Alexandra Blasi, Executive Secretary

January 26, 2021

LA'QUITA WALKER 11432 RICHMOND AVE KANSAS CITY, MO 64134

RE: Case No. 20-290

Dear Ms. Walker:

Enclosed you will find a Summary Order issued by the Kansas Board of Pharmacy (Board) in the above-referenced matter. Please read the order in its entirety.

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 quarterly 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 any questions, feel free to contact the Board at <u>Pharmacy.Compliance@ks.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Kansas Board of Pharmacy

Enclosure



Laura Kelly, Governor

### BEFORE THE KANSAS BOARD OF PHARMACY

In the Matter of	)
La'Quita Walker	)
Registration No. 24-111823	)

Case No. 20-290

#### SUMMARY ORDER

NOW, on this 26th day of January 2021, comes before the Kansas Board of Pharmacy (the "Board"), through its Executive Secretary, the matter of La'Quita Walker ("Applicant"), for application for registration as a Kansas pharmacy technician.

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 Kansas Administrative Procedure Act, K.S.A. 77-501, *et seq.*, the Board's Executive Secretary enters this Summary Order in the above-captioned matter. After reviewing the application materials and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, the Board makes the following findings, conclusions and order.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On April 17, 2020, the Board received Applicant's application for registration as a pharmacy technician in the State of Kansas ("Applicant's Application").

2. Applicant answered "yes" to the following question on her application: "Have you been charged with or convicted of (includes plea of guilty or no contest) a criminal offense or is there any criminal charge now pending against you (other than minor traffic violations) in any state or federal court whether or not a sentence was imposed, suspended, or diverted? This includes misdemeanors." The application directs that if the applicant answers yes, the applicant must attach a Form S-150: Personal History ("Form S-150").

**SUMMARY ORDER** Page 1 of 6 3. In her Form S-150, Applicant briefly disclosed charges of felony manufacturing of a controlled substance, assault, DWI by alcohol, and failure to appear. Included also were relevant court documents, which the Board found insufficient to support all charges disclosed.

4. On May 4, 2020, the Board mailed Applicant a letter requesting a more thorough Form S-150, as well as certified copies of any probation orders or dismissals for the assault and DWI cases. Applicant did not respond to the Board's request.

5. On July 28, 2020, the Board mailed Applicant a second letter requesting the same. Applicant did not respond to the Board's request.

6. On October 6, 2020, the Board mailed Applicant a final letter requesting the same.

7. On October 19, 2020, the Board received from Applicant a request for extension of the deadline for the requested documents. The Board immediately granted this request, extending Applicant's deadline to November 15, 2020.

8. On or about November 12, 2020, the Board received the requested documentation. Applicant's personal statement and court records documented that Applicant successfully completed separate one-year court probations for each of the manufacturing, DWI, and assault cases, and that the failure to appear case was dismissed after payment of fines and fees. Additionally, Applicant had completed a court-mandated drug program and SATOP classes.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1663, 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.

2. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1627(a)(3), the Board may place in a probationary status the license of any pharmacist who has been found guilty of unprofessional conduct.

3. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1626(uuu), unprofessional conduct means conduct likely to deceive or harm the public.

4. Though Applicant completed all court-mandated requirements, the nature and pattern of Applicant's past offenses suggest difficulty following and respecting rules and requirements. Furthermore, Applicant was not prompt in responding to the Board's repeated requests for documentation. Failure to respect and strictly follow rules in the pharmacy environment has the potential to place the public at risk. Applicant's incidents of manufacturing a controlled substance, driving while intoxicated, and her relatively recent assault event are unprofessional conduct and a basis to place Applicant's registration in a probationary status pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1627(a)(3) which would require additional oversight during the period of registration.

### <u>ORDER</u>

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, Applicant's Application for issuance of pharmacy technician registration is hereby GRANTED subject to a 2-year probationary status. The terms of Applicant's probation are as follows:

- Applicant must notify the Board of any change in her court status within 10 days of the change;
- Applicant must notify the Board of any arrest or criminal charge within 10 days of the date of the arrest or charge;
- Applicant must notify the Board of any change in employment within 10 days of the change and obtain Board approval for the change;

- Applicant must inform employers of the probationary status of her pharmacy technician registration;
- Applicant must obtain the signature of her pharmacist-in-charge (PIC) documenting knowledge of her probationary status to the Board; and
- Applicant must comply with all rules and regulations of the Pharmacy Practice Act.

## NOTICES

Applicant is hereby notified as follows:

Applicant 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 fifteen (15) days after service of this order.

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

3. Within fifteen (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 said statute. The agency officer designated to receive service of a petition for judicial review is

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

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

1/26/2021

Date

Alexandra Blasi, JD, MBA

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I did, on the 26th day of January 2021, deposit in business mail a copy of the foregoing Summary Order, which is then placed in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to the following:

LA'QUITA WALKER 11432 RICHMOND AVE KANSAS CITY, MO 64134

Kansas Board of Pharmacy Staff