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May 12, 2017

<u>VIA FIRST CLASS & CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7015 1660 0001 1911 0960, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

Rachel Alicia Mullin

RE:

In the Matter of Rachel Alicia Mullin, Docket No. PHA-2014-0232

License No. PH234514

Dear Ms. Mullin:

Please find enclosed the **Final Decision and Order by Default** issued by the Board of Registration in Pharmacy on May 12, 2017 and effective **May 22, 2017**. This constitutes full and final disposition of the above-referenced complaint, as well as the final agency action of the Board. Your appeal rights are noted on page 3.

Please note that as of the effective date, your license status will change to **Revoked**. It will remain in **revocation** status until the Board notifies you of a change in license status in accordance with the terms of the order.

Please direct all questions, correspondence and documentation relating to licensure reinstatement to the attention of Lisa Ferguson at the address above. You may also contact Ms. Ferguson at (617) 973 - 0950.

You may contact Heather Engman, Esq., Board Counsel at (617) 973 – 0950 with any questions that you may have concerning this matter.

Sincerely

David A. Sencabaugh, R. Ph.

Executive Director,

Board of Registration in Pharmacy

Encl.

cc: Eugene Langner, Esq., Prosecuting Counsel Jason Barshak, Esq., Chief Administrative Magistrate

SUFFOLK COUNTY		BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY
In the Matter of Rachel Alicia Mullin PH234514)	PHA-2014-0232

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER BY DEFAULT

On September 1, 2016, the Board of Registration in Pharmacy ("Board") issued and duly served on Rachel Alicia Mullin ("Respondent"), an Order to Show Cause ("OTSC") 1 related to a complaint against Respondent's The Respondent filed a responsive document on pharmacist license. November 21, 2016. The Administrative Hearings Counsel ("AHC") ordered the parties to file a joint status report on or before February 15, 2017. The Respondent did respond to Prosecuting Counsel's attempts to communicate with her about the joint status report. As a result, the AHC issued an ordered dated February 16, 2017 that required Respondent to contact Prosecuting Counsel in order to work towards the joint submittal of a status report by March 15, 2017. On March 16, 2017, Prosecuting Counsel filed a Motion for Entry of Default Judgment, stating Respondent did not contact Prosecuting Counsel as instructed by the February 16 Order. On March 29, 2017, the AHC ruled the Respondent is DEFAULTED. The Ruling on Prosecuting Counsel's Motion for Entry of Default Judgment and for Final Decision and Order by Default is attached hereto and incorporated by. reference.

As authorized by M.G.L. c. 30A, § 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). A copy of the OTSC

¹ Pursuant to 801 CMR 1.01(6)(a).

is attached to this Final Decision and Order by Default and is incorporated herein by reference.

Based on the foregoing, the Board enters a default in the above-captioned matter and, consequently, the allegations in the OTSC 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 May 4, 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 pharmacist, PH234514, effective ten days from the Date Issued, by the following vote:

In favor: Catherine Basile; Philippe Bouvier; Karen Conley; Susan

Cornacchio; William Cox; Timothy Fensky; Patrick

Gannon; Andrew Stein; Edmund Taglieri; Richard Tinsley

Opposed: None Abstained: None Recused: Ali Raja

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Absent: Garrett Cavanaugh; Michael Godek

The Board may choose to reinstate Respondent's license if the Board determines in its sole discretion that reinstatement is in the best interests of public health, safety, and welfare.

Respondent may petition the Board in writing for reinstatement when she can provide documentation satisfactory to the Board demonstrating her ability to practice pharmacy in a safe and competent manner. Such documentation shall include: (1) evidence that Respondent has been in stable and sustained recovery from all substances of abuse for the three (3) years immediately preceding any petition for reinstatement; <u>OR</u> (2) a Substance Abuse evaluation, in accordance with Schedule A, attached hereto, that

indicates Respondent does not currently have, and has never had, a substance use disorder.

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.

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David Sencabaugh, R. Ph.

Executive Director

Date Issued: 5/12/17

Notice to:

BY FIRST CLASS MAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Rachel Alicia Mullin

BY HAND

Eugene Langner
Office of Prosecutions
Department of Public Health
Division of Health Professions Licensure
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SUFFOLK COUNTY

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RULING ON PROSECUTING COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT AND FOR FINAL DECISION AND ORDER BY DEFAULT

The Board of Registration in Pharmacy ("Board") issued an Order to Show Cause ("OSC") to which Respondent answered. Prosecuting Counsel filed this motion on March 16, 2017 to which Respondent has not filed an opposition. This officer allows the motion to the extent it seeks entry of default against Respondent, based on the following. On December 9, 2016, this officer ordered the parties jointly file a status report by February 15, 2017, but received a letter dated February 15 from Prosecuting Counsel stating "I have attempted three (3) times, by telephone on January 24, 2017, and by email on January 25 and February 10, 2017 to communicate with Ms. Mullin relative to the status report, but have been unable to do so." At that point, this officer could have, 2 but did not, issue an order of default. Instead, this officer issued an order dated February 16, 2017 stating in part: "This Administrative Magistrate is not issuing an order of default at this point, but if Mullin does not comply with the following she should anticipate issuance of an order of default. Mullin shall contact Prosecuting Counsel by March 3, 2017 so the parties may work towards the joint submittal of a status report by March 15, 2017." Prosecuting Counsel represents in the motion, "[t]o date, the Respondent has not contacted the undersigned Prosecuting Counsel as instructed pursuant to the Order [dated February 16.]" Respondent is DEFAULTED. The Board may enter a Final Decision and Order that assumes the truth of the OSC allegations and take appropriate action,

By: Jason B. Barshak
Chief Administrative Magistrate
Department of Public Health
Office of the General Counsel
250 Washington Street, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02108
(617) 624-5114

Notified: See below

Dated: March 29, 2017
Eugene Langner, Esq., Department of Public Health, 239 Causeway Street, 4th Floor,

Boston, MA 02114

Rachel Alicia Mullin,

Vita Berg, Esq., Chief Boards Counsel, Department of Public Health, 239 Causeway Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02114

¹Prosecuting Counsel's motion seeks a (1) default judgment; (2) a Final Decision and Order by default; and (3) implicitly entry of default. Only the Board has authority to issue a default judgment or a Final Decision and Order. Accordingly the requests for a default judgment and a Final Decision and Order are denied.

²Although representing herself, Respondent remained "bound by the same procedural rules applicable to other litigants." See Lawless v. Board of Registration in Pharmacy, 466 Mass. 1010, 1011, n. 3 (2013)

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PROSECUTING COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT AND FOR FINAL DECISION AND ORDER BY DEFAULT

Prosecuting Counsel hereby respectfully requests that the Board of Registration in Pharmacy (the Board) take the following action:

- 1) grant this Motion and enter a Default Judgment in which all of the allegations contained in the Order to Show Cause dated September 1, 2016, are deemed admitted; and
- 2) based on those admissions and the record, issue a Final Decision and Order suspending, revoking, or taking other disciplinary action as is appropriate against Respondent's license to practice as a pharmacist in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including any right to renew her license.

As legal grounds for this Motion, Prosecuting Counsel refers to, and relies upon, the following: Massachusetts General Laws ("G.L.") Chapter 30A, section 10(2); 801 Code of Massachusetts Regulations ("CMR") 1.01(7)(a)(1) and (7)(g)(2); and G.L. c. 112 § 61.

As evidentiary grounds for this motion, Prosecuting Counsel respectfully submits that:

a. On September 1, 2016, the Respondent was issued an Order to Show Cause (a copy of which, along with the Respondent's Answer evidencing her receipt of the same, is attached to this Motion as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference) which alleged numerous grounds for

discipline and factual bases therefor, and which advised the Respondent that, notwithstanding the earlier filing of an Answer and/or request for a hearing, her failure to respond to notices or correspondence shall result in the entry of default, upon which the Board may enter a Final Decision and Order that assumes the truth of the allegations in the Order to Show Cause, and may revoke, suspend, or take other disciplinary action against the Respondent's license to practice as a pharmacist in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including any right to renew her license;

- b. On February 16, 2015, Chief Administrative Magistrate Jason B. Barshak issued an Order (a copy of which is attached to this Motion as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference) requiring, *inter alia*, that the Respondent contact the undersigned Prosecuting Counsel by March 3, 2017; and
- c. To date, the Respondent has not contacted the undersigned Prosecuting Counsel as instructed pursuant to the Order referenced in the preceding subparagraph.

WHEREFORE, Prosecuting Counsel respectfully requests that the Board enter a Default Judgment expressly finding that the allegations contained in the Order to Show Cause are deemed admitted, make a Final Decision that the Respondent has violated the statutory and regulatory provisions referred to in the Order to Show Cause, and issue an Order to suspend, revoke, or impose other sanctions against the Respondent's license to practice as a pharmacist in the Commonwealth, including any right to renew her license.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Langner, BBO # 63070

Prosecuting Counsel

Department of Public Health

239 Causeway Street

Boston, MA 02114

(617) 973-0838

Dated: March 1/2, 2017

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion for Entry of Default Judgment and for Final Decision and Order by Default was served upon the Respondent:

Rachel Alicia Mullin

by certified mail no. 7016 1370 0001 4117 5431, and by first class mail, postage prepaid, this /// day of March, 2017.

Eugene Langner
Prosécuting Counsel

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Rachel Alicia Mullin, 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 license to practice as a pharmacist in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, License No. 234514, or your right to renew such license, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws (G.L.) chapter 112, § 61 and Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR), Title 247, §§ 9.01and 10.03, based upon the following facts and allegations:

Factual Allegations

- 1. On or about April 23, 2013, the Board issued to you a license to practice as a pharmacist in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, License No. 234514. Your license is current and expires on December 31, 2016.
- 2. On or about August 19, 2014, while you were employed as a pharmacist in the Anticoagulation Management Service (AMS) at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts (BWH), another AMS pharmacist reported that a quantity of Adderall, a Schedule II Controlled Substance, was missing from a prescription bottle she kept in her purse.
- The pharmacist identified in the preceding paragraph reported that she had previously observed quantities of Adderall missing from her purse over the previous few months.
- 4. The pharmacist identified in Paragraph 2 above reported observing you in her cubicle on more than one occasion during the period referenced in the preceding paragraph.
- 5. On or about August 20, 2014, when confronted by the AMS manager regarding the allegations referenced in Paragraphs 2 through 4 above, you acknowledged



that you had stolen Adderall on multiple occasions from the pharmacist identified in Paragraph 2 above.

On or about September 29, 2014, in connection with the Board's investigation of the matters referenced in Paragraphs 2 through 5 above, you acknowledged in writing that you had pilfered Adderall capsules from a fellow BWH employee's prescription bottle while employed as a pharmacist at BWH.

Legal Basis for Discipline

- A Your conduct as alleged warrants disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacist pursuant to G.L. c. 112, § 42A for violation of the rules and regulations established by the Board thereunder.
- B. Your conduct as alleged warrants disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacist 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 warrants disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacist 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 warrants disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacist pursuant to 247 CMR 9.01(6) for engaging in any fraudulent or deceptive act.
- E. Your conduct as alleged warrants disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacist 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.
- F. Your conduct as alleged warrants disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacist 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.
- G. Your conduct as alleged warrants disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacist pursuant to 247 CMR 10.03(1)(e) for engaging in misconduct in the practice of the profession.
- H. Your conduct as alleged warrants disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacist pursuant to 247 CMR 10.03(1)(h) for engaging in abuse or illegal use of prescription drugs or controlled substances.

- Your conduct as alleged warrants disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacist 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.
- J. Your conduct as alleged warrants disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacist pursuant to 247 CMR 10.03(1)(I) for engaging in conduct that has the capacity or potential to deceive or defraud.
- K. Your conduct as alleged warrants disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacist pursuant to 247 CMR 10.02(1)(r) for engaging in conduct that demonstrates a lack of good moral character.
- L. Your conduct as alleged warrants disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacist pursuant to 247 CMR 10.03(1)(u) for engaging in conduct which undermines public confidence in the integrity of the profession.
- M. Your conduct as alleged warrants disciplinary action by the Board against your registration to practice as a pharmacist 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.
- N. Your conduct as alleged also constitutes 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 license. 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 license to practice as a pharmacist in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including any right to renew your license.

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. Toglieri, R.Ph., MSM, NHA, President

By:

Eugene Langner, Esq.

Prosecuting Coursel

Department of Public Health

Date: 3. September 4 2016

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby ce	rtify that a cor	y of the	foregoing	Order to	Show	Cause	was	served	upon	the
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Rachel Alicia Mullin

by first class mail, postage prepaid, and by Certified Mail No. 7016 1370 0001 4117 6025

Rachel Alicia Mullin

by first class mail, postage prepaid, and by Certified Mail No. 7016 1370 0001 4117 6032

This _____ day of September, 2016.

Eugene Langner
Prosecuting Counsel

November 21st, 2016

In the Matter of Rachel Alicia Mullin License No. 234514 License Expires 12/31/16 Docket No. PHA-2014-0232

To Jason B. Barshak Chief Administrative Hearing COUNSEL 239 Causeway Street, 5th Floor Boston, MA. 02114

To Eugene Langner, Esq. Department of Public Health 239 Causeway Street, 4th Floor Boston, MA. 02114

Answer to Allegations:

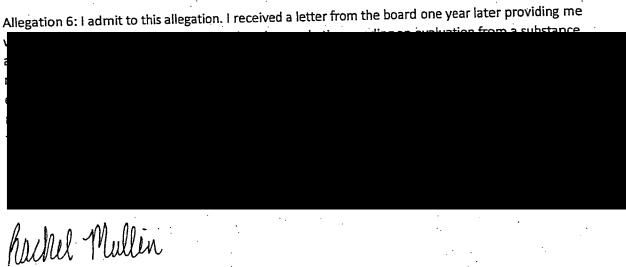
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Rachel Mullin

SUFFOLK COUNTY

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY

IN THE MATTER OF Rachel Alicia Mullin (# 234514)

PHA 2014-0232

ORDER

At the December 6, 2016 conference, Respondent Mullin stated she was not seeking a full adjudicatory hearing. The parties suggested a sanction hearing may be appropriate. This Administrative Magistrate ordered on December 9, 2016 the parties jointly file a status report by February 15, 2017; jointly file a status report by March 15; and if a sanction hearing was requested jointly file a certain document by April 10. This Administrative Magistrate received a letter dated February 15, 2017 from Prosecuting Counsel stating "I have attempted three (3) times, by telephone on January 24, 2017, and by email on January 25 and February 10, 2017 to communicate with Ms. Mullin relative to the status report, but have been unable to do so." Although representing herself, Mullin remains "bound by the same procedural rules applicable to other litigants." See Lawless v. Board of Registration in Pharmacy, 466 Mass. 1010, 1011, n. 3 (2013). If Mullin fails to comply with an order of the Administrative Magistrate without good cause that could result in my issuing an order of default that would allow the Board to assume the truth of the allegations in the Order to Show Cause and to take disciplinary action without any hearing. This Administrative Magistrate is not issuing an order of default at this point, but if Mullin does not comply with the following she should anticipate issuance of an order of default. Mullin shall contact Prosecuting Counsel by March 3, 2017 so the parties may work towards the joint submittal of a status report by March 15, 2017.1

Board of Registration in Pharmacy
By: Jason B. Barshak

Chief Administrative Magistrate

Department of Public Health

Department of Public Health Office of the General Counsel 250 Washington Street, 2nd Floor

Boston, MA 02108 (617) 624-5114

Dated: February 16, 2017

Notified: See below

Eugene Langner, Esq., Department of Public Health, 239 Causeway Street, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02114

Rachel Alicia Mullin.



In light of the circumstances, the February 15, 2017 report will no longer be filed.