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May 15, 2023

## CYNTHIA ELIJAH 8315 WALKER KANASAS CITY KS 66112

# RE: In the Matter of Cynthia Elijah Case No. 23-169

Dear Cynthia Elijah:

The Kansas State Board of Pharmacy has concluded its audit of continuing education for your recent renewal. Please read the enclosed Amended Summary Order in its entirety, which includes assessment of a fine. This discipline will be reported to the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

If you disagree with the findings of fact, you have the right to request a hearing. Instructions for filing a written request are included under the "Notices" section of the order. Hearings are held before the full Board during their regularly scheduled meetings.

According to KSA 65-1627h, the Board is required to recoup the costs of administrative hearings when the decision is adverse to the licensee. These costs may include charges for services rendered by the Board's disciplinary counsel, an administrative law judge, and, if applicable, a court reporter.

If you have questions, please email pharmacy.compliance@ks.gov and reference your case number.

Sincerely,

Kansas State Board of Pharmacy

enc: Amended Summary Order

### BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

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In the Matter of the Renewal Application of

Cynthia Elijah Registration No. 14-01962 Case No. 23-169

## AMENDED SUMMARY ORDER

**NOW** on May 15, 2023, comes before the Kansas State Board of Pharmacy through its Executive Secretary (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") the matter of Cynthia Elijah (hereinafter referred to as "Respondent").

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by the Kansas Pharmacy Act, K.S.A. 65-1625, *et seq.*, and in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act, K.S.A. 77-501, *et seq.*, the Board enters this Amended Summary Order in the above-captioned matter. After reviewing the renewal materials and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, the Board makes the following findings, conclusions, and order:

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On or around October 12, 2022, Respondent submitted a renewal application for Respondent's Kansas pharmacy technician registration.

2. At the end of the renewal application, Respondent agreed to the following statement prior to submitting the completed renewal application: "I hereby attest that I have completed all continuing education hours required by law to renew my license."

3. Respondent's renewal application was selected for an audit to provide proof of Respondent's continuing education certificates or a transcript of completion of required hours.

4. Respondent's NABP CPE Monitor showed completion of 17 hours of continuing education to renew Respondent's pharmacy technician registration.

5. On or about January 23, 2023, the Board sent Respondent a letter to Respondent's mailing address of record requesting proof of Respondent's continuing education hours earned for the renewal period ending October 31, 2022 by a specified date.

6. On or about February 27, 2023, the Board sent an email to Respondent's address of record requesting this information.

7. On or about March 6, 2023, the Board sent Respondent a final letter and email to Respondent's address of record requesting a response by March 13, 2023.

8. On or about May 10, 2023, the Board received information indicating Respondent's address of record was incorrect in the Board's licensure database and Respondent's letters were not delivered to her mailing address of record, as well as a response from Respondent.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

9. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1663(f)(1), the Board may limit, suspend or revoke a registration or deny an application for issuance or renewal of any registration as a pharmacy technician on any ground, which would authorize the board to take action against the license of a pharmacist under K.S.A. 65-1627, and amendments thereto.

10. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1627(a)(9), the Board may deny, revoke, suspend, or place on probation any pharmacist license upon a finding that Respondent failed to comply with the continuing education requirements of the Board for license renewal.

11. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1658, in addition to any other penalty imposed by the Pharmacy Practice Act, the Board may assess a civil fine for a violation of K.S.A. 65-1627(a), in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for each violation.

12. Respondent was required to provide proof of completion of 20 hours of continuing education earned between November 1, 2020 and October 31, 2022.

13. By only having 17 hours of continuing education, Respondent failed to complete the

required 20 hours of continuing education for renewal of Respondent's pharmacy technician registration in violation of K.A.R. 68-5-18.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

Based on the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Board orders the following:

For Respondent's violation of K.S.A. 65-1627(a)(9) and K.A.R. 68-5-18, a fine is assessed in the amount of \$50. Therefore, Respondent shall submit a check or money order in the amount of \$50 to the Board by June 15, 2023.

Furthermore, an additional two hours of continuing education will be required for each hour of missing or falsified continuing education. **Respondent shall complete 6 hours of additional ACPE-approved continuing education and provide proof of completion to the Board by June 15, 2023**. If Respondent is not already signed up for the NABP CPE monitor (free version), Respondent shall create an NABP CPE monitor profile and shall ensure that proof of completion of these penalty hours and all future required continuing education appears in the CPE monitor. Completion of penalty hours shall not count toward Respondent's next continuing education renewal requirement.

#### **NOTICES**

Respondent is hereby notified as follows:

1. Respondent may request a hearing pursuant to the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act by filing a written request with the Kansas Board of Pharmacy, 800 SW Jackson, Suite 1414, Topeka, KS 66612-1231, within 15 days after service of this Order. If the outcome of the hearing is adverse to Respondent, costs of the proceedings shall be charged to Respondent.

2. If a hearing is not requested as described above, the Summary Order shall become a final order of the Board, effective upon the expiration of the time to request a hearing.

3. Within 15 days after entry of a final agency order, either party may file a petition for reconsideration pursuant to K.S.A. 77-529.

4. Within the time limits established in K.S.A. 77-613, either party may seek judicial review of a final agency order, pursuant to K.S.A. 77-613. The agency officer designated to receive service of a petition for judicial review is:

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Alexandra Blasi Executive Secretary Kansas Board of Pharmacy 800 SW Jackson, Suite 1414 Topeka, KS 66612

IT IS SO ORDERED.

<u>May 15, 2023</u> Date

Clap Stein Executive Secretary

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I did, on May 15, 2023, deposit in business mail a copy of the foregoing Amended Summary Order, which is then placed in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to the following:

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Kansas Board of Pharmacy Staff