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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 Statement of Issues
Against:

Case No. 8092

14 **ANALI CASTRO LIZARDE**

STATEMENT OF ISSUES

15 **Pharmacy Technician License Applicant**

16 Respondent.
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19 **PARTIES**

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

23 2. On or about January 2, 2025, the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer
24 Affairs, received an application for a Pharmacy Technician License from Anali Castro Lizarde
25 (Respondent). On or about December 22, 2024, Anali Castro Lizarde certified under penalty of
26 perjury to the truthfulness of all statements, answers, and representations in the application. The
27 Board denied the application on July 17, 2025.

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JURISDICTION

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

4. Section 4300(c) of the Code states, in pertinent part, the board may refuse a license to any applicant guilty of unprofessional conduct.

5. Code section 4307 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(a) Any person who has been denied a license or whose license has been revoked or is under suspension, or who has failed to renew his or her license while it was under suspension, or who has been a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or any other person with management or control of any partnership, corporation, trust, firm, or association whose application for a license has been denied or revoked, is under suspension or has been placed on probation, and while acting as the manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or any other person with management or control had knowledge of or knowingly participated in any conduct for which the license was denied, revoked, suspended, or placed on probation, shall be prohibited from serving as a manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, partner, or in any other position with management or control of a licensee as follows:

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

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

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

6. Section 480 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, a board may deny a license regulated by this code on the grounds that the applicant has been convicted of a crime or has been subject to formal discipline only if either of the following conditions are met:

(1) The applicant has been convicted of a crime within the preceding seven years from the date of application that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the application is made, regardless of whether the applicant was incarcerated for that crime, or the applicant has been convicted of a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the application is made and for which the applicant is presently incarcerated or for which the applicant was released from incarceration within the preceding seven years from the date of application. However, the preceding seven-year limitation shall not apply in either of

the following situations:

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REGULATORY PROVISIONS

7. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770 states in relevant part:

(a) For the purpose of denial, suspension, or revocation of a personal or facility license pursuant to Section 141 or Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime, professional misconduct, or act shall be considered substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of the 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.

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

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

FIRST CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

(July 22, 2021 Criminal Conviction - DUI)

8. Respondent's application is subject to denial under Code section 480(a)(1), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 1770(a) and (c)(5), in that on or about July 22, 2021, in a criminal proceeding titled *The People of the State of California vs. Anali Lizarde*, in Superior Court of California, County of Imperial, Case No. ECM007696, Respondent pled no contest and was convicted of violating Vehicle Code section 23152(b) (driving under the influence alcohol/0.08% or more), a misdemeanor. Respondent was placed on formal probation for five years with terms and conditions including participating in a non-residential mental health treatment, participating in a non-residential alcohol/drug counseling/education program, submit to chemical testing, abstaining from possessing or using alcoholic beverages including within her home, participating in Alcoholics Anonymous for a minimum of two meetings per week, enrolling in the First Offenders class, participating in an aftercare behavior health counseling program, enrolling in the Transitional Engagement Supportive Services program including assessments, and ordered to pay fines and fees.

1 The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about May 6, 2020, at
2 approximately 7:35 p.m., a California Highway Patrol (CHP) officer was dispatched to the scene
3 of a collision. Upon arrival, the officer observed a vehicle in a dirt field approximately 40 feet
4 from the roadway. The officer also observed a female, later identified as Respondent, sitting in
5 the right front seat of another vehicle being tended to by medical personnel. After medical
6 personnel determined that Respondent had no injuries, the officer contacted Respondent and
7 noticed that she appeared lethargic, and her speech was mumbled. Even though Respondent had
8 a mask on, the officer could still smell a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage from her breath and
9 person. When Respondent stood, the officer noticed that her gait was unsteady. Respondent was
10 unable to explain what had happened, and although she initially admitted to driving the vehicle,
11 she subsequently changed her statement and claimed that someone else drove but ran away.
12 Another CHP officer checked the dirt around Respondent's vehicle but did not notice any
13 footprints walking away from the vehicle. Respondent refused to perform any Field Sobriety
14 Tests, and the officer placed Respondent under arrest after forming an opinion that Respondent
15 was driving under the influence. Respondent submitted to a chemical breath test, which revealed
16 a blood alcohol content of 0.24% at 8:11 p.m. and 8:17 p.m.

17 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

18 **(July 22, 2021 Criminal Conviction – Obstructing/Resisting Police Officer)**

19 9. Respondent's application is subject to denial under Code section 480(a)(1), in
20 conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1770(a), in that on or about July
21 22, 2021, in a criminal proceeding titled *The People of the State of California vs. Anali Lizarde*,
22 in Superior Court of California, County of Imperial, Case No. JCF004253, Respondent pled no
23 contest and was convicted of violating Penal Code section 148(a)(1) (obstructing/resisting a
24 public officer), a misdemeanor. Respondent was sentenced to eight days in county jail and placed
25 on summary probation for one year with terms and conditions including paying fines.

26 The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about March 12, 2021, at
27 approximately 5:49 p.m., officers from the City of Imperial Police Department were dispatched to
28 a residence in response to a call from a person who identified herself as Respondent's relative.

1 The caller requested a welfare check on Respondent, who had just returned from work but
2 appeared intoxicated. The officers found Respondent in her bedroom seemingly alert, although
3 her room smelled of a strong odor of alcohol, and they observed that Respondent had red glossy
4 eyes and stumbled when she got out of her bed. When the officers asked Respondent whether she
5 needed medical assistance, Respondent replied that she did not. Respondent became irate when
6 the officers continued to question her, and told the officers, "Get the f--- out of my room!" The
7 officers determined that Respondent was able to care for herself and left the residence. At
8 approximately 6:27 p.m., the officers were dispatched to return to the residence at the request of
9 Respondent's relative, who was concerned that Respondent was attempting to drive while
10 intoxicated and might hit and kill someone while driving. Respondent's relative, who was
11 elderly, requested police assistance because she was unable to take the car keys away from
12 Respondent. Upon arriving at the residence, an officer observed a tussle between Respondent and
13 her relative who was attempting to retrieve the car keys from Respondent's purse. The officer,
14 worried that Respondent might batter her relative, grabbed the purse from Respondent, at which
15 point the keys fell out and was retrieved by Respondent's relative. Respondent proceeded to push
16 and strike the officer on his arms and chest area for approximately seven times until the officer
17 performed a take-down of Respondent on the carpet. While on the floor, Respondent continued
18 striking the officer despite his orders for her to stop, and twice said to him, "You piece of s---!"
19 Respondent continued being combative and striking the officer as he attempted to place her under
20 arrest, at one point clawing the officer's left hand with her sharp fingernails which left scratch
21 marks. Another officer arrived on scene and assisted the first officer in placing Respondent in
22 handcuffs. When the officers escorted Respondent to a patrol vehicle, Respondent threw herself
23 on the ground, and resisted sitting in the vehicle even after officers secured a seatbelt on her.
24 When an officer informed Respondent's relative that he was taking Respondent to jail, the
25 relative told the officer that she was feeling unwell and had shortness of breath, but refused
26 medical assistance from the officer because her husband would be taking her to get medical
27 attention. The relative told the officer that she was 70 years old, and her husband stated that he
28 was 76 years old. The husband told the officer that Respondent had previously hit an officer after

1 getting stopped on the road but did not face any consequences. The officer then issued the two
2 relatives an emergency protective order, effective for seven days, that prohibited Respondent
3 from being within 100 yards of them.

4 **OTHER MATTERS**

5 10. Pursuant to Code section 4307, if Anali Castro Lizarde's application for a Pharmacy
6 Technician License is denied, then Anali Castro Lizarde shall be prohibited from serving as a
7 manager, administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee until
8 the license is issued. If a probationary license is issued to Anali Castro Lizarde, then this
9 prohibition shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed five years.

10 **PRAYER**

11 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters alleged in this
12 Statement of Issues, and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:

- 13 1. Denying the application of Anali Castro Lizarde for a Pharmacy Technician License;
14 2. Ordering that if Anali Castro Lizarde's application for a Pharmacy Technician
15 License is denied, then Anali Castro Lizarde shall be prohibited from serving as a manager,
16 administrator, owner, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of a licensee until the license
17 is issued; and if a probationary license is issued to Anali Castro Lizarde, then this prohibition
18 shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed five years.

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

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