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**California State Board of Pharmacy  
 Department of Consumer Affairs  
 Disciplinary Petition Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** May 8, 2024

**Location:** OBSERVATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON:  
 California State Board of Pharmacy  
 2720 Gateway Oaks Drive,  
 First Floor Hearing Room  
 Sacramento, CA 95833

Board of Pharmacy staff members were present at the observation and public comment location.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND COMMENT FROM A REMOTE LOCATION: WebEx

**Committee Members Present:**

Jason Weisz, Public Member, Chairperson  
 Jessi Crowley, PharmD, Licensee Member  
 Kartikeya "KK" Jha, RPh, Licensee Member  
 Satinder Sandhu, PharmD, Licensee Member  
 Nicole Thibeau, PharmD, Licensee Member

**Committee Members Not Present:**

Indira Cameron-Banks, Public Member

**Staff Present:**

Anne Sodergren, Executive Officer  
 Shelley Ganaway, DCA Staff Counsel  
 Debbie Damoth, Executive Specialist Manager

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

Chairperson Weisz called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Weisz reminded all individuals present that the Board is a consumer protection agency charged with administering and enforcing Pharmacy Law. Where protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount. Mr. Weisz advised all individuals the meeting was being conducted via WebEx. Department of Consumer Affairs' staff provided general instructions for participating in the meeting via WebEx or phone.

Roll call was taken. The following Committee members were present via WebEx: Jessi Crowley, Licensee Member; KK Jha, Licensee Member; Satinder Sandhu, Licensee Member; Nicole Thibeau, Licensee Member; and Jason Weisz, Public Member. A quorum was established.

Mr. Weisz reminded Committee members participating via WebEx to remain visible on camera throughout the open portion of the meeting. If members needed to temporarily turn off cameras due to challenges with internet connectivity, members were reminded to announce the reason for their nonappearance when the camera was turned off.

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

Members of the public were provided with an opportunity to provide comment for items not on the agenda or agenda items for a future meeting.

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to comment in Sacramento; however, there were no members of the public attending at the Sacramento location.

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to comment through WebEx.

A pharmacist representative from Kaiser Permanente requested the Board to agendaize a policy discussion related to pharmacists' corresponding responsibility and potential for tension between corresponding responsibility statute Health and Safety Code section 11135 and the prohibition on obstructing an individual from filling a prescription in Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 733. The pharmacist representative recognized that the facts and circumstances of each instance in which the pharmacist exercises their corresponding responsibility would vary. The representative believed that the regulated public would benefit from a policy statement from the Board addressing best practices for establishing and documenting that a prescription is contrary to law as described

in BPC 733 when a pharmacist elects to exercise their corresponding responsibility and refusing to fill a prescription.

Members were provided an opportunity to comment. Member Thibeau agreed with the commenter and asked to have this added to a future agenda. Ms. Sodergren indicated she would bring the issue to the Board President to get a recommendation on which Committee this should be brought to for discussion.

### **III. Petitions for Reinstatement of Licensure, Early Termination of Probation, or Other Modification of Penalty**

Administrative Law Judge Timothy Aspinwall presided over the hearings.

a. Karen G. Khachatryan, RPH 57500

The Committee took a break from 10:19 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Roll call was taken. The following Committee members were present via WebEx: Jessi Crowley, Licensee Member; KK Jha, Licensee Member; Satinder Sandhu, Licensee Member; Nicole Thibeau, Licensee Member; and Jason Weisz, Public Member. A quorum was established.

b. Peter Nnamdi Onwumere, RPH 53590

The Committee took a break from 11:23 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Roll call was taken. The following Committee members were present via WebEx: Jessi Crowley, Licensee Member; KK Jha, Licensee Member; Satinder Sandhu, Licensee Member; Nicole Thibeau, Licensee Member; and Jason Weisz, Public Member. A quorum was established.

c. Key Drug Company, PHY 51127

d. James Sungjin Pai, RPH 54731

The Committee took a lunch break from approximately 12:08 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. Roll call was taken. The following Committee members were present via WebEx: Jessi Crowley, Licensee Member; KK Jha, Licensee Member; Satinder Sandhu, Licensee Member; Nicole Thibeau, Licensee Member; and Jason Weisz, Public Member. A quorum was established.

e. Amer L. Naik, INT 35312

### **IV. Closed Session**

Open session concluded at approximately 1:40 p.m. The Committee entered closed session at approximately 2:00 p.m. and ended closed session at 2:40 p.m.

**V. Reconvene in Open Session to Adjourn for the Day**

The Committee reconvened into open session and adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:40 p.m.