

**IN THE MATTER OF**

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**BEFORE THE**

**DEANNA HIGGS**

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**MARYLAND BOARD**

**PHARMACY TECHNICIAN**

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**OF PHARMACY**

**Registration No. T00892**

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**Case No. PT-09-110**

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**ORDER DENYING REINSTATEMENT**

On August 31, 2009, the Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) summarily suspended the registration to practice as a pharmacy technician held by Deanna Higgs, Registration No. T00892, because she admitted to diverting controlled dangerous substances from her pharmacy employer for her personal use. Ms. Higgs did not request a hearing on the Order for Summary Suspension, so the Board notified her of its intent to revoke her registration on August 13, 2010; because Ms. Higgs failed to request a hearing on that notice, the Board issued a Final Order of Revocation on October 20, 2010.

In April 2015, Ms. Higgs submitted an application for reinstatement of her pharmacy technician registration to the Board. The Board sent Ms. Higgs several questions related to her requested reinstatement; after multiple requests, Ms. Higgs responded to the questions on November 6, 2017. The Board scheduled a Reinstatement Hearing with Ms. Higgs in front of a quorum of the Board on April 18, 2018, which was attended by Ms. Higgs and the Administrative Prosecutor. After the Reinstatement Hearing, the Board voted to send Ms. Higgs for a substance abuse evaluation with a Board-approved evaluator. The Board sent a letter to Ms. Higgs regarding scheduling the evaluation on July 3, 2018; Board staff followed up with Ms. Higgs by phone on July 24, 2018, and September 10, 2018. To date, Ms. Higgs has not submitted to the evaluation ordered by the Board. As a result, the Board has determined that Ms. Higgs’ application for

reinstatement of her pharmacy technician registration should be denied.

**ORDER**

It is this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019, by an affirmative vote of a quorum of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy, hereby:

**ORDERED** that Ms. Higgs' application for reinstatement of her pharmacy technician registration, Registration No. T00892, is DENIED; and be it further,

**ORDERED** that this is a formal order of the Maryland Board Pharmacy and, as such, is a public document pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Provisions § 4-333(b).

5-28-19  
Date

Deena Speights-Napata  
Deena Speights-Napata, Executive Director  
for  
Kevin Morgan, Chair  
Maryland Board of Pharmacy