

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK COUNTY

BOARD OF REGISTRATION
IN PHARMACY

In the Matter of)
Jeannine Mee Alicea)
Registration No. PT17032)

Docket No. PHA-2016-0018

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER BY DEFAULT

On November 8, 2016, the Board of Registration in Pharmacy (Board) issued and duly served on Jeannine Mee Alicea (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 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.

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.

On December 2, 2016, Prosecuting Counsel sent notice to Respondent to file an Answer and a Request for Hearing by December 12, 2016. 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 January 5, 2017, 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, PT Registration PT17032, effective ten days from the Date Issued, by the following vote:

In favor: Catherine Basile; Philippe Bouvier; Susan Cornacchio;
Timothy Fensky; Patrick Gannon; Michael Godek;
Andrew Stein; Edmund Taglieri; Richard Tinsley
Opposed: None
Abstained: None
Recused: Garrett Cavanaugh
Absent: Karen Conley; William Cox; Ali Raja

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

Jeannine Mee Alicea
PT17302
PHA-2016-0018

Date Issued: 1/11/2017

Notice to:

BY FIRST CLASS MAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Jeannine Mee Alicea

[redacted]

Jeannine Mee Alicea

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BY HAND

Eugene Langner
Office of Prosecutions
Department of Public Health
Division of Health Professions Licensure
239 Causeway Street
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BOARD OF REGISTRATION
IN PHARMACY

In the Matter of)
Jeannine Mee Alicea)
Registration No. PT17032)
Registration Expired 3/7/16)

Docket No. PHA-2016-0018

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Jeannine Mee Alicea, you are hereby ordered to appear and show cause why the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy (Board) should not suspend, revoke or otherwise take action against your registration to practice as a pharmacy technician in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Registration No. 17032, or your right to renew such registration, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws (G.L.) chapter 112, § 61 and Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR), Title 247, §§ 9.01 and 10.03, based upon the following facts and allegations:

Factual Allegations

1. On or about August 9, 2013, the Board issued to you a registration to practice as a pharmacy technician in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Registration No. 17032. Your registration expired on March 7, 2016 and has not been renewed to date.
2. Between or about November 13, 2015, and December 21, 2015, while you were employed as a pharmacy technician at Rite Aid # 10061, (Rite Aid) Rite Aid experienced the loss of controlled substances, including, but not limited to, the following
 - a. thirty-eight (37) 4.2-0.7 mg films of Bunavail, a Schedule III Controlled Substance; and
 - b. ninety-five (95) 6.3-1 mg films of Bunavail.
3. On or about February 5, 2016, you were recorded by a Rite Aid surveillance camera removing a tablet from a pill counter tray and placing the tablet in a drawer, from which you later retrieved the pill.
4. On or about February 10, 2016, you were confronted by Rite Aid's Asset Protection District Manager (APDM) regarding the losses of controlled substances described in Paragraphs 2 and 3 above.

5. When confronted as described in the preceding paragraph, you acknowledged in writing that you had diverted an unspecified number of tablets of Suboxone and buprenorphine, and Suboxone films, all Schedule III Controlled Substances.
6. On or about February 17, 2016, in connection with the matters referenced in Paragraphs 2 through 5 above, your employment at Rite Aid was terminated.
7. On or about March 21, 2016, in connection with the matters referenced in Paragraphs 2 through 6 above, you were arraigned in Springfield District Court Docket No. [REDACTED] on one (1) count of larceny of property exceeding two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) in value, in violation of G.L. c. 266, § 30(1).

Legal Basis for Discipline

- A. Your conduct as alleged in Paragraphs 2 through 7 above, and any other evidence that may be adduced at hearing, warrant disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacy technician pursuant to G.L. c. 112, § 42A for violation of the rules and regulations established by the Board.
- B. Your conduct as alleged in Paragraphs 2 through 7 above, and any other evidence that may be adduced at hearing, warrant disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacy technician pursuant to G.L. c. 112, § 61 for being guilty of deceit, malpractice, gross misconduct in the practice of the profession, or of any offense against the laws of the Commonwealth relating thereto.
- C. Your conduct as alleged in Paragraphs 2 through 7 above, and any other evidence that may be adduced at hearing, warrant disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacy technician pursuant to 247 CMR 9.01(1) for failing to conduct professional activities in conformity with federal, state and municipal laws, ordinances and/or regulations, including the regulations of the Board.
- D. Your conduct as alleged in Paragraphs 2 through 7 above, and any other evidence that may be adduced at hearing, warrant disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacy technician pursuant to 247 CMR 9.01(2) for dispensing drugs in a manner which is intended, either directly or indirectly, to circumvent the law.
- E. Your conduct as alleged in Paragraphs 2 through 7 above, and any other evidence that may be adduced at hearing, warrant disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacy technician pursuant to 247 CMR 9.01(6) for engaging in any fraudulent or deceptive act.

- F. Your conduct as alleged in Paragraphs 2 through 7 above, and any other evidence that may be adduced at hearing, warrant disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacy technician pursuant to 247 CMR 10.03(1)(a) for violating any of the duties and standards set out in Board regulations, 247 CMR 2.00 *et seq.*, or any rule or written policy adopted by the Board.
- G. Your conduct as alleged in Paragraphs 2 through 7 above, and any other evidence that may be adduced at hearing, warrant disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacy technician pursuant to 247 CMR 10.03(1)(b) for violating any provision of G.L. c. 112, §§ 24 through 42A or any provision of state or federal statutes or rules or regulations promulgated thereunder related to the practice of the profession.
- H. Your conduct as alleged in Paragraphs 2 through 7 above, and any other evidence that may be adduced at hearing, warrant disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacy technician pursuant to 247 CMR 10.03(1)(e) for engaging in misconduct in the practice of the profession.
- I. Your conduct as alleged in Paragraphs 2 through 7 above, and any other evidence that may be adduced at hearing, warrant disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacy technician pursuant to 247 CMR 10.03(1)(f) for engaging in conduct beyond the authorized scope of a pharmacy technician.
- J. Your conduct as alleged in Paragraphs 2 through 7 above, and any other evidence that may be adduced at hearing, warrant disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacy technician pursuant to 247 CMR 10.03(1)(h) for engaging in abuse or illegal use of prescription drugs or controlled substances.
- K. Your conduct as alleged in Paragraphs 2 through 7 above, and any other evidence that may be adduced at hearing, warrant disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacy technician pursuant to 247 CMR 10.03(1)(k) for engaging in conduct that has the capacity or potential to place the public health, safety or welfare at risk.
- L. Your conduct as alleged in Paragraphs 2 through 7 above, and any other evidence that may be adduced at hearing, warrant disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacy technician pursuant to 247 CMR 10.03(1)(l) for engaging in conduct that has the capacity or potential to deceive or defraud.
- M. Your conduct as alleged in Paragraphs 2 through 7 above, and any other evidence that may be adduced at hearing, warrant disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacy technician pursuant to 247 CMR

10.03(1)(r) for engaging in conduct that demonstrates a lack of good moral character.

- N. Your conduct as alleged in Paragraphs 2 through 7 above, and any other evidence that may be adduced at hearing, warrant disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacy technician pursuant to 247 CMR 10.03(1)(u) for engaging in conduct which undermines public confidence in the integrity of the profession.
- O. Your conduct as alleged in Paragraphs 2 through 7 above, and any other evidence that may be adduced at hearing, warrant disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacy technician pursuant to 247 CMR 10.03(1)(w) for failing to comply with recognized ethical standards of the profession, including, but not limited to, the standards of practice for pharmacists, pharmacy interns, pharmacies and pharmacy departments set forth in 247 CMR 9.01: *Code of Conduct for Registered Pharmacists, Pharmacies and Pharmacy Departments*.
- P. Your conduct as alleged in Paragraphs 2 through 7 above, and any other evidence that may be adduced at hearing, also constitute unprofessional conduct and conduct which undermines public confidence in the integrity of the profession. *Sugarman v. Board of Registration in Medicine*, 422 Mass. 338, 342 (1996); see also, *Kvitka v. Board of Registration in Medicine*, 407 Mass. 140, cert. denied, 498 U.S. 823 (1990); *Raymond v. Board of Registration in Medicine*, 387 Mass. 708, 713 (1982).

You have a right to an adjudicatory hearing (hearing) on the allegations contained in the Order to Show Cause before the Board determines whether to suspend, revoke, or impose other discipline against your registration. G.L. c. 112, § 61. Your right to a hearing may be claimed by submitting a written request for a hearing *within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of this Order to Show Cause*. You must also submit an Answer to this Order to Show Cause in accordance with 801 CMR 1.01(6)(d) *within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of this Order to Show Cause*. The Board will give you prior written notice of the time and place of the hearing following receipt of a written request for a hearing.

Hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the State Administrative Procedure Act, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 10 and 11, and the Standard Adjudicatory Rules of Practice and Procedure, 801 CMR 1.01 and 1.03, under which you are granted certain rights including, but not limited to, the rights: to a hearing; to secure legal counsel or another representative to represent your interests; to call and examine witnesses; to cross-examine witnesses who testify against you; to testify on your own behalf; to introduce evidence; and to make arguments in support of your position.

The Board will make an audio recording of any hearing conducted in the captioned matter. In the event that you wish to appeal a final decision of the Board, it is incumbent on you to supply a reviewing court with a "proper record" of the proceeding, which may include a written transcript. *New Bedford Gas and Light Co. v. Board of Assessors of Dartmouth*, 368 Mass. 745, 749-750 (1975). Upon request, the Board will make available a copy of the audio recording of the proceeding at your own expense. Pursuant to 801 CMR 1.01(10)(i)(1), upon motion, you "may be allowed to provide a public stenographer to transcribe the proceedings at [your] own expense upon terms ordered by the Presiding Officer." Those terms may include a requirement that any copy of the transcript produced must be sent immediately upon completion, and on an ongoing basis, directly to the Presiding Officer by the stenographer or transcription service. The transcript will be made available to the Prosecutor representing the Board. Please note that the administrative record of the proceedings, including, but not limited to, the written transcript of the hearing, is a public record and subject to the provisions of G.L. c. 4, § 7 and G.L. c. 66, § 10.

Your failure to submit a written request for a hearing within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of this Order to Show Cause *shall constitute a waiver of the right to a hearing* on the allegations herein and on any Board disciplinary action. Your failure to submit an Answer to the Order to Show Cause within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of the Order to Show Cause *shall result in the entry of default* in the captioned matter.

Notwithstanding the earlier filing of an Answer and/or request for a hearing, your failure to respond to notices or correspondence, your failure to appear for any scheduled status conference, pre-hearing conference or hearing dates, or your failure to otherwise defend this action shall result in the entry of default.

If you are defaulted, the Board may enter a Final Decision and Order that assumes the truth of the allegations in this Order to Show Cause, and may revoke, suspend, or take other disciplinary action against your registration to practice as a pharmacy technician in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including any right to renew your registration.

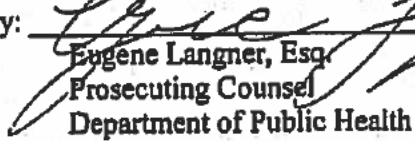
Your Answer to the Order to Show Cause and your written request for a hearing must be filed with Eugene Langner, Prosecuting Counsel, at the following address:

Eugene Langner, Esq.
Prosecuting Counsel
Department of Public Health
Office of the General Counsel, 5th Floor
239 Causeway Street
Boston, MA 02114

You or your representative may examine Board records relative to this case prior to the date of the hearing during regular business hours at the office of the Prosecuting

Counsel. If you elect to undertake such an examination, then please contact Prosecuting Counsel in advance at (617) 973-0838 to schedule a time that is mutually convenient.

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY
Edmund J. Taglieri, R.Ph., MSM, NHA, President

By: 
Eugene Langner, Esq.
Prosecuting Counsel
Department of Public Health

Date: November 8, 2016

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Order to Show Cause was served upon the Respondent:

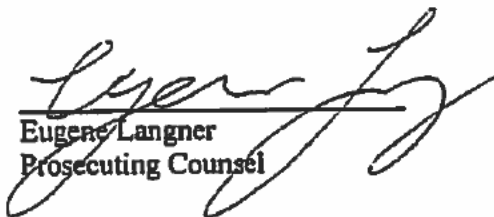
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This ^{1st} day of November, 2016.


Eugene Langner
Prosecuting Counsel