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**California State Board of Pharmacy
 Department of Consumer Affairs
 DRAFT Public Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: May 11, 2022

Location: Department of Consumer Affairs
 1625 N. Market Blvd, 1st Floor Hearing Room
 Sacramento, CA 95834

San Diego State Building
 Golden Bear Conference Room, 6th Floor
 1350 Front Street
 San Diego, CA 92101

Public participation also provided via WebEx

Board Members

Present: Seung Oh, Licensee Member, President
 Kula Koenig, Public Member
 Ricardo Sanchez, Public Member
 Debbie Veale, Licensee Member
 Jason Weisz, Public Member

Board Members

Not Present: Maria Serpa, Licensee Member, Vice President
 Jignesh Patel, Licensee Member, Treasurer
 Lavanza Butler, Licensee Member
 Indira Cameron-Banks, Public Member
 Jose De La Paz, Public Member
 Shirley Kim, Public Member
 Nicole Thibeau, Licensee Member

Staff Present: Anne Sodergren, Executive Officer
 Eileen Smiley, DCA Staff Counsel
 Ann Altamirano, Associate Analyst

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I. Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum, and General Announcements

President Oh called the Board Meeting to order at approximately 9:01 a.m.

President Oh reminded all individuals present that the Board is a consumer protection agency charged with administering and enforcing Pharmacy Law. Where protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

President Oh advised all individuals the meeting was being conducted in person at locations in Sacramento and San Diego as well as via WebEx. Dr. Oh advised participants watching the webcast they could only observe the meeting. He noted anyone interested in participating in the meeting must join the WebEx meeting using the instructions posted on the Board's website.

Department of Consumer Affairs' staff provided general instructions for the WebEx Board Meeting for members of the public participating in the meeting.

Roll call was taken. Board Members present included: Ricardo Sanchez, Debbie Veale, Jason Weisz, and Seung Oh. A quorum was not established. As noticed on the agenda, if a quorum of members is not present, as part of President Oh's discretion, the Board will proceed as a committee.

Member Kula Koenig arrived at 9:09 a.m.

II. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda/Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Members of the public were provided with an opportunity to provide comments at the Sacramento location, San Diego location and WebEx.

A pharmacist with over 40 years' experience and a floater at Albertsons/SavOn stated at 12 of the 15-20 locations he has worked, there has not been appropriate staffing. Lists of available staff are provided but the people are not available. He noted one time paging someone six times when help was needed without a response. The person paged later commented the person was too busy to assist and hadn't worked in a pharmacy in the past two years. The pharmacist would like to see the Board adopting financial penalties or policy for companies violating SB 1442.

President Oh reminded members that action cannot be taken on items but can be added to future agendas.

Member Veale indicated she thought it was on the Enforcement and Compounding Committee agenda and if it isn't on the agenda, it should be added. President Oh stated he would work with the Enforcement and Compounding Chairperson to add this to the agenda if not already on the agenda.

III. Recognition and Celebration of Pharmacists Licensed in California for 40 Years and other Recognitions

President Oh reminded members several years ago, the Board changed its recognition program for pharmacists and currently recognizes pharmacists that have been licensed for 40 or more years. This information is posted on our website and pharmacists are provided with a certificate.

President Oh noted prior to transitioning to remote meetings, the Board routinely provided an opportunity for pharmacists licensed for 40 years to attend a Board meeting and be recognized by the Board. Such individuals are also presented with a pin and generally their photo is included in the newsletter. Dr. Oh announced that with the return of in person, meetings, the Board can also resume this in person recognition.

There were no pharmacists at the Sacramento or San Diego location to be recognized for 40 years of service as a pharmacist.

President Oh presented an award former President Greg Lippe for his service as Board Member, President and Vice President. Mr. Lippe served on the Board from February 2009 through May 2021. Due to COVID restrictions the Board was unable to meet in person to recognize Mr. Lippe for his service to the Board and amazing leadership as both the President and Vice-President for a number of years, along with his leadership as a Chairperson for the Legislation and Regulation Committee. Mr. Lippe led the Board through Sunset Review and started the Board on its path in responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

President Oh noted Mr. Lippe has been a wonderful mentor to many Board Members and has demonstrated how consensus building can achieve great results. Mr. Lippe was a great President and Board Member due in part to his constant willingness to learn, listen and share ideas to bring everyone together for consumer protection. Dr. Oh stated Mr. Lippe is a natural leader and Dr. Oh has the highest regard for him.

Former President Greg Lippe addressed the Board noting he served on the Board for 12 years with the last two years as President. Mr. Lippe stated he gained a tremendous respect for the profession of pharmacy noting pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who support them are true life savers and deserve much more recognition than they receive. Mr. Lippe stated he was honored to receive the award and work with an outstanding group of Board Members, dedicated staff and the public. Mr. Lippe thanked the Board's extraordinary Executive Officer Anne Sodergren and Board staff who supported him including Debbie Damoth, Susan Cappello, Christine Acosta and Janice Dang. Mr. Lippe stated he is impressed with the work Dr. Oh is doing as the President and wished all success. Mr. Lippe noted he had the honor of working with DCA Director Kimberly Kirchmeyer who is outstanding.

Members Veale and Sanchez thanked Mr. Lippe for his service and leadership.

President Oh acknowledged two members who have completed their terms, Debbie Veale and Shirley Kim.

President Oh presented a resolution to Member Debbie Veale on behalf of the Board. Dr. Oh provided Debbie Veale was appointed to the Board on January 1, 2010, and served Californians for over 12 years. Dr. Oh stated Ms. Veale's commitment to the Board and consumers cannot be overstated. He noted Ms. Veale served in leadership roles as both the Treasurer and Vice President as well as served as committee Chairperson. Ms. Veale has been a model to many new members and demonstrated through words and actions her strong understanding and commitment to the Board's consumer protection mandate. Dr. Oh stated it has been an honor to work with Ms. Veale. On behalf of the Board, Dr. Oh presented Ms. Veale the resolution and thanked her for her years of service.

Ms. Veale thanked the Board and spoke about how she loves the profession of pharmacy. Ms. Veale stated serving on the Board of Pharmacy was the pinnacle of her career to help the Board move the profession into the future. Ms. Veale stated it was a pleasure to serve for 12 ½ years and enjoyed working with the dedicated Board staff, DCA Director, current and former Board Members.

The Board took a break from 9:26 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. President Oh noted consistent with the provisions of Business and Professions Code section 4309(c) and the Board's policy, as a quorum of the Board was not present, a committee of the Board will consider the petitions today and make recommendations to the full Board that will be subject to review by the full Board in accordance with Government Code section 11517. Roll call was taken. Members present included Ricardo Sanchez, Debbie Veale, Seung Oh, Kula Koenig, and Jason Weisz. A quorum was not established

VI. Petitions for Reinstatement of Licensure, Early Termination or Other Modification of Penalty.

Administrative Law Judge Erin Koch-Goodman presided over the hearings. Petitions included:

- A. Julia Rizo Jimenez, TCH 111218
- B. Kaiser Foundation Hospital, HSP 6602
- C. Mel Hartsoch, RPH 28786
- D. Ashley Marie Gonzales, TCH 117097

The Board took a break from 11:02 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. President Oh noted consistent with the provisions of Business and Professions Code section 4309(c) and the Board's policy, as a quorum of the Board was not present, a committee of the Board will

consider the petitions today and make recommendations to the full Board that will be subject to review by the full Board in accordance with Government Code section 11517. Roll call was taken. Members present included Kula Koenig, Ricardo Sanchez, Debbie Veale, Seung Oh, and Jason Weisz. A quorum was not established.

The Board took a break from 12:04 p.m. to 12:15 p.m. President Oh noted consistent with the provisions of Business and Professions Code section 4309(c) and the Board's policy, as a quorum of the Board was not present, a committee of the Board will consider the petitions today and make recommendations to the full Board that will be subject to review by the full Board in accordance with Government Code section 11517. Roll call was taken. Members present included Kula Koenig, Debbie Veale, Ricardo Sanchez, Seung Oh, and Jason Weisz. A quorum was not established.

The Board took a lunch break from 12:42 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. Open session concluded at 1:20 p.m.

VII Closed Session

Following completion of the public hearings and after lunch break at 1:21 p.m. the Board convened in closed session for the stated purposes indicated on the agenda. Due to technological limitations, adjournment for the day was not broadcast. The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.