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BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY

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Board of Registration)		- 1
in Pharmacy,) Petitioner,)		
v.)	Docket No	. PHA-2018-0023
Chester Nyaaba Awuni PT Registration No. PT13764		
Registration Expires 11/17/19,)		- 8
Respondent)		

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER BY DEFAULT

On January 11, 2019, the Board of Registration in Pharmacy (Board) issued and duly served on Chester Nyaaba Awuni (Respondent) an Order to Show Cause (Show Cause Order)¹ related to a complaint filed regarding Respondent's registration. In addition to stating the allegations against Respondent, the Show Cause Order notified Respondent that an Answer to the Show Cause Order (Answer) was to be submitted within 21 days of receipt of the Show Cause Order². The Show Cause Order also notified Respondent of the right to request a hearing on the allegations³, and that any hearing request (Request for Hearing) was to be submitted within 21 days of receipt of the Show Cause Order.⁴ Respondent was further notified that failure to submit an Answer within 21 days "shall result in the entry of default in the captioned matter" and, if defaulted, "the Board may enter a Final Decision and Order that assumes the truth of the allegations in

¹ Pursuant to 801 CMR 1.01(6)(a).

² In accordance with 801 CMR 1.01(6)(d)(2).

³ Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, s. 61.

⁴ Respondent was also notified that failure to timely submit a Request for Hearing would constitute a waiver of the right to a hearing.

the [Show Cause Order] and may revoke, suspend, or take other disciplinary action against [Respondent's] registration...including any right to renew [Respondent's] registration." A copy of the Show Cause Order is attached to this Final Decision and Order by Default and is incorporated herein by reference.

On February 13, 2019, Prosecuting Counsel sent notice to Respondent to file an Answer and a Request for Hearing by February 22, 2019. The notice again advised Respondent that if defaulted, the Board might enter a Final Decision and Order that assumes the truth of the allegations stated in the Show Cause Order and impose registration discipline, including discipline on any right to renew.

As of the date of this Final Decision and Order by Default, Respondent has failed to file an Answer or Request for Hearing.

The Board has afforded Respondent an opportunity for a full and fair hearing on the allegations in the Show Cause Order as required by Massachusetts General Laws (G.L.) c. 30A, s. 10, and sufficient notice of the issues involved to afford Respondent reasonable opportunity to prepare and present evidence and argument as required by G.L. c. 30A, s. 11(1). The Board has also notified Respondent of the obligation under 801 CMR 1.01(6)(d) to file an Answer to the Show Cause Order within 21 days of its receipt and of the consequences of failing to file an Answer or otherwise respond.

As authorized by M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 10(2), the Board may make informal disposition of any adjudicatory proceeding by default. Upon default, the allegations of the complaint against Respondent are accepted as true. *Danca Corp. v. Raytheon Co.*, 28 Mass. App. Ct. 942, 943 (1990).

Based on the foregoing, the Board enters a default in the above-captioned matter and, consequently, the allegations in the Show Cause Order are deemed to be true and Respondent has waived the right to be heard. In accordance with the Board's authority and statutory mandate, the Board orders as follows:

ORDER

On March 7, 2019, in accordance with the Board's authority and statutory mandate, the Board voted to issue this Final Decision and Order by Default and **REVOKE** Respondent's pharmacy technician license, PT13764, effective ten days from the Date Issued, by the following vote:

In favor:

Susan Cornacchio; Patrick Gannon; Leah Giambarresi; Michael

Godek; Sebastian Hamilton; Stephanie Hernandez; Carly Jean-

Francois; Julie Lanza; Dawn Perry; Andrew Stein; Kim Tanzer

Opposed:

None

Abstained:

None

Recused:

None

Absent:

Timothy Fensky

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDER

The Final Decision and Order by Default shall be effective 10 days from the Date Issued.

RIGHT TO APPEAL

Respondent is hereby notified of the right to appeal this Final Decision and Order to the Supreme Judicial Court, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 64 and M.G.L. c. 30A, §§ 14 and 15, within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice of this Final Decision and Order by Default.

BOARD OF REGISTRATION

IN PHARMACY

David Sencabaugh, R. Ph

Executive Director

Date Issued:

3/25/19

Notice to:

BY FIRST CLASS & CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7017 2620 0000 0142 2055, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Chester Nyaaba Awuni 160 South Street, Apartment 1 Randolph, MA 02368

BY FIRST CLASS & CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7017 2620 0000 0142 2505, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Francis M. Dolan, Jr. Doran and Doran, P.C. 20 Main Street Natick, MA 01760

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