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

**Date:** May 19, 2026

**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:**

Renee Barker, PharmD, Licensee Member, Chair  
 Claudia Mercado, Public Member  
 Jason "Jay" Newell, Public Member  
 Maria Serpa, PharmD, Licensee Member  
 Nicole Thibeau, PharmD, Licensee Member

**Committee Members Not Present:**

Jeff Hughes, Public Member

**Staff Present:**

Anne Sodergren, Executive Officer  
 Julie Ansel, Deputy Executive Officer  
 Corinne Gartner, DCA Staff Counsel  
 Shelley Ganaway, DCA Staff Counsel (via Webex)  
 Julie McFall, Executive Specialist Manager

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

Chairperson Barker called the meeting to order at approximately 9:02 a.m.

Dr. Barker 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. Dr. Barker 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: Claudia Mercado, Public Member; Jason "Jay" Newell, Public Member; Maria Serpa, PharmD, Licensee Member; Nicole Thibeau, PharmD, Licensee Member; and Renee Barker, PharmD, Licensee Member. A quorum was established.

Dr. Barker 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; however, there were no public comments made.

A Committee member requested that an agenda item be added to a future Board meeting to discuss patients seeking gender affirming health care being turned away at pharmacies.

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

Member Newell left the meeting at 9:09 a.m. and returned at 9:11 a.m.

A court reporter was present via Webex. Legal counsel confirmed that all petitioners signed an agreement to electronic recording of hearing; therefore, the court reporter was released at 9:15 a.m.

Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Patrice Huber presided over the following hearings:

- a. Stacy Smoler, RPH 79098
- b. Lola Bae, RPH 83345

The Committee took a break from 10:52 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Roll call was taken. The following Committee members were present via Webex: Claudia Mercado, Public Member; Jason “Jay” Newell, Public Member; Maria Serpa, PharmD, Licensee Member; Nicole Thibeau, PharmD, Licensee Member; and Renee Barker, PharmD, Licensee Member. A quorum was established.

The Committee next heard the following petitions, with ALJ Huber presiding:

- c. Jaime Bautista, RPH 53890
- d. Purva Patel, RPH 65038

#### **IV. Closed Session**

Open session concluded at approximately 12:05 p.m. The Committee entered closed session at approximately 12:20 p.m. and ended closed session at approximately 1:15 p.m.

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

The Committee reconvened into open session and adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:16 p.m.