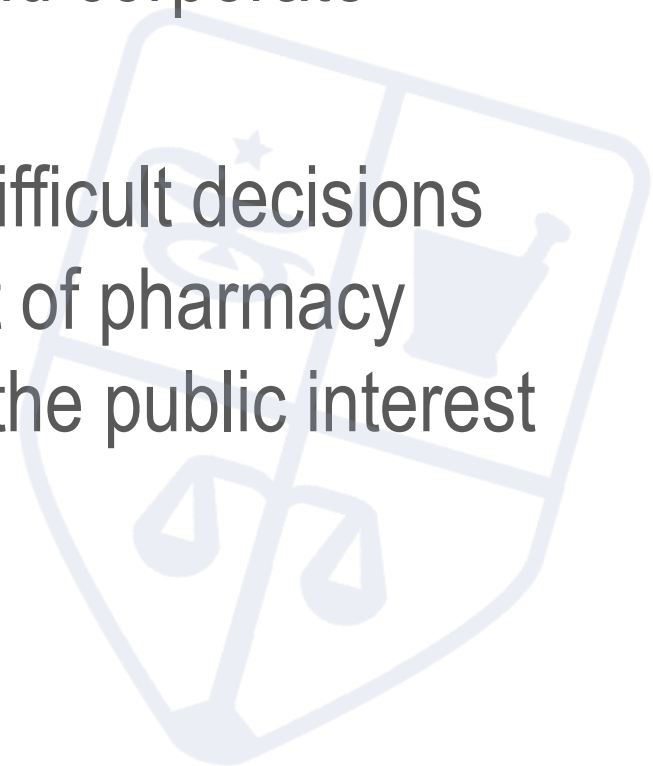




# Governing in the public interest

Board members MUST:

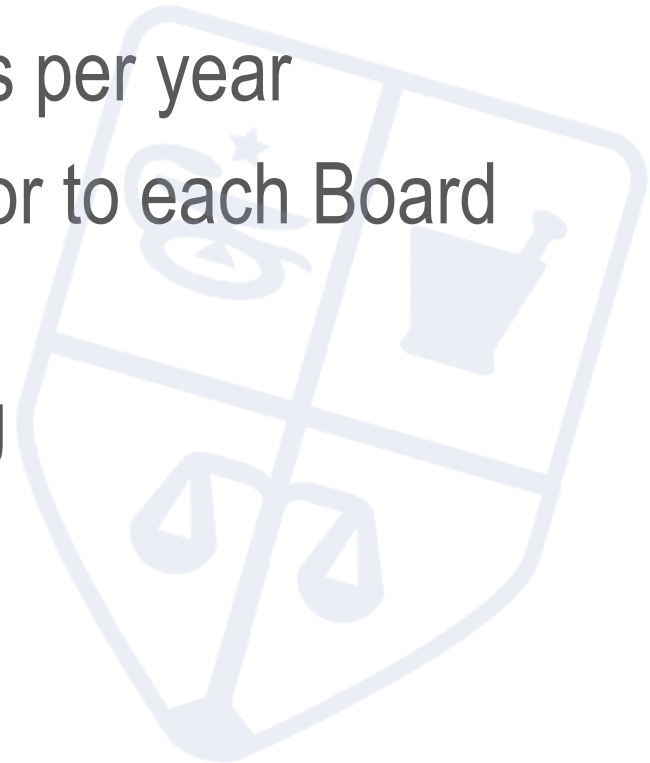
- Make all decisions in the public interest
- Set aside personal, professional and corporate interests
- Have the moral courage to make difficult decisions that may be contrary to the interest of pharmacy professionals provided they are in the public interest



# Time commitment

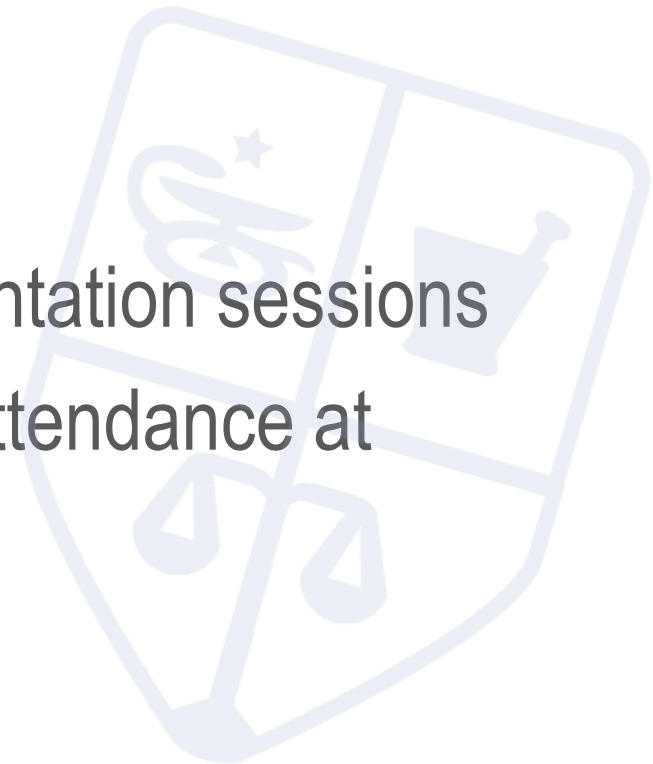
Board members are elected for a three-year term and are expected to:


- Attend four full-day Board meetings per year
- Spend 2-4 hours in preparation prior to each Board meeting
- Attend the Annual General Meeting



# Time commitment

- Check Board e-mail regularly and respond within 48 hours
- Attend special meetings on short notice when possible
- Participate in Board committees
- Attend Board governance and orientation sessions
- Participate in possible travel and attendance at conferences





*Good luck with nominations, we look forward to seeing some new faces and hearing new perspectives!*

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