

December 28, 2021

CARISSA MATTHEWS-TRASS
9211 E HARRY ST, APT 1012
WICHITA, KS 67207

RE: Case No. 21-255

Dear Ms. Matthews-Trass:

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. In addition, a civil fine has been assessed totaling \$300. Please submit a check or money order made payable to the Kansas Board of Pharmacy and include your case number in the check memo.

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 Pharmacy.Compliance@ks.gov.

Sincerely,

Kansas Board of Pharmacy

Enclosure

BEFORE THE KANSAS BOARD OF PHARMACY

In the Matter of)
)
Carissa Matthews-Trass)
)
Registration No. 24-116206)

Case No. 21-255

SUMMARY ORDER

NOW, on this 28th day of December 2021, comes before the Kansas Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”), through its Executive Secretary, the matter of Carissa Matthews-Trass, (“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 October 14, 2021, the Board received Applicant’s application for registration as a pharmacy technician in the State of Kansas (“Applicant’s Application”).

2. Applicant answered “NO” 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”).

3. As part of the application, Applicant certified that the information she provided was true, correct, and complete to the best of her knowledge.

4. On or about October 20, 2021, the Board received information regarding charges laid against Applicant for theft offenses in 2010 and in 2012.

5. On October 20, 2021, the Board mailed Applicant a letter requesting a completed Form S-150, as well as certified copies of the court pleadings from the case.

6. On or about October 27, 2021, the Board received a letter of recommendation for Applicant, but no requested documents.

7. On or about October 28, 2021, the Board received the requested documents from Applicant. Applicant's Form S-150 statement noted that she had answered "NO" because she didn't believe these charges were still on her record, due to the time elapsed and the fact that she successfully served out a diversion agreement for the 2010 charge. Applicant's court documents indicated that for said charge, Applicant had served diversion with community service, successfully completed in December of 2010. Only partial court documents were included for the 2012 theft charge, which showed Applicant had pled not guilty but was found guilty of such by the court.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1658, the Board may assess a civil fine not to exceed \$5,000, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, to any registrant for violation of the Pharmacy Act of the State of Kansas or any other rules or regulations of the State Board of Pharmacy.

2. 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.

3. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1627(a)(1), the Board may discipline the license of any pharmacist who has attempted to obtain a license by false or fraudulent means, including misrepresentation of a material fact.

4. Applicant answered “NO” to the criminal offense questions on the Application despite the fact that she had been charged with criminal offenses and completed a diversion agreement.

5. Applicant’s failure to disclose her criminal charges on her application, after having certified as to its completeness, is a misrepresentation of material fact and a basis to impose a civil fine against any registration granted to Applicant pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1627(a)(1) and 65-1658.

ORDER

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 THE PAYMENT OF A \$300 FINE, for the violation. Applicant has 30 days from the date of this order to pay the fine.

NOTICES

Applicant is hereby notified as follows:

1. 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

IT IS SO ORDERED.

12/28/2021

Date



Alexandra Blasi, JD, MBA
Executive Secretary
Kansas Board of Pharmacy

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I did, on the 28th day of December 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:

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