



TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

April 03, 2009

**Minutes of the Temporary Suspension Hearing
of Raven's Corner Pharmacy and Vikas Patel**

Chairman Dennis F. Wiesner, R.Ph., called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m., in office number 660B, Tower III, 333 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas 78701. Board Members, W. Benjamin Fry, R.Ph. and Kim A. Caldwell, R.Ph., were present (via teleconference).

Staff present: Gay Dodson, R.Ph., Executive Director/Secretary (via teleconference); Kerstin E. Arnold, General Counsel; Julie C. Hildebrand, Litigation Counsel; Paul Holder, R.Ph., Ph.D., Assistant Director of Enforcement; Wayne Jones, Investigator (via teleconference); Karen Guenther, Compliance Inspector (via teleconference); and Tabatha Lowden, Legal Assistant.

Respondent: Vikas Patel (not present).

Also Present: Sueli Tovar, Pharmacist Intern.

Court Reporter: Janalyn Reeves.

A. Opening:

The Chairman called the case of the Petition for the Temporary Suspension of License in the Matter of pharmacy license #23198 issued to Raven's Corner Pharmacy and pharmacist license #41161 issued to Vikas Patel. He inquired into whether or not a panel member wished to be recused. Mr. Fry and Mr. Caldwell answered no.

The Chairman requested the parties to go on record stating their names and who they are representing beginning with the Board's staff attorney and then the Respondents.

Board Staff: Julie Hildebrand, attorney for the Board.

Respondents: Vikas Patel was not in attendance for the hearing today. The hearing was held without notice to the Respondents based on the authority granted in the Texas Pharmacy Act.

B. Presentation by Board's Staff Attorney Julie Hildebrand:

1. Verbal synopsis of allegations.
2. Testimony of Board witnesses: Karen Guenther, Compliance Inspector (via teleconference); and Wayne Jones, Investigator (via teleconference).
3. Introduction of documents into evidence. All admitted.

C. Motion

1. A motion was made by Mr. Caldwell that the Petition for Temporary Suspension of the Texas pharmacy license #23198 issued to Raven's Corner Pharmacy and pharmacist license #41161 issued to Vikas Patel be granted, in that the evidence and information indicated that the practice of pharmacy by Mr. Patel and the operation of Raven's Corner Pharmacy are a continuing threat to the public welfare, and recommended that the order of suspension remain in effect until superseded by a subsequent order of the Board. Mr. Fry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the Temporary Suspension Order to be adopted effective immediately.

The Chairman announced that Texas pharmacy license #23198 issued to Raven's Corner Pharmacy and pharmacist license #41161 issued to Vikas Patel are suspended.

2. A motion was made by Mr. Caldwell to adjourn. Mr. Fry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Wiesner adjourned the hearing at 9:50 a.m.

APPROVED:

Dennis Wiesner, R.Ph.
Chairman

Gay Dodson, R.Ph.
Executive Director/Secretary