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8	BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY	
9	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
10	STATE OF C.	ALIFORNIA
11	In the Matter of the Statement of Issues	Case No. 5537
12	Against:	
13	TANESHIA NICOLE COLEMAN aka TANESHIA BOBBLER	STATEMENT OF ISSUES
14	Pharmacy Technician Registration Applicant	
15	Respondent.	
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17	Complainant alleges:	
18	<u>PARTIES</u>	
19	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Statement of Issues solely in her official	
20	capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer	
21	Affairs.	
22	2. On or about April 11, 2014, the Board received an application for a Pharmacy	
23	Technician Registration from Taneshia Nicole Coleman also known as Taneshia Bobbler	
24	(Respondent). On or about March 25, 2014, Respondent certified under penalty of perjury to the	
25	truthfulness of all statements, answers, and representations in the application. The Board denied	
26	the application on May 29, 2015.	
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STATEMENT OF ISSUES

JURISDICTION

- 3. This Statement of Issues is brought before the Board under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
 - 4. Section 4300, subdivision (c), states, in pertinent part:

"The board may refuse a license to any applicant guilty of unprofessional conduct. The board may, in its sole discretion, issue a probationary license to any applicant for a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct and who has met all other requirements for licensure. . . ."

5. Section 4300.1 states, in pertinent part:

"The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a board-issued license by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, the placement of a license on a retired status, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to commence or proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license."

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 6. Section 480 states, in pertinent part:
- "(a) A board may deny a license regulated by this code on the grounds that the applicant has one of the following:
- "(1) Been convicted of a crime. A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4, 1203.4a, or 1203.41 of the Penal Code.
- "(3) (A) Done any act that if done by a licentiate of the business or profession in question, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of license.
 - "(B) The board may deny a license pursuant to this subdivision only if the crime or

act is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which application is made.

- "(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, a person shall not be denied a license solely on the basis that he or she has been convicted of a felony if he or she has obtained a certificate of rehabilitation under Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 4852.01) of Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code or that he or she has been convicted of a misdemeanor if he or she has met all applicable requirements of the criteria of rehabilitation developed by the board to evaluate the rehabilitation of a person when considering the denial of a license under subdivision (a) of Section 482.
- "(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this code, a person shall not be denied a license solely on the basis of a conviction that has been dismissed pursuant to Section 1203.4, 1203.4a, or 1203.41 of the Penal Code. An applicant who has a conviction that has been dismissed pursuant to Section 1203.4, 1203.4a, or 1203.41 of the Penal Code shall provide proof of the dismissal.
- "(d) A board may deny a license regulated by this code on the ground that the applicant knowingly made a false statement of fact that is required to be revealed in the application for the license."
- 7. Section 490 provides, in pertinent part, that a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.
 - 8. Section 4301 states, in pertinent part:

"The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

"(g) Knowingly making or signing any certificate or other document that falsely represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts.

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"(h) The administering to oneself, of any controlled substance, or the use of any dangerous drug or of alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to oneself, to a person holding a license under this chapter, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that the use impairs the ability of the person to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by the license.

"(k) The conviction of more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any dangerous drug or alcoholic beverage, or any combination of those substances.

"(I) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. The record of conviction of a violation of Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 801) of Title 21 of the United States Code regulating controlled substances or of a violation of the statutes of this state regulating controlled substances or dangerous drugs shall be conclusive evidence of unprofessional conduct. In all other cases, the record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred. The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime, in order to fix the degree of discipline or, in the case of a conviction not involving controlled substances or dangerous drugs, to determine if the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensee under this chapter. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this provision. The board may take action when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment."

REGULATORY PROVISIONS

9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, states:

"For the purpose of denial, suspension, or revocation of a personal or facility license pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime or act shall be considered substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensee or registrant if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a licensee or registrant to perform the functions authorized by his license or registration in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare."

10. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND/OR DANGEROUS DRUGS

- a. "Cannabinoids," the chemical compounds that are the active principles in marijuana and are Schedule I controlled substances as defined in Health and Safety Code section 11054, subdivision (d)(13). Marijuana is categorized as a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022.
- b. "Lorazepam," a benzodiazepine derivative, is a Schedule IV controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057, subdivision (d)(16), and is categorized as a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

(Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime)

- 11. Respondent's application is subject to denial under section 480, subdivision (a)(1), in that Respondent has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a pharmacy technician, as follows:
- a. On or about October 11, 2011, after pleading guilty, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b) [driving while having 0.08% or more, by weight, of alcohol in her blood] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Taneshia Nicole Coleman* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, 2011, No. TVA1100864). The Court sentenced Respondent to serve 45 days in jail, ordered her to attend a 9-month alcohol program, and was placed on 36 months probation, with terms and conditions.

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- b. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about May 29, 2011, Rialto Police officers responded to a traffic collision. When officers arrived on the scene, Respondent was lying on the ground. She was observed to have red watery eyes, she had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on her breath, and her speech was slurred. Respondent was unresponsive to questions, made unintelligible statements, and was waving her arms back and forth as she lay on her back. Subsequently, she was transported by paramedics to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center for medical attention. While at the hospital, Respondent submitted to a blood test that revealed a blood alcohol content level of 0.22%. Respondent also tested positive for cannabinoids and lorazepam.
- c. On or about June 5, 2008, after pleading guilty, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Penal Code section 273A, subdivision (a) [willful cruelty to child] and one misdemeanor count of violating Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b) [driving while having 0.08% or more, by weight, of alcohol in her blood] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Taneshia Nicole Coleman* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, 2008, No. FWV801304). The Court sentenced Respondent to serve 30 days in jail, ordered her to attend a first offender 4-month alcohol program, attend parenting classes, and placed her on 36 months probation, with terms and conditions. On or about March 5, 2015, the Court dismissed the matter pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4.
- d. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about May 6, 2008, Respondent was stopped by an Upland Police officer. While speaking to Respondent, she displayed symptoms of alcohol intoxication. She had a strong odor of an alcohol beverage, her eyes were watery and bloodshot, and her speech was slurred. During the booking procedure, Respondent submitted to a breath test that revealed a blood alcohol content level of 0.13% on the first and second readings. Respondent's 13 year old and 9 month old daughters, who were in the vehicle at the time of the stop were released to their uncle.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

(Knowingly Made a False Statement of Fact)

12. Respondent's application is subject to denial under section 480, subdivisions (d), in that on or about May 25, 2014, Respondent knowingly made a false statement of fact by failing to disclose her convictions of June 5, 2008 and October 11, 2011, on her application for a pharmacy technician registration. Respondent answered "No" under penalty of perjury to question 7, which states:

Have you ever been convicted of a crime in any state, the USA and its territories, military court or foreign country?

Check the box next to "Yes" if, you have ever been convicted or plead guilty to any crime. "Conviction" includes a plea of no contest and any conviction that has been set aside order deferred pursuant to Section 1000 or 1203.4 of the Penal Code, including infractions, misdemeanor, and felonies. You do not need to report a conviction for an infraction with a fine of less than \$300 unless the infraction involved alcohol or controlled substances. You must, however, disclose any convictions in which you entered a plea on no contest and any convictions that were subsequently set aside pursuant or deferred pursuant to sections 1000 or 1203.4 of the Penal Code.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

(Acts Warranting Denial of Licensure)

- 13. Respondent's application is subject to denial under section 480, subdivisions (a)(3)A) and (a)(3)(B), in that Respondent committed acts which if done by a registered pharmacy technician would be grounds for suspension or revocation of the license as follows:
- a. Respondent was convicted of crimes substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a pharmacy technician which to a substantial degree evidence her present or potential unfitness to perform the functions authorized by the license in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare, in violation of sections 4031, subdivision (I) and 490, in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraph 10, as though set forth fully.
- b. Respondent used alcoholic beverages to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to herself, any person, or the public, in violation of section 4301, subdivision (h).