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Oklahoma Pharmacy Board Fires Executive Director After Communications With Ex-Health General Counsel

OKLAHOMA CITY – Members of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Board today voted unanimously to fire Executive Director Chelsea Church, effective immediately.

The vote came during a special meeting to discuss the employment of Church after a text message conversation between Church and then - Department of Health General Counsel Julie Ezell revealed potential bribery.

A criminal investigation into the accusation was announced last Friday by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

Pharmacy Board President Kyle Whitehead said the board plans to name an interim at its next meeting.

“We are cooperating fully with the ongoing OSBI investigation,” Whitehead said. “Further, we will work with urgency to find an interim executive director, who will uphold our mission of protecting the health and wellbeing of Oklahomans.

“The accusations involving Ms. Church are being taken seriously and because of the nature of the investigation, there will be no further comment regarding her status with the board.”

The Pharmacy Board’s next meeting will be on Aug. 8 at 8:30 a.m. at the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy headquarters, 2920 N. Lincoln Blvd., in Oklahoma City.

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