

**BEFORE THE  
BOARD OF PHARMACY  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**In the Matter of the Accusation Against:**

**HANNAH REBECCA SUTTON  
Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 92210**

**Respondent.**

**Agency Case No. 7517**

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on May 3, 2024.

It is so ORDERED on April 3, 2024.

BOARD OF PHARMACY  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By



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14 **HANNAH REBECCA SUTTON**  
15 **198 N. Skyline Drive, Space 19**  
**Thousand Oaks, CA 91362**

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND  
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

16 **Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH**  
17 **92210**

18 Respondent.

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22 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-  
23 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

24 **PARTIES**

25 1. Anne Sodergren (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy  
26 (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by  
27 Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Matthew S. Beasley, Deputy Attorney  
28 General.



1 **CULPABILITY**

2 9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation  
3 No. 7517.

4 10. Respondent agrees that her Pharmacy Technician Registration is subject to discipline  
5 and she agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary  
6 Order below.

7 **CONTINGENCY**

8 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Pharmacy. Respondent  
9 understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may  
10 communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to  
11 or participation by Respondent or her counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent  
12 understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation  
13 prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation  
14 as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or  
15 effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties,  
16 and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

17 12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile  
18 copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile  
19 signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

20 13. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an  
21 integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement.  
22 It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions,  
23 negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary  
24 Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a  
25 writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

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1 Failure to submit timely reports in a form as directed shall be considered a violation of  
2 probation. Any period(s) of delinquency in submission of reports as directed may be added to the  
3 total period of probation. Moreover, if the final probation report is not made as directed,  
4 probation shall be automatically extended until such time as the final report is made and accepted  
5 by the board.

6 **3. Interview with the Board**

7 Upon receipt of reasonable prior notice, respondent shall appear in person for interviews  
8 with the board or its designee, at such intervals and locations as are determined by the board or its  
9 designee. Failure to appear for any scheduled interview without prior notification to board staff,  
10 or failure to appear for two (2) or more scheduled interviews with the board or its designee during  
11 the period of probation, shall be considered a violation of probation.

12 **4. Cooperate with Board Staff**

13 Respondent shall timely cooperate with the board's inspection program and with the board's  
14 monitoring and investigation of respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of  
15 Respondent's probation, including but not limited to: timely responses to requests for information  
16 by board staff; timely compliance with directives from board staff regarding requirements of any  
17 term or condition of probation; and timely completion of documentation pertaining to a term or  
18 condition of probation. Failure to timely cooperate shall be considered a violation of probation.

19 **5. Reporting of Employment and Notice to Employers**

20 During the period of probation, respondent shall notify all present and prospective  
21 employers of the decision in case number 7517 and the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed  
22 on respondent by the decision, as follows:

23 Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within ten (10) days of  
24 undertaking any new employment, respondent shall report to the board in writing the name,  
25 physical address, and mailing address of each of Respondent's employer(s), and the name(s) and  
26 telephone number(s) of all of Respondent's direct supervisor(s), as well as any pharmacist(s)-in-  
27 charge, designated representative(s)-in-charge, responsible manager, or other compliance  
28 supervisor(s) and the work schedule, if known. Respondent shall also include the reason(s) for

1 leaving the prior employment. Respondent shall sign and return to the board a written consent  
2 authorizing the board or its designee to communicate with all of respondent's employer(s) and  
3 supervisor(s), and authorizing those employer(s) or supervisor(s) to communicate with the board  
4 or its designee, concerning respondent's work status, performance, and monitoring. Failure to  
5 comply with the requirements or deadlines of this condition shall be considered a violation of  
6 probation.

7       Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen (15) days of  
8 respondent undertaking any new employment, respondent shall cause (a) Respondent's direct  
9 supervisor, (b) Respondent's pharmacist-in-charge, designated representative-in-charge,  
10 responsible manager, or other compliance supervisor, and (c) the owner or owner representative  
11 of Respondent's employer, to report to the board in writing acknowledging that the listed  
12 individual(s) has/have read the decision in case number 7517, and terms and conditions imposed  
13 thereby. If one person serves in more than one role described in (a), (b), or (c), the  
14 acknowledgment shall so state. It shall be the respondent's responsibility to ensure that these  
15 acknowledgment(s) are timely submitted to the board. In the event of a change in the person(s)  
16 serving the role(s) described in (a), (b), or (c) during the term of probation, respondent shall cause  
17 the person(s) taking over the role(s) to report to the board in writing within fifteen (15) days of  
18 the change acknowledging that he or she has read the decision in case number 7517, and the  
19 terms and conditions imposed thereby.

20       If respondent works for or is employed by or through an employment service, respondent  
21 must notify the person(s) described in (a), (b), and (c) above at every entity licensed by the board  
22 of the decision in case number 7517, and the terms and conditions imposed thereby in advance of  
23 respondent commencing work at such licensed entity. A record of this notification must be  
24 provided to the board upon request.

25       Furthermore, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, and within fifteen  
26 (15) days of respondent undertaking any new employment by or through an employment service,  
27 respondent shall cause the person(s) described in (a), (b), and (c) above at the employment service  
28 to report to the board in writing acknowledging that he or she has read the decision in case

1 number, and the terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be respondent's responsibility to  
2 ensure that these acknowledgment(s) are timely submitted to the board.

3 Failure to timely notify present or prospective employer(s) or failure to cause the identified  
4 person(s) with that/those employer(s) to submit timely written acknowledgments to the board  
5 shall be considered a violation of probation.

6 "Employment" within the meaning of this provision includes any full-time, part-time,  
7 temporary, relief, or employment/management service position as a Pharmacy Technician, or any  
8 position for which a Pharmacy Technician is a requirement or criterion for employment, whether  
9 the respondent is an employee, independent contractor or volunteer.

10 **6. Notification of Change(s) in Name, Address(es), or Phone Number(s)**

11 Respondent shall further notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of any change in  
12 name, residence address, mailing address, e-mail address or phone number.

13 Failure to timely notify the board of any change in employer, name, address, or phone  
14 number shall be considered a violation of probation.

15 **7. Reimbursement of Board Costs**

16 As a condition precedent to successful completion of probation, respondent shall pay to the  
17 board its costs of investigation and prosecution in the amount of \$3,896.25.

18 Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan approved by the board  
19 or its designee, so long as full payment is completed no later than one (1) year prior to the end  
20 date of probation. Failure to pay costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a  
21 violation of probation.

22 **8. Probation Monitoring Costs**

23 Respondent shall pay any costs associated with probation monitoring as determined by the  
24 board each and every year of probation. Such costs shall be payable to the board on a schedule as  
25 directed by the board or its designee. Failure to pay such costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall  
26 be considered a violation of probation.

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**9. Status of License**

Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain an active, current Pharmacy Technician Registration with the board, including any period during which suspension or probation is tolled. Failure to maintain an active, current Pharmacy Technician Registration shall be considered a violation of probation.

If respondent's Pharmacy Technician Registration expires or is cancelled by operation of law or otherwise at any time during the period of probation, including any extensions thereof due to tolling or otherwise, upon renewal or reapplication respondent's license shall be subject to all terms and conditions of this probation not previously satisfied.

**10. License Surrender While on Probation/Suspension**

Following the effective date of this decision, should respondent cease practice due to retirement or health, or be otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, respondent may relinquish Respondent's license, including any indicia of licensure issued by the board, along with a request to surrender the license. The board or its designee shall have the discretion whether to accept the surrender or take any other action it deems appropriate and reasonable. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender of the license, respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation. This surrender constitutes a record of discipline and shall become a part of the respondent's license history with the board.

Upon acceptance of the surrender, respondent shall relinquish Respondent's pocket and/or wall license, including any indicia of licensure not previously provided to the board within ten (10) days of notification by the board that the surrender is accepted if not already provided. Respondent may not reapply for any license from the board for three (3) years from the effective date of the surrender. Respondent shall meet all requirements applicable to the license sought as of the date the application for that license is submitted to the board, including any outstanding costs.

**11. Certification Prior to Resuming Work**

Respondent shall be suspended, and shall not work as a pharmacy technician, until she has been certified as defined by Business and Professions Code section 4202, subdivision (a)(4), has submitted proof of certification to the board, and has been notified by the board or its designee

1 that she may begin work. Failure to achieve certification within six (6) months of the effective  
2 date shall be considered a violation of probation.

3 During suspension, respondent shall not enter any pharmacy area or any portion of any  
4 other board licensed premises of a wholesaler, third-party logistics provider, veterinary food-  
5 animal drug retailer or any other distributor of drugs which is licensed by the board, or any  
6 manufacturer, or any area where dangerous drugs and/or dangerous devices or controlled  
7 substances are maintained.

8 Respondent shall not do any act involving drug selection, selection of stock, manufacturing,  
9 compounding or dispensing; nor shall respondent manage, administer, or assist any licensee of the  
10 board. Respondent shall not have access to or control the ordering, distributing, manufacturing or  
11 dispensing of dangerous drugs and/or dangerous devices or controlled substances.

12 During this suspension, respondent shall not engage in any activity that requires licensure  
13 as a pharmacy technician. Respondent shall not direct or control any aspect of the practice of  
14 pharmacy or of the manufacture, distribution, wholesaling, or retailing of dangerous drugs and/or  
15 dangerous devices, or controlled substances.

16 Failure to comply with any such suspension shall be considered a violation of probation.

17 **12. Practice Requirement – Extension of Probation**

18 Except during periods of suspension, FMLA leave, or disability leave, respondent shall, at  
19 all times while on probation, be employed as a Pharmacy Technician in California for a minimum  
20 of 100 hours per calendar month. Any month during which this minimum is not met shall extend  
21 the period of probation by one month. During any such period of insufficient employment,  
22 respondent must nonetheless comply with all terms and conditions of probation, unless  
23 respondent receives a waiver in writing from the board or its designee. The Board's designee  
24 may modify the minimum number of hours per calendar month that Respondent is required to  
25 work while on probation.

26 If respondent does not practice as a Pharmacy Technician in California for the minimum  
27 number of hours in any calendar month, for any reason (including vacation), respondent shall  
28 notify the board in writing within ten (10) days of the conclusion of that calendar month. This

1 notification shall include at least: the date(s), location(s), and hours of last practice; the reason(s)  
2 for the interruption or reduction in practice; and the anticipated date(s) on which respondent will  
3 resume practice at the required level. Respondent shall further notify the board in writing within  
4 ten (10) days following the next calendar month during which respondent practices as a Pharmacy  
5 Technician in California for the minimum of hours. Any failure to timely provide such  
6 notification(s) shall be considered a violation of probation.

7 It is a violation of probation for respondent's probation to be extended pursuant to the  
8 provisions of this condition for a total period, counting consecutive and non-consecutive months,  
9 exceeding thirty-six (36) months. The board or its designee may post a notice of the extended  
10 probation period on its website.

### 11 13. **Violation of Probation**

12 If respondent has not complied with any term or condition of probation, the board shall  
13 have continuing jurisdiction over respondent, and the board shall provide notice to respondent  
14 that probation shall automatically be extended, until all terms and conditions have been satisfied  
15 or the board has taken other action as deemed appropriate to treat the failure to comply as a  
16 violation of probation, to terminate probation, and to impose the penalty that was stayed. The  
17 board or its designee may post a notice of the extended probation period on its website.

18 If respondent violates probation in any respect, the board, after giving respondent notice  
19 and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that  
20 was stayed. If a petition to revoke probation or an accusation is filed against respondent during  
21 probation, or the preparation of an accusation or petition to revoke probation is requested from  
22 the Office of the Attorney General, the board shall have continuing jurisdiction and the period of  
23 probation shall be automatically extended until the petition to revoke probation or accusation is  
24 heard and decided.

### 25 14. **Completion of Probation**

26 Upon written notice by the board or its designee indicating successful completion of  
27 probation, respondent's license will be fully restored.  
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15. **Drug and Alcohol Testing**

1 Respondent, at her own expense, shall participate in testing as directed by the board or its  
2 designee for the detection of alcohol, controlled substances, and dangerous drugs and/or  
3 dangerous devices. Testing protocols may include biological fluid testing (urine, blood),  
4 breathalyzer, hair follicle testing, or other testing protocols as directed by the board or its  
5 designee. All testing must be pursuant to an observed testing protocol, unless respondent is  
6 informed otherwise in writing by the board or its designee. Respondent may be required to  
7 participate in testing for the entire probation period and frequency of testing will be determined  
8 by the board or its designee.

9 By no later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of this decision, respondent shall  
10 have completed all of the following tasks: enrolled and registered with an approved drug and  
11 alcohol testing vendor; provided that vendor with any documentation, and any information  
12 necessary for payment by respondent; commenced testing protocols, including all required  
13 contacts with the testing vendor to determine testing date(s); and begun testing. At all times,  
14 respondent shall fully cooperate with the testing vendor, and with the board or its designee, with  
15 regard to enrollment, registration, and payment for, and compliance with, testing. Any failure to  
16 cooperate timely shall be considered a violation of probation.

17 Respondent may be required to test on any day, including weekends and holidays.  
18 Respondent is required to make daily contact with the testing vendor to determine if a test is  
19 required, and if a test is required must submit to testing on the same day.

20 Prior to any vacation or other period of absence from the area where the approved testing  
21 vendor provides services, respondent shall seek and receive approval from the board or its  
22 designee to use an alternate testing vendor to ensure testing can occur. Upon approval,  
23 respondent shall enroll and register with the approved alternate drug testing vendor, provide to  
24 that alternate vendor any documentation required by the vendor, including any necessary payment  
25 by respondent. During the period of absence of the area, respondent shall commence testing  
26 protocols with the alternate vendor, including required daily contacts with the testing vendor to  
27 determine if testing is required, and required testing. Any failure to timely seek or receive  
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1 approval from the board or its designee, or to timely enroll and register with, timely commence  
2 testing protocols with, or timely undergo testing with, the alternate testing vendor, shall be  
3 considered a violation of probation.

4       Upon detection of an illicit drug, controlled substance or dangerous drug, the board or its  
5 designee may require respondent to timely provide documentation from a licensed practitioner  
6 authorized to prescribe the detected substance demonstrating that the substance was administered  
7 or ingested pursuant to a legitimate prescription issued as a necessary part of treatment. All such  
8 documentation shall be provided by respondent within ten (10) days of being requested.

9       Any of the following shall be considered a violation of probation and shall result in  
10 respondent being immediately suspended from practice as a Pharmacy Technician until notified  
11 by the board in writing that she may resume practice: failure to timely complete all of the steps  
12 required for enrollment/registration with the drug testing vendor, including making arrangements  
13 for payment; failure to timely commence drug testing protocols; failure to contact the drug testing  
14 vendor as required to determine testing date(s); failure to test as required; failure to timely supply  
15 documentation demonstrating that a detected substance was taken pursuant to a legitimate  
16 prescription issued as a necessary part of treatment; and/or detection through testing of alcohol, or  
17 of an illicit drug, or of a controlled substance or dangerous drug absent documentation that the  
18 detected substance was taken pursuant to a legitimate prescription and a necessary treatment. In  
19 the event of a suspension ordered after detection through testing of alcohol, an illicit drug, or of a  
20 controlled substance or dangerous drug absent documentation that the detected substance was  
21 taken pursuant to a legitimate prescription and a necessary treatment, the board or its designee  
22 shall inform respondent of the suspension and inform her to immediately leave work, and shall  
23 notify respondent's employer(s) and work site monitor(s) of the suspension.

24       During any such suspension, respondent shall not enter any pharmacy area or any portion of  
25 the licensed premises of a wholesaler, third-party-logistics provider, veterinary food-animal drug  
26 retailer, or any other distributor of drugs which is licensed by the board, or any manufacturer, or  
27 any area where dangerous drugs and/or dangerous devices or controlled substances are  
28 maintained. Respondent shall not practice pharmacy nor do any act involving drug selection,

1 selection of stock, manufacturing, compounding, dispensing or patient consultation; nor shall  
2 respondent manage, administer, or be a consultant to any licensee of the board, or have access to  
3 or control the ordering, distributing, manufacturing or dispensing of dangerous drugs and/or  
4 dangerous devices and controlled substances.

5 During any such suspension, respondent shall not engage in any activity that requires the  
6 professional judgment of and/or licensure as a Pharmacy Technician. Respondent shall not direct  
7 or control any aspect of the practice of pharmacy, or of the manufacturing, distributing,  
8 wholesaling, or retailing of dangerous drugs and/or dangerous devices.

9 Failure to comply with any such suspension shall be considered a violation of probation.  
10 Failure to comply with any requirement or deadline stated by this term shall be considered a  
11 violation of probation.

#### 12 16. **Notification of Departure**

13 Prior to leaving the probationary geographic area designated by the board or its designee for  
14 a period greater than twenty-four (24) hours, respondent shall notify the board verbally and in  
15 writing of the dates of departure and return. Failure to comply with this provision shall be  
16 considered a violation of probation.

#### 17 17. **Abstain from Drugs and Alcohol**

18 Respondent shall completely abstain from the possession or use of alcohol, controlled  
19 substances, illicit drugs, dangerous drugs and/or dangerous devices, or their associated  
20 paraphernalia, except when possessed or used pursuant to a legitimate prescription issued as a  
21 necessary part of treatment. Respondent shall ensure that she is not in the same physical location  
22 as individuals who are using illicit substances even if respondent is not personally ingesting the  
23 drugs. Any possession or use of alcohol, dangerous drugs and/or dangerous devices or controlled  
24 substances, or their associated paraphernalia for which a legitimate prescription has not been  
25 issued as a necessary part of treatment, or any physical proximity to persons using illicit  
26 substances, shall be considered a violation of probation.

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18. **Prescription Coordination and Monitoring of Prescription Use**

1           Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall submit to the  
2 board, for its prior approval, the name and qualifications of a single physician, nurse practitioner,  
3 physician assistant, or psychiatrist of respondent's choice, who shall be aware of the respondent's  
4 history with the use of alcohol, and who will coordinate and monitor any prescriptions for  
5 respondent for dangerous drugs and/or dangerous devices, controlled substances or mood-altering  
6 drugs. The approved practitioner shall be provided with a copy of the board's Accusation and  
7 decision. A record of this notification must be provided to the board or its designee upon request.  
8 Respondent shall sign a release authorizing the practitioner to communicate with the board or its  
9 designee about respondent's treatment(s). The coordinating physician, nurse practitioner,  
10 physician assistant, or psychiatrist shall report to the board on a quarterly basis for the duration of  
11 probation regarding respondent's compliance with this condition. If any substances considered  
12 addictive have been prescribed, the report shall identify a program for the time limited use of any  
13 such substances. The board or its designee may require that the single coordinating physician,  
14 nurse practitioner, physician assistant or psychiatrist be a specialist in addictive medicine, or  
15 consult a specialist in addictive medicine. Should respondent, for any reason, cease supervision  
16 by the approved practitioner, respondent shall notify the board or its designee immediately and,  
17 within thirty (30) days of ceasing supervision, submit the name of a replacement physician, nurse  
18 practitioner, physician assistant, or psychiatrist of respondent's choice to the board or its designee  
19 for its prior approval. Failure to timely submit the selected practitioner or replacement  
20 practitioner to the board or its designee for approval, or to ensure the required quarterly reporting  
21 thereby, shall be considered a violation of probation.

22           If at any time an approved practitioner determines that respondent is unable to practice  
23 safely or independently as a Pharmacy Technician, the practitioner shall notify the board or its  
24 designee immediately by telephone and follow up by written letter within three (3) working days.  
25 Upon notification from the board or its designee of this determination, respondent shall be  
26 automatically suspended and shall not resume practice as a Pharmacy Technician until notified by  
27 the board or its designee that practice may be resumed.  
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1           During any suspension, respondent shall not enter any pharmacy area or any portion of the  
2 licensed premises of a wholesaler, third-party logistics provider, veterinary food-animal drug  
3 retailer, or any other distributor of drugs which is licensed by the board, or any manufacturer, or  
4 any area where dangerous drugs and/or dangerous devices or controlled substances are  
5 maintained. Respondent shall not practice pharmacy nor do any act involving drug selection,  
6 selection of stock, manufacturing, compounding, dispensing or patient consultation; nor shall  
7 respondent manage, administer, or be a consultant to any licensee of the board, or have access to  
8 or control the ordering, distributing, manufacturing or dispensing of dangerous drugs and/or  
9 dangerous devices and controlled substances. Respondent shall not resume practice until notified  
10 by the board.

11           During any suspension, respondent shall not engage in any activity that requires the  
12 professional judgment and/or licensure as a Pharmacy Technician. Respondent shall not direct or  
13 control any aspect of the practice of pharmacy or of the manufacturing, distributing, wholesaling,  
14 or retailing of dangerous drugs and/or dangerous devices or controlled substances.

15           Failure to comply with any requirement or deadline stated by this term shall be considered a  
16 violation of probation.

17           **19. Attend Substance Abuse Recovery Relapse Prevention and Support Groups**

18           Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall begin regular  
19 attendance at a recognized and established substance abuse recovery support group in California  
20 (e.g., Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, etc.) which has been approved by the board  
21 or its designee. Respondent must attend the number of group meetings per week or month  
22 directed by the board or its designee, which shall typically be at least one per week. Respondent  
23 shall continue regular attendance and submit signed and dated documentation confirming  
24 attendance with each quarterly report for the duration of probation. Failure to attend or submit  
25 documentation thereof shall be considered a violation of probation.

26           Where respondent is enrolled in the PRP, participation as required in a recovery group  
27 meeting approved by the PRP shall be sufficient for satisfaction of this requirement. Any  
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1 deviation from participation requirements for the PRP-approved group shall be considered a  
2 violation of probation.

3 **20. No Ownership or Management of Licensed Premises**

4 Respondent shall not own, have any legal or beneficial interest in, nor serve as a manager,  
5 administrator, member, officer, director, trustee, associate, or partner of any business, firm,  
6 partnership, or corporation currently or hereinafter licensed by the board. Respondent shall sell  
7 or transfer any legal or beneficial interest in any entity licensed by the board within ninety (90)  
8 days following the effective date of this decision and shall immediately thereafter provide written  
9 proof thereof to the board. Failure to timely divest any legal or beneficial interest(s) or provide  
10 documentation thereof shall be considered a violation of probation.

11 Respondent shall not acquire any new ownership, legal or beneficial interest nor serve as a  
12 manager, administrator, member, officer, director, trustee, associate, or partner of any additional  
13 business, firm, partnership, or corporation licensed by the board. If respondent currently owns or  
14 has any legal or beneficial interest in, or serves as a manager, administrator, member, officer,  
15 director, trustee, associate, or partner of any business, firm, partnership, or corporation currently  
16 or hereinafter licensed by the board, respondent may continue to serve in such capacity or hold  
17 that interest, but only to the extent of that position or interest as of the effective date of this  
18 decision. Violation of this restriction shall be considered a violation of probation.

19 **21. Criminal Probation/Parole Reports**

20 Within ten (10) days of the effective date of this decision, or within ten (10) days of the  
21 issuance or assignment/replacement of same, whichever is earlier, respondent shall provide the  
22 board or its designee in writing: a copy of the conditions of any criminal probation/parole  
23 applicable to respondent; and the name and contact information of any probation, parole or  
24 similar supervisory officer assigned to respondent. Respondent shall provide a copy of all  
25 criminal probation/parole reports to the board within ten (10) days after such report is issued.  
26 Failure to timely make any of the submissions required hereby shall be considered a violation of  
27 probation.

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**ACCEPTANCE**

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Michael Bialys. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacy Technician Registration. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
HANNAH REBECCA SUTTON  
*Respondent*

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Hannah Rebecca Sutton the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MICHAEL BIALYS  
*Attorney for Respondent*

**ENDORSEMENT**

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Respectfully submitted,  
ROB BONTA  
Attorney General of California  
SHAWN P. COOK  
Supervising Deputy Attorney General

MATTHEW S. BEASLEY  
Deputy Attorney General  
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**ACCEPTANCE**

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Michael Bialys. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacy Technician Registration. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy.

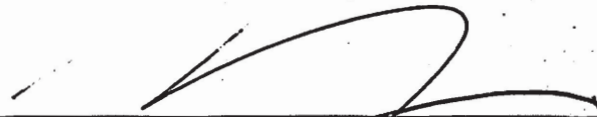
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HANNAH REBECCA SUTTON  
*Respondent*

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Hannah Rebecca Sutton the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: 2/27/24



MICHAEL BIALYS  
*Attorney for Respondent*

**ENDORSEMENT**

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy.

DATED: 2/27/24

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorney General of California  
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**Exhibit A**

**Accusation No. 7517**

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8 **BEFORE THE**  
9 **BOARD OF PHARMACY**  
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 7517

13 **HANNAH REBECCA SUTTON**  
198 N. Skyline Drive, Space 19  
14 Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

**ACCUSATION**

15 **Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH**  
16 **92210**

Respondent.

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18 **PARTIES**

19 1. Anne Sodergren (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity  
20 as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.

21 2. On or about July 9, 2009, the Board of Pharmacy (Board) issued Pharmacy  
22 Technician Registration Number TCH 92210 to Hannah Rebecca Sutton (Respondent). The  
23 Pharmacy Technician Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges  
24 brought herein and will expire on October 31, 2024, unless renewed.

25 **JURISDICTION**

26 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following  
27 laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise  
28 indicated.



1 suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under  
2 Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw his or her plea of  
3 guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or  
4 dismissing the accusation, information, or indictment.

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### 6 **REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

7 8. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770, subdivision (a) states:

8 For the purpose of denial, suspension, or revocation of a personal or facility  
9 license pursuant to Section 141 or Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the  
10 Business and Professions Code, a crime, professional misconduct, or act shall be  
11 considered substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of the  
12 practice, profession, or occupation that may be performed under the license type  
13 sought or held if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of  
14 an applicant or licensee to perform the functions authorized by the license in a  
15 manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare.

### 16 **COST RECOVERY**

17 9. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the  
18 administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of  
19 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and  
20 enforcement of the case, with failure of the licensee to comply subjecting the license to not being  
21 renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be  
22 included in a stipulated settlement.

### 23 **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND DANGEROUS DRUGS**

24 10. "Xanax," is the brand name for alprazolam, it is a Schedule IV controlled substance  
25 as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057, subdivision (d)(1), and is categorized as  
26 a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.

### 27 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

#### 28 **(September 16, 2022 Criminal Conviction - DUI on March 9, 2022)**

11 Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 490 and 4301,  
12 subdivision (l), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770,  
13 subdivision (a), in that on or about September 16, 2022, in a criminal proceeding entitled *The*  
14 *People of the State of California vs. Hannah Rebecca Sutton*, in Superior Court of California,

1 County of Los Angeles, Case Number 2VV00250, Respondent was convicted of violating one  
2 count of Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b) [DUI 0.08% blood alcohol], a  
3 misdemeanor. The court placed Respondent on 36 months of probation, ordered her to complete a  
4 6-month licensed first-offender alcohol and other drug education and counseling program, with  
5 terms and conditions.

6 12. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about March 9, 2022,  
7 during a traffic enforcement stop, an officer detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage  
8 emitting from Respondent's breath. Respondent was observed to have red watery eyes, slurred  
9 speech, and an unsteady gait. Respondent admitted to drinking one (1) beer, one (1) mixed drink,  
10 and 0.5 mg of Xanax prior to driving. Respondent did not perform the Standard Field Sobriety  
11 Test (S.F.S.T.'s), as demonstrated and explained by the officer. During the booking procedure,  
12 Respondent submitted to breath-test that resulted in a breath-alcohol concentration level of 0.20%  
13 on the first reading and 0.19% on the second reading.

14 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

15 **(Dangerous Use of Alcoholic Beverages and/or a Controlled Substance)**

16 13. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 4301, subdivision (h),  
17 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent used alcoholic beverages and/or a  
18 controlled substance to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to oneself,  
19 another person, or to the public. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the  
20 allegations set forth above in paragraphs 11 and 12, inclusive, as though set forth fully.

21 **PRAYER**

22 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,  
23 and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:

24 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration Number TCH 92210,  
25 issued to Hannah Rebecca Sutton;

26 2. Ordering Hannah Rebecca Sutton to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs  
27 of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code  
28 section 125.3; and,

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3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 7/24/2023

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ANNE SODERGREN  
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Board of Pharmacy  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
*Complainant*

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