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**APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF PHARMACIST / INTERN LICENSE**

**PLEASE PRINT IN BLACK OR BLUE INK OR TYPE YOUR RESPONSES:**

Name of Licensee:  Julie Miae Choi	Case No.  AC 2023-7869
Address of Record:  23181 Cobblefield <hr/> Mission Viejo, CA 92692	

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of my probation with the California State Board of Pharmacy (Board) in Case No. AC 2023-7869, I hereby request to surrender my license, License No. RPH 56120. The Board or its designee shall have the discretion whether to grant the request for surrender or take any other action it deems appropriate and reasonable. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender of the license, I will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation. I understand that this surrender constitutes a record of discipline and shall become a part of my license history with the Board.

Upon the acceptance of the surrender, I shall relinquish my pocket and/or wall license to the Board within ten (10) days of notification by the Board that the surrender is accepted. I understand that I may not reapply for any license, permit, or registration from the board for three (3) years from the effective date of the surrender. I further understand that I 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.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOU ARE NOT RELIEVED OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF YOUR PROBATION UNLESS THE BOARD NOTIFIES YOU THAT YOUR REQUEST TO SURRENDER YOUR LICENSE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED.

_____ Applicant's Signature	3/21/2025 _____ Date
Julie Miae Choi _____ Applicant's Printed Name	56120 _____ Applicant's License Number
_____ Executive Officer's Approval	_____ Date

All items on this application are mandatory in accordance with your probationary order and the Board's Disciplinary Guidelines as authorized by Title 16, California Code of Regulations section 1760. Failure to provide any of the requested information or providing unreadable information will result in the application being rejected as incomplete. The information provided on this form will be used to determine eligibility for surrender. The official responsible for information maintenance is the Executive Officer, telephone (916) 518-3100, 2720 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833. The information you provide may also be disclosed in the following circumstances: (1) in response to a Public Records Act request; (2) to another government agency as required by state or federal law; or, (3) in response to a court or administrative order, a subpoena, or a search warrant. Each individual has the right to review the files or records maintained on them by our agency, unless the records are identified as confidential information and exempted by Section 1798.40 of the Civil Code.

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

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

**JULIE MIAE CHOI, Respondent**

**Pharmacist License No. RPH 56120**

**Agency Case No. 7869**

**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 March 5, 2025.

It is so ORDERED on February 3, 2025.

BOARD OF PHARMACY  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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13 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

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14 **JULIE MIAE CHOI**  
15 **23181 Cobblefield**  
**Mission Viejo, CA 92692**

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND**  
**DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

16 **Pharmacist License No. RPH 56120**

17 Respondent.

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

21 **PARTIES**

22 1. Anne Sodergren (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy  
23 (Board). She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter by  
24 Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Nicole R. Trama, Deputy Attorney  
25 General.

26 2. Respondent Julie Miae Choi (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by  
27 attorney Lucy S. McAllister, Esq., whose address is: 255 North Market, Suite 100, San Jose, CA  
28 95110.





1 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

2 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacist License No. RPH 56120 issued to Respondent  
3 Julie Miae Choi is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on  
4 probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions:

5 **1. Obey All Laws**

6 Respondent shall obey all state and federal laws and regulations.

7 Respondent shall report any of the following occurrences to the Board, in writing, within  
8 seventy- two (72) hours of such occurrence:

- 9 • an arrest or issuance of a criminal complaint for violation of any provision of the  
10 Pharmacy Law, state and federal food and drug laws, or state and federal  
11 controlled substances laws
- 12 • a plea of guilty, or nolo contendere, no contest, or similar, in any state or federal  
13 criminal proceeding to any criminal complaint, information or indictment
- 14 • a conviction of any crime
- 15 • the filing of a disciplinary pleading, issuance of a citation, or initiation of another  
16 administrative action filed by any state or federal agency which involves  
17 Respondent’s license or which is related to the practice of pharmacy or the  
18 manufacturing, obtaining, handling, distributing, billing, or charging for any drug,  
19 device or controlled substance.

20 Failure to timely report such occurrence shall be considered a violation of probation.

21 **2. Report to the Board**

22 Respondent shall report to the Board quarterly, on a schedule as directed by the Board or its  
23 designee. The report shall be made either in person or in writing, as directed. Among other  
24 requirements, Respondent shall state in each report under penalty of perjury whether there has  
25 been compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation.

26 Failure to submit timely reports in a form as directed shall be considered a violation of  
27 probation. Any period(s) of delinquency in submission of reports as directed may be added to the  
28 total period of probation. Moreover, if the final probation report is not made as directed,

1 probation shall be automatically extended until such time as the final report is made and accepted  
2 by the Board.

3 **3. Interview with the Board**

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

9 **4. Cooperate with Board Staff**

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

16 **5. Continuing Education**

17 Respondent shall provide evidence of efforts to maintain skill and knowledge as a  
18 pharmacist as directed by the Board or its designee.

19 **6. 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 7869 and the terms, conditions and restrictions  
22 imposed 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 her employer(s), and the name(s) and telephone  
26 number(s) of all of her direct supervisor(s), as well as any pharmacist(s)-in-charge, designated  
27 representative(s)-in-charge, responsible manager, or other compliance supervisor(s) and the work  
28 schedule, if known. Respondent shall also include the reason(s) for leaving the prior

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

6       Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Decision, and within fifteen (15) days of  
7 Respondent undertaking any new employment, Respondent shall cause (a) her direct supervisor,  
8 (b) her pharmacist-in-charge, designated representative-in-charge, responsible manager, or other  
9 compliance supervisor, and (c) the owner or owner representative of her employer, to report to the  
10 Board in writing acknowledging that the listed individual(s) has/have read the Decision in case  
11 number 7869, and terms and conditions imposed thereby. If one person serves in more than one  
12 role described in (a), (b), or (c), the acknowledgment shall so state. It shall be the Respondent's  
13 responsibility to ensure that these acknowledgment(s) are timely submitted to the Board. In the  
14 event of a change in the person(s) serving the role(s) described in (a), (b), or (c) during the term  
15 of probation, Respondent shall cause the person(s) taking over the role(s) to report to the Board in  
16 writing within fifteen (15) days of the change acknowledging that he or she has read the Decision  
17 in case number 7869, and the terms and conditions imposed thereby.

18       If Respondent works for or is employed by or through an employment service, Respondent  
19 must notify the person(s) described in (a), (b), and (c) above at every entity licensed by the Board  
20 of the Decision in case number 7869, and the terms and conditions imposed thereby in advance of  
21 Respondent commencing work at such licensed entity. A record of this notification must be  
22 provided to the Board upon request.

23       Furthermore, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Decision, and within fifteen  
24 (15) days of Respondent undertaking any new employment by or through an employment service,  
25 Respondent shall cause the person(s) described in (a), (b), and (c) above at the employment  
26 service to report to the Board in writing acknowledging that he or she has read the Decision in  
27 case number, and the terms and conditions imposed thereby. It shall be Respondent's  
28 responsibility to ensure that these acknowledgment(s) are timely submitted to the Board.

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

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

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

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

11 Failure to timely notify the Board of any change in employer, name, address, or phone  
12 number shall be considered a violation of probation.

13 **8. Restrictions on Supervision and Oversight of Licensed Facilities**

14 During the period of probation, Respondent shall not supervise any intern pharmacist, be  
15 the pharmacist-in-charge, designated representative-in-charge, responsible manager or other  
16 compliance supervisor of any entity licensed by the Board, nor serve as a consultant. Assumption  
17 of any such unauthorized supervision responsibilities shall be considered a violation of probation.

18 **9. Reimbursement of Board Costs**

19 As a condition precedent to successful completion of probation, Respondent shall pay to the  
20 Board its costs of investigation and prosecution in the amount of \$1,000. Respondent shall make  
21 said payments as follows: Beginning on the effective date of this Decision, and on the first of  
22 each month thereafter, Respondent shall pay the Board \$50 per month until the costs are paid in  
23 full.

24 There shall be no deviation from this schedule absent prior written approval by the Board or  
25 its designee. Failure to pay costs by the deadline(s) as directed shall be considered a violation of  
26 probation.

1 Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan approved by the Board  
2 or its designee, so long as full payment is completed no later than one (1) year prior to the end  
3 date of probation.

4 **10. Probation Monitoring Costs**

5 Respondent shall pay any costs associated with probation monitoring as determined by the  
6 Board each and every year of probation. Such costs shall be payable to the Board on a schedule  
7 as directed by the Board or its designee. Failure to pay such costs by the deadline(s) as directed  
8 shall be considered a violation of probation.

9 **11. Status of License**

10 Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain an active, current Pharmacist  
11 License with the Board, including any period during which suspension or probation is tolled.  
12 Failure to maintain an active, current Pharmacist License shall be considered a violation of  
13 probation.

14 If Respondent's Pharmacist License expires or is cancelled by operation of law or otherwise  
15 at any time during the period of probation, including any extensions thereof due to tolling or  
16 otherwise, upon renewal or reapplication Respondent's license shall be subject to all terms and  
17 conditions of this probation not previously satisfied.

18 **12. License Surrender While on Probation/Suspension**

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

27 Upon acceptance of the surrender, Respondent shall relinquish her pocket and/or wall  
28 license, including any indicia of licensure not previously provided to the Board within ten (10)

1 days of notification by the Board that the surrender is accepted if not already provided.

2 Respondent may not reapply for any license from the Board for three (3) years from the effective  
3 date of the surrender. Respondent shall meet all requirements applicable to the license sought as  
4 of the date the application for that license is submitted to the Board, including any outstanding  
5 costs.

6 **13. Practice Requirement – Extension of Probation**

7 Except during periods of suspension, Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, be  
8 employed as a pharmacist in California for a minimum of 100 hours per calendar month, unless  
9 otherwise determined by the Pharmacist Recovery Program. Any month during which this  
10 minimum is not met shall extend the period of probation by one month. During any such period  
11 of insufficient employment, Respondent must nonetheless comply with all terms and conditions  
12 of probation, unless Respondent receives a waiver in writing from the Board or its designee.

13 If Respondent does not practice as a pharmacist in California for the minimum number of  
14 hours in any calendar month, for any reason (including vacation), Respondent shall notify the  
15 Board in writing within ten (10) days of the conclusion of that calendar month. This notification  
16 shall include at least: the date(s), location(s), and hours of last practice; the reason(s) for the  
17 interruption or reduction in practice; and the anticipated date(s) on which Respondent will resume  
18 practice at the required level. Respondent shall further notify the Board in writing within ten (10)  
19 days following the next calendar month during which Respondent practices as a pharmacist in  
20 California for the minimum of hours. Any failure to timely provide such notification(s) shall be  
21 considered a violation of probation.

22 It is a violation of probation for Respondent's probation to be extended pursuant to the  
23 provisions of this condition for a total period, counting consecutive and non-consecutive months,  
24 exceeding thirty-six (36) months. The Board or its designee may post a notice of the extended  
25 probation period on its website.

26 **14. Violation of Probation**

27 If Respondent has not complied with any term or condition of probation, the Board shall  
28 have continuing jurisdiction over Respondent, and the Board shall provide notice to Respondent

1 that probation shall automatically be extended, until all terms and conditions have been satisfied  
2 or the Board has taken other action as deemed appropriate to treat the failure to comply as a  
3 violation of probation, to terminate probation, and to impose the penalty that was stayed. The  
4 Board or its designee may post a notice of the extended probation period on its website.

5 If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice  
6 and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary Order that  
7 was stayed. If a petition to revoke probation or an accusation is filed against Respondent during  
8 probation, or the preparation of an accusation or petition to revoke probation is requested from  
9 the Office of the Attorney General, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction and the period of  
10 probation shall be automatically extended until the petition to revoke probation or accusation is  
11 heard and decided and all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 7869 shall  
12 be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent.

13 **15. Completion of Probation**

14 Upon written notice by the Board or its designee indicating successful completion of  
15 probation, Respondent's license will be fully restored.

16 **16. Pharmacists Recovery Program (PRP)**

17 By no later than ten (10) days after the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall  
18 have completed all of the following: contacted the Pharmacists Recovery Program (PRP) for  
19 evaluation; enrolled in the PRP; completed, signed, and returned the treatment contract as well as  
20 any addendums required or suggested by the PRP; successfully completed registration for any  
21 drug or alcohol testing mandated by the treatment contract and/or by enrollment in the PRP; and  
22 begun compliance with the drug or alcohol testing protocol(s). Respondent shall successfully  
23 participate in the PRP and complete the treatment contract and any addendums required or  
24 suggested by the PRP. The costs for PRP participation shall be borne by the Respondent.

25 If Respondent is currently enrolled in the PRP, said participation is now mandatory and as  
26 of the effective date of this Decision is no longer considered a self-referral under Business and  
27 Professions Code section 4362 (a)(2). Respondent shall successfully participate in and complete  
28 her current contract and any subsequent addendums with the PRP.

1 Respondent shall pay administrative fees as invoiced by the PRP or its designee. Fees not  
2 timely paid to the PRP shall constitute a violation of probation. The Board will collect unpaid  
3 administrative fees as part of the annual probation monitoring costs if not submitted to the PRP.

4 Any of the following shall result in the automatic suspension of practice by Respondent and  
5 shall be considered a violation of probation:

6 Failure to contact, complete enrollment, and execute and return the treatment contract with  
7 the PRP, including any addendum(s), within ten (10) days of the effective date of the Decision as  
8 directed by the PRP;

9 Failure to complete registration for any drug or alcohol testing mandated by the treatment  
10 contract and/or by the PRP, and begin compliance with the testing protocol(s), within ten (10)  
11 days of the effective date of the Decision as directed by the PRP;

12 Failure to comply with testing protocols regarding daily check-in and/or failure to complete  
13 a mandated test as directed by the PRP;

14 Any report from the PRP of material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the  
15 treatment contract and/or any addendum(s); or

16 Termination by the PRP for non-compliance, failure to derive benefit, or as a public risk.

17 Respondent may not resume the practice of pharmacy until notified by the Board in writing.

18 Probation shall be automatically extended until Respondent successfully completes the  
19 PRP. The Board will provide notice of any such suspension or extension of probation.

20 During any suspension, Respondent shall not enter any pharmacy area or any portion of the  
21 licensed premises of a wholesaler, third-party logistics provider, veterinary food-animal drug  
22 retailer, or any other distributor of drugs which is licensed by the Board, or any manufacturer, or  
23 any area where dangerous drugs and/or dangerous devices or controlled substances are  
24 maintained. Respondent shall not practice as a pharmacist nor do any act involving drug  
25 selection, selection of stock, manufacturing, compounding, dispensing or patient consultation; nor  
26 shall Respondent manage, administer, or be a consultant to any licensee of the Board, or have  
27 access to or control the Ordering, distributing, manufacturing or dispensing of dangerous drugs  
28 and/or dangerous devices or controlled substances.

1 During any suspension, Respondent shall not engage in any activity that requires the  
2 professional judgment of and/or licensure as a pharmacist. Respondent shall not direct or control  
3 any aspect of the practice of pharmacy, or of the manufacturing, distributing, wholesaling, or  
4 retailing of dangerous drugs and/or dangerous devices or controlled substances.

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

7 **17. Drug and Alcohol Testing**

8 Respondent, at her own expense, shall participate in testing as directed by the Board or its  
9 designee for the detection of alcohol, controlled substances, and dangerous drugs and/or  
10 dangerous devices. Testing protocols may include biological fluid testing (urine, blood),  
11 breathalyzer, hair follicle testing, or other testing protocols as directed by the Board or its  
12 designee. All testing must be pursuant to an observed testing protocol, unless Respondent is  
13 informed otherwise in writing by the Board or its designee. Respondent may be required to  
14 participate in testing for the entire probation period and frequency of testing will be determined  
15 by the Board or its designee.

16 By no later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall  
17 have completed all of the following tasks: enrolled and registered with an approved drug and  
18 alcohol testing vendor; provided that vendor with any documentation, and any information  
19 necessary for payment by Respondent; commenced testing protocols, including all required  
20 contacts with the testing vendor to determine testing date(s); and begun testing. At all times,  
21 Respondent shall fully cooperate with the testing vendor, and with the Board or its designee, with  
22 regard to enrollment, registration, and payment for, and compliance with, testing. Any failure to  
23 cooperate timely shall be considered a violation of probation.

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

27 Prior to any vacation or other period of absence from the area where the approved testing  
28 vendor provides services, Respondent shall seek and receive approval from the Board or its

1 designee to use an alternate testing vendor to ensure testing can occur. Upon approval,  
2 Respondent shall enroll and register with the approved alternate drug testing vendor, provide to  
3 that alternate vendor any documentation required by the vendor, including any necessary payment  
4 by Respondent. During the period of absence of the area, Respondent shall commence testing  
5 protocols with the alternate vendor, including required daily contacts with the testing vendor to  
6 determine if testing is required, and required testing. Any failure to timely seek or receive  
7 approval from the Board or its designee, or to timely enroll and register with, timely commence  
8 testing protocols with, or timely undergo testing with, the alternate testing vendor, shall be  
9 considered a violation of probation.

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

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

3 During any such suspension, Respondent shall not enter any pharmacy area or any portion  
4 of the licensed premises of a wholesaler, third-party-logistics provider, veterinary food-animal  
5 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. Respondent shall not practice pharmacy nor do any act involving drug  
8 selection, selection of stock, manufacturing, compounding, dispensing or patient consultation; nor  
9 shall Respondent manage, administer, or be a consultant to any licensee of the Board, or have  
10 access to or control the ordering, distributing, manufacturing or dispensing of dangerous drugs  
11 and/or dangerous devices and controlled substances.

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

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

#### 19 **18. Notification of Departure**

20 Prior to leaving the probationary geographic area designated by the Board or its designee  
21 for a period greater than twenty-four (24) hours, Respondent shall notify the Board verbally and  
22 in writing of the dates of departure and return. Failure to comply with this provision shall be  
23 considered a violation of probation.

#### 24 **19. Abstain from Drugs and Alcohol**

25 Respondent shall completely abstain from the possession or use of alcohol, controlled  
26 substances, illicit drugs, dangerous drugs and/or dangerous devices, or their associated  
27 paraphernalia, except when possessed or used pursuant to a legitimate prescription issued as a  
28 necessary part of treatment. Respondent shall ensure that she is not in the same physical location

1 as individuals who are using illicit substances even if Respondent is not personally ingesting the  
2 drugs. Any possession or use of alcohol, dangerous drugs and/or dangerous devices or controlled  
3 substances, or their associated paraphernalia for which a legitimate prescription has not been  
4 issued as a necessary part of treatment, or any physical proximity to persons using illicit  
5 substances, shall be considered a violation of probation.

6 **20. Prescription Coordination and Monitoring of Prescription Use**

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

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1           If at any time an approved practitioner determines that Respondent is unable to practice  
2 safely or independently as a pharmacist, the practitioner shall notify the Board or its designee  
3 immediately by telephone and follow up by written letter within three (3) working days. Upon  
4 notification from the Board or its designee of this determination, Respondent shall be  
5 automatically suspended and shall not resume practice as a pharmacist until notified by the Board  
6 or its designee that practice may be resumed.

7           During any suspension, Respondent shall not enter any pharmacy area or any portion of the  
8 licensed premises of a wholesaler, third-party logistics provider, veterinary food-animal drug  
9 retailer, or any other distributor of drugs which is licensed by the Board, or any manufacturer, or  
10 any area where dangerous drugs and/or dangerous devices or controlled substances are  
11 maintained. Respondent shall not practice pharmacy nor do any act involving drug selection,  
12 selection of stock, manufacturing, compounding, dispensing or patient consultation; nor shall  
13 Respondent manage, administer, or be a consultant to any licensee of the Board, or have access to  
14 or control the ordering, distributing, manufacturing or dispensing of dangerous drugs and/or  
15 dangerous devices and controlled substances. Respondent shall not resume practice until notified  
16 by the Board.

17           During any suspension, Respondent shall not engage in any activity that requires the  
18 professional judgment and/or licensure as a pharmacist. Respondent shall not direct or control  
19 any aspect of the practice of pharmacy or of the manufacturing, distributing, wholesaling, or  
20 retailing of dangerous drugs and/or dangerous devices or controlled substances.

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

23           **21. Facilitated Group Recovery and/or Support Meetings**

24           Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall begin  
25 regular attendance at a group recovery and/or support meeting that is run by a trained facilitator  
26 approved in advance by the Board or its designee. The required frequency of group meeting  
27 attendance shall be determined by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall continue regular  
28 attendance as directed at an approved facilitated group meeting until the Board or its designee

1 advises the Respondent in writing that she may cease regular attendance. Respondent shall  
2 provide signed and dated documentation of attendance as required with each quarterly report.  
3 Failure to attend as required or to submit documentation of attendance shall be considered a  
4 violation of probation.

5 If Respondent is required to participate in the PRP, compliance with this term can be  
6 demonstrated through that program. Where Respondent is enrolled in the PRP, participation as  
7 required in a facilitated group meeting approved by the PRP shall be sufficient for satisfaction of  
8 this requirement. Any deviation from participation requirements for the PRP-approved group  
9 shall be considered a violation of probation.

10 **22. Attend Substance Abuse Recovery Relapse Prevention and Support Groups**

11 Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall begin  
12 regular attendance at a recognized and established substance abuse recovery support group in  
13 California (e.g., Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, etc.) which has been approved  
14 by the Board or its designee. Respondent must attend the number of group meetings per week or  
15 month directed by the Board or its designee, which shall typically be at least one per week.  
16 Respondent shall continue regular attendance and submit signed and dated documentation  
17 confirming attendance with each quarterly report for the duration of probation. Failure to attend  
18 or submit documentation thereof shall be considered a violation of probation.

19 Where Respondent is enrolled in the PRP, participation as required in a recovery group  
20 meeting approved by the PRP shall be sufficient for satisfaction of this requirement. Any  
21 deviation from participation requirements for the PRP-approved group shall be considered a  
22 violation of probation.

23 **23. Work Site Monitor**

24 Within ten (10) days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall identify a work  
25 site monitor, for prior approval by the Board or its designee, who shall be responsible for  
26 supervising Respondent during working hours. Respondent shall be responsible for ensuring that  
27 the work site monitor reports in writing to the Board monthly or on another schedule as directed  
28 by the Board or its designee. Should the designated work site monitor suspect at any time during

1 the probationary period that Respondent has abused alcohol or drugs, he or she shall notify the  
2 Board immediately.

3 In the event of suspected abuse, the monitor shall make at least oral notification within one  
4 (1) business day of the occurrence, and shall be followed by written notification within two (2)  
5 business days of the occurrence. If, for any reason, including change of employment, Respondent  
6 is no longer able to be monitored by the approved work site monitor, within ten (10) days  
7 Respondent shall designate a new work site monitor for approval by the Board or its designee.  
8 Failure to timely identify an acceptable initial or replacement work site monitor, or to ensure  
9 monthly reports are submitted to the Board by the monitor, shall be considered a violation of  
10 probation.

11 Within thirty (30) days of being approved by the Board or its designee, the work site  
12 monitor shall sign an affirmation that he or she has reviewed the terms and conditions of  
13 Respondent's disciplinary Order and agrees to monitor Respondent. The work site monitor shall  
14 at least:

- 15 1) Have regular face-to-face contact with Respondent in the work environment, at least  
16 once per week or with greater frequency if required by the Board or its designee;
- 17 2) Interview other staff in the office regarding Respondent's behavior, if applicable; and
- 18 3) Review Respondent's work attendance.

19 The written reports submitted to the Board or its designee by the work site monitor shall  
20 include at least the following information: Respondent's name and license number; the monitor's  
21 name, license number (if applicable) and work site location; the date(s) the monitor had face-to-  
22 face contact with Respondent; the staff interviewed, if applicable; an attendance report; notes on  
23 any changes in Respondent's behavior or personal habits; notes on any indicators that may lead to  
24 substance abuse; and the work site monitor's signature.

25 Respondent shall complete the required consent forms and sign an agreement with the work  
26 site monitor and the Board to allow the Board to communicate with the work site monitor.

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24. **No Ownership or Management of Licensed Premises**

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

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I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Lucy S. McAllister, Esq. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacist License. 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
JULIE MIAE CHOI  
*Respondent*

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

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Exhibit A**

**Accusation No. 7869**

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

13 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 7869

14 **JULIE MIAE CHOI**  
15 **23181 Cobblefield**  
**Mission Viejo, CA 92692**

**ACCUSATION**

16 **Pharmacist License No. RPH 56120**

17 Respondent.

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19 **PARTIES**

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

22 2. On or about September 3, 2004, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist License  
23 Number RPH 56120 to Julie Miae Choi (Respondent). The Pharmacist License was in full force  
24 and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on March 31, 2026,  
25 unless renewed.

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1 **JURISDICTION**

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

5 4. Section 4011 of the Code provides that the Board shall administer and enforce both  
6 the Pharmacy Law (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4000 *et seq.*) and the Uniform Controlled Substances  
7 Act (Health & Safety Code, § 11000 *et seq.*).

8 5. Section 4300, subdivision (a) of the Code states, “Every license issued may be  
9 suspended or revoked.”

10 6. Section 4300.1 of the Code states:

11 The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a board-issued license  
12 by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, the  
13 placement of a license on a retired status, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a  
14 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.

15 **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

16 7. Section 490 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that a board may suspend or  
17 revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially  
18 related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the  
19 license was issued.

20 8. Section 493 of the Code states:

21 (a) Notwithstanding any other law, in a proceeding conducted by a board within  
22 the department pursuant to law to deny an application for a license or to suspend or  
23 revoke a license or otherwise take disciplinary action against a person who holds a  
24 license, upon the ground that the applicant or the licensee has been convicted of a  
crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee  
in question, the record of conviction of the crime shall be conclusive evidence of the  
fact that the conviction occurred, but only of that fact.

25 (b) (1) Criteria for determining whether a crime is substantially related to the  
26 qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession the board regulates  
shall include all of the following:

27 (A) The nature and gravity of the offense.

28 (B) The number of years elapsed since the date of the offense.

(C) The nature and duties of the profession.

(2) A board shall not categorically bar an applicant based solely on the type of conviction without considering evidence of rehabilitation.

(c) As used in this section, “license” includes “certificate,” “permit,” “authority,” and “registration.”

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(e) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2020.

9. Section 4301 of the Code states:

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

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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.

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(l) 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 their 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.

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10. Section 4307 of the Code states:

(a) Any person who has been denied a license or whose license has been revoked or is under suspension, or who has failed to renew his or her license while it was under suspension, or who has been a manager, administrator, owner, member,

1 officer, director, associate, partner, or any other person with management or control of  
2 any partnership, corporation, trust, firm, or association whose application for a license  
3 has been denied or revoked, is under suspension or has been placed on probation, and  
4 while acting as the manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director,  
5 associate, partner, or any other person with management or control had knowledge of  
6 or knowingly participated in any conduct for which the license was denied, revoked,  
7 suspended, or placed on probation, shall be prohibited from serving as a manager,  
8 administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or in any other  
9 position with management or control of a licensee as follows:

10 (1) Where a probationary license is issued or where an existing license is  
11 placed on probation, this prohibition shall remain in effect for a period not to  
12 exceed five years.

13 (2) Where the license is denied or revoked, the prohibition shall continue  
14 until the license is issued or reinstated.

15 (b) Manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate,  
16 partner, or any other person with management or control of a license as used in this  
17 section and Section 4308, may refer to a pharmacist or to any other person who serves  
18 in such capacity in or for a licensee.

## 19 REGULATORY PROVISIONS

20 11. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1769, subdivision (c), states:

21 When considering the suspension or revocation of a facility or a personal  
22 license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, the board will  
23 consider whether the licensee made a showing of rehabilitation and is presently fit for  
24 a license, if the licensee completed the criminal sentence at issue without a violation  
25 of parole or probation. In making this determination, the board will consider the  
26 criteria in subdivisions (b)(1)(A) through (E). If the licensee has not completed the  
27 criminal sentence at issue without a violation of parole or probation or the board  
28 determines that the licensee did not make the showing of rehabilitation based on the  
criteria in subdivisions (b)(1)(A) through (E), the board will apply the following  
criteria in evaluating the licensee's rehabilitation:

(1) Nature and gravity of the act(s) or offenses.

(2) Total criminal record.

(3) The time that has elapsed since commission of the act(s) or offenses.

(4) Whether the licensee has complied with all terms of parole, probation,  
restitution or any other sanctions lawfully imposed against the licensee.

(5) The criteria in subdivisions (b)(1)(A) through (E), as applicable.

(6) Evidence, if any, of rehabilitation submitted by the licensee, including as  
provided in the board's Disciplinary Guidelines, identified in section 1760.

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

(a) For the purpose of denial, suspension, or revocation of a personal or facility

1 license pursuant to Section 141 or Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the  
2 Business and Professions Code, a crime, professional misconduct, or act shall be  
3 considered substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of the  
4 practice, profession, or occupation that may be performed under the license type  
sought or held if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of  
an applicant or licensee to perform the functions authorized by the license in a  
manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare.

5 (b) In making the substantial relationship determination required under  
subdivision (a) for a crime, the board will consider the following criteria:

6 (1) The nature and gravity of the offense;

7 (2) The number of years elapsed since the date of the offense; and

8 (3) The nature and duties of the practice, profession, or occupation that may  
9 be performed under the license type sought or held.

10 (c) For purposes of subdivision (a), substantially related crimes, professional  
misconduct, or acts shall include, but are not limited to, those which:

11 (1) Violate or attempt to violate, directly or indirectly, or to aid, abet or  
12 conspire to violate, any provision of law of this state, or any other jurisdiction,  
governing the practice of pharmacy.

13 (2) Violate or attempt to violate, directly or indirectly, or to aid, abet or  
14 conspire to violate, any provision of Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 801 ) of  
Title 21 of the United States Code regulating controlled substances or any law of this  
15 state, or any other jurisdiction, relating to controlled substances or dangerous drugs.

16 (3) Violate or attempt to violate, directly or indirectly, or to aid, abet or  
17 conspire to violate, any provision of law of this state, or any other jurisdiction,  
relating to government provided or government supported healthcare.

18 (4) Involve dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption related to money, items,  
documents, or personal information.

19 (5) Involve a conviction for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

### 20 **COST RECOVERY**

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

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1 FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

2 **(March 11, 2024 Conviction for Driving Under the Influence on May 6, 2023)**

3 14. Respondent subjected her pharmacist license to disciplinary action under Code  
4 sections 490 and 4301, subdivision (l), in that Respondent was convicted of a crime substantially  
5 related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a pharmacist. The circumstances are as  
6 follows:

7 a. On March 11, 2024, in the criminal proceeding entitled *People of the State of*  
8 *California v. Julie Miae Choi*, Orange County Superior Court Case Number 23HM04471,  
9 Respondent was convicted on her plea of guilty of violation of Vehicle Code sections 23152,  
10 subdivision (a), driving under the influence of alcohol and 23152, subdivision (b), driving with a  
11 blood alcohol content of .08 percent or more, both misdemeanors. The Court found Respondent’s  
12 blood alcohol content was .23%.

13 b. The circumstances that led to conviction are that on or about May 6, 2023, at  
14 approximately 10:04 p.m., an officer with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) responded to a  
15 report of a possible impaired driver. The driver, later identified as Respondent, was observed  
16 driving at slow speeds, weaving her vehicle in and out of the lane, and striking her vehicle’s left  
17 side tires against a raised concrete curb of a center median several times. At one point,  
18 Respondent remained stopped for a long period of time at a green light. Respondent was  
19 eventually pulled over by CHP. Upon contact, the officer could smell the odor of an alcoholic  
20 beverage within the vehicle. Respondent was also displaying signs and symptoms of intoxication  
21 including slurred speech and red/watery eyes. She also covered her mouth with her hand while  
22 speaking to the officer. When questioned, she stated that she was coming from dinner. When  
23 asked how much alcohol she had consumed, Respondent stated, “Uh, not too much.” Respondent  
24 admitted to consuming one “Jeremiah Red” while at the restaurant between 6 and 7 p.m.

25 c. As part of the DUI investigation, the CHP officer had Respondent perform a series of  
26 field sobriety tests. Respondent performed poorly on field sobriety tests and was placed under  
27 arrest. Respondent agreed to participate in a chemical breath test; however, the officer was unable  
28 to obtain sufficient samples despite several attempts. Respondent was then transported to the

1 Orange County Jail where she submitted to a chemical blood test. A blood sample was obtained  
2 at 11:50 p.m., which produced results of .237% and .233%.

3 d. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to three (3) years probation  
4 under terms and conditions, including completing a 6-month First Offender Alcohol Program,  
5 completing the Victim Impact Counseling (MADD), and paying fines and fees.

6 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

7 **(Dangerous Use of Alcohol)**

8 15. Respondent subjected her pharmacist license to disciplinary action under section  
9 4301, subdivision (h), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that on May 6, 2023,  
10 Respondent used alcoholic beverages to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to  
11 herself, any person, or the public. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the  
12 allegations set forth above in paragraph 14, as though fully set forth herein.

13 **OTHER MATTERS**

14 16. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if discipline is imposed in the Accusation against  
15 Pharmacist License Number RPH 56120 issued to Julie Miae Choi, then Julie Miae Choi shall be  
16 prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate,  
17 or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacist License Number RPH 56120 is placed on  
18 probation or until Pharmacist License Number RPH 56120 is reinstated if it is revoked.

19 **DISCIPLINARY CONSIDERATION**

20 17. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent,  
21 Complainant further alleges the following: Respondent was previously convicted of a wet  
22 reckless on May 12, 1995. As a result, she was granted probation for a period of three years.

23 **PRAYER**

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

- 26 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacist License Number RPH 56120, issued to Julie  
27 Miae Choi;
- 28 2. Prohibiting Julie Miae Choi from serving as a manager, administrator, owner,

1 member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee for five years if Pharmacist License  
2 Number RPH 56120 is placed on probation or until Pharmacist License Number RPH 56120 is  
3 reinstated if Pharmacist License Number RPH 56120 issued to Julie Miae Choi is revoked;

4 3. Ordering Julie Miae Choi to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the  
5 investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section  
6 125.3; and, if placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring; and,

7 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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DATED: 7/28/2024

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