#### **MINUTES**

# **Monthly Meeting**

# MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

Meeting Location: 848 Washington Avenue Montgomery, Alabama 36104

August 28, 2024

## MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

## **MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Jorge Alsip, M.D., Chairman
Paul M. Nagrodzki, M.D., Vice-Chairman
Kenneth W. Aldridge, M.D.
Craig H. Christopher, M.D.
Howard J. Falgout, M.D.
L. Daniel Morris, Esq
Nina Nelson-Garrett, M.D.
Pamela Varner, M.D.

# **MLC STAFF**

Aaron Dettling, General Counsel, MLC Rebecca Robbins, Operations Director (Recording) Nicole Roque, Administrative Assistant (Recording) Heather Lindemann, Licensure Assistant

## **BME STAFF**

Anthony Crenshaw, Investigator
Rebecca Daniels, Investigator
Randy Dixon, Investigator
Alicia Harrison, Associate General Counsel
Chris Hart, Technology
Matt Hart, Special Legal Counsel
Effie Hawthorne, Associate General Counsel
Wilson Hunter, General Counsel
Roland Johnson, Physician Monitoring
Winston Jordan, Technology
Tiffany Seamon, Director of Credentialing

# OTHERS PRESENT

William Gordon, Hearing Officer Wes Stevenson, Esq.



# Call to Order: 9:30 a.m.

Prior notice having been given in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act, and with a quorum of eight members present, Commission Chairman, Jorge Alsip, M.D. convened the monthly meeting of the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

# Minutes July 24, 2024

Commissioner Aldridge made a motion that the Minutes of July 24, 2024, be approved. A second was made by Commissioner Christopher. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# **Full License Applicants**

	<u>Name</u>	Medical School	<b>Endorsement</b>
1.	Samuel Hamed Abbas	University of Mississippi School of Medicine	USMLE/TN
2.	Ejiofor Chika Achalu	University of Uyo College of Health Sciences	USMLE
3.	Zachary Eric Adams	Augusta University	USMLE
4.	Maya Ahmadieh	Mercer University School of Medicine	USMLE
5.	Keide Kerrick Akinola	Texas Tech Univ Health Sciences School of Med	USMLE/CO
6.	Emily Kennedy Armour	UAB	USMLE/OK
7.	Sarah Jo Atkinson	University of Texas Houston Medical School	USMLE/CA
8.	Michelle Lynn Atwood	University of Kansas School of Medicine	USMLE/TX
9.	Logan Lindsey Beach	University of Utah School of Medicine	USMLE
10.	Philip G E Botelho	Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX
11.	Ryan Kathleen Boykin	Augusta University	USMLE
12.	Sabin Joseph Bozso	Univ of Alberta Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry	USMLE
13.	Kenneth E Briley	Tulane University School of Medicine	USMLE/MA
14.	Matthew P Byers	USA College of Medicine	USMLE
15.	Timothy Carter	Florida State University College of Medicine	USMLE
16.	Owen N Chandler	Wake Forest University School of Medicine	USMLE
17.	Francisco J Contreras	New York Medical College	USMLE/FL
18.	Paris Long Cooke	UAB	USMLE
19.	Daniel Patrick Cooper	University of Kentucky College of Medicine	USMLE
20.	Jessica Bridget Corners	Florida State University College of Medicine	USMLE
21.	Jesse James Corry	Medical College of Wisconsin	USMLE/WI
22.	Lauren Crawford	Indiana Univ School of Medicine Indianapolis	USMLE/NY
23.	Jamayla J Culpepper	Boston University School of Medicine	USMLE/NC
24.	Bryan M Danzi	New York College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX/NJ

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76.	Jarred Millard	East Tennessee State Univ Quillen College of Med	USMLE
77.	William Stephen Miller	East Tennessee State Univ Quillen College of Med	USMLE
78.	Osama George Mitri	University of Damascus	USMLE/KS
79.	Tara Ann Morgan	University of Maryland School of Medicine	USMLE/MD
80.	Aaron Moulton	University of Arkansas College of Medicine	USMLE/NC
81.	Todd William Mudd	Augusta University	USMLE
82.	Alejandro Natera	University of Tennessee College of Medicine	USMLE/TN
83.	Jessica McLean Nickles	Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX
84.	John Pelham North	UAB	USMLE
85.	Henry Okafor	Howard University College of Medicine	USMLE/OH
86.	Lauren Ashley Oliver	UAB	USMLE
87.	Kirav Patel	University of Texas Medical School at Galveston	USMLE
88.	Terry LeRoy Payne	University of Arkansas College of Medicine	FLEX/KS
89.	Jared William Pelo	University of Utah School of Medicine	USMLE/VA
90.	Timothy Alan Pflederer	University of Illinois College of Medicine Chicago	NBME/IA
91.	Kate Rahbari	University of Illinois College of Medicine Chicago	USMLE
92.	Stefan Raicevic	Texas Tech University School of Medicine	USMLE
93.	Sathiyakala Rajendiran	Thanjavur Medical College Univ of Chennai	USMLE/MI
94.	Nevetha Rajendran	Texas Tech University School of Medicine	USMLE
95.	Jeffrey Wayne Rasband	Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX/OH
96.	Hinal Rathi	Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX
97.	Raquel R Martinez	UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine	USMLE/CA
98.	Chadley Milton Runyan	University of Toledo College of Medicine	USMLE/MI
99.	Ahmed Muhammed Saeed	Wright State University School of Medicine	USMLE
100	.Morvarid Sanandaji	American University of The Caribbean	USMLE
101	.Chavez Scott	Meharry Medical College School of Medicine	USMLE/TX
102	.Ami Narinder Sethi	Virginia Commonwealth Univ School of Med	USMLE/VA
103	.Mantinderpreet Singh	Dayanand Medical College Punjab University	USMLE/AR
104	.Valerie Ann Smith	Des Moines Univ of Osteopathic Medical Center	COMLEX/VA
105	.Andrezza Maria Souza	University of Miami Miller School of Medicine	USMLE/CA
106	.Amanda Sparks-Bushnell	University of Mississippi School of Medicine	USMLE/TN
107	.Elizabeth Sullivan-Ingram	Edward Via College of Osteo Med Auburn	COMLEX/KY
108	.Alexa Marie Tafaro	LSU Medical Center Shreveport	USMLE
109	Richard Morrell Tanner.	UAB	USMLE/TN
110	Lucas Rodney Tarvainen	Michigan State Univ College of Human Medicine	USMLE



<u>Name</u>	Medical School	Endorsement
111.Davis Gates Taylor	University of South Alabama College of Medicine	USMLE/VA
112.Svjetlana Tisma-Dupanovic	University of Sarajevo	USMLE/NY
113. Austin Hunter Trupp	St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada	USMLE/PA
114.Christopher James Turley	University of Mississippi School of Medicine	USMLE
115.Nathan Eric Usry	University of Mississippi School of Medicine	USMLE/MS
116.Lindsay Anne Van Pelt	Rutgers New Jersey Medical School	USMLE/NJ
117.Linesse Maria Vega	University of Guadalajara	USMLE/TX
118.Uday Vemulapalli	N.R.I. Medical College, Guntur	USMLE
119.Tung Van Vu	University of South Alabama College of Medicine	USMLE/LA
120.Marilyn Zabielinski	University of Miami Miller School of Medicine	USMLE/OH
121. Julia Timurovna Zefirova	Kazan State Medical University	USMLE/CT
122.Olivia Uzoma Kalu	Ohio State College of Med & Public Health	USMLE/IN
123.Amish Manu Patel	Kansas City Univ of Medicine & Biosciences	COMLEX/IL
124.*Erik Randolph Soule	American University of the Caribbean	USMLE/FL
125.*Ali Eric Kabbi	Babylon University College of Medicine	USMLE/TX
126.Steven Andrew Baker	Baylor College of Medicine	USMLE/CA

<sup>\*</sup>Approved pending acceptance and payment of NDC issued by the BME.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nagrodzki with a second by Commissioner Morris to approve applicant numbers one through one hundred twenty-six (1-126) for full licensure. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

# **Limited License Applicants**

	<u>Name</u>	Medical School	Endorsement	<b>Location</b>	License
1.	Fatima Abid	Shifa College of Medicine	LL/AL	Mobile Infirmary IM	R
2.	Kaitlin C Andrus	St Georges University of London	LL/AL	USA Health FM	R
3.	Carleson S Dennis	UAB	LL/AL	UA Tuscaloosa FM	R
4.	Snigdha Erva	M.N.R. Medical College	LL/AL	Crestwood IM	R
5.	Alexander Henderson	Ohio Univ College of Osteo Medicine	LL/AL	Montgomery FM	R
6.	Tal Kalimian	Technion Israel Institute of Technology	LL/AL	<b>UAB Orthopaedic Surg</b>	F
7.	Tanka Karki	Kathmandu Univ School of Med Sciences	LL/AL	UAB Radiology	F
8.	Zura Katsitadze	Tbilisi State Medical University	LL/AL	USA Neurology	R
9.	Komal Khan	Xinjiang Medical University	LL/AL	Montgomery FM	R
10.	Jakarinya Mangalamoorthy	Xavier University School of Medicine	LL/AL	<b>USA Health Pediatrics</b>	R
11.	Boanerge Ojeda Chavarria	National University of Nicaragua Leon	LL/AL	Thomas Hospital IM	R
12.	Luis Purisaca Neira	Pedro R. Gallo National University	LL/AL	USA Health Neurology	R
13.	Mehtab Rana	Karachi Medical and Dental College	LL/AL	UAB Selma FM	R
14.	Adnan A Saad Eddin	Univ of Sana Faculty of Med and Health Sci	LL/AL	<b>UAB</b> Anesthesiology	F



<u>N</u>	<u>Vame</u>	Medical School	<b>Endorsement</b>	<u>Location</u>	<u>License</u>
15. S	Shirisha Reddy Sandadi	Gandhi Medical College, Secunderabad	LL/AL	USA Health Pediatrics	R
16. C	Dalton Michael Sheffield	Edward Via College of Osteo Med Auburn	LL/AL	Thomas Hospital IM	R
17. Z	Zahra Syed	Univerzity Karlovy	LL/AL	Baptist Health FM	R
18. R	Rachelanne Roxas Talatala	Univ East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial	LL/AL	USA Health Pediatrics	R
19. N	Nhan Trong Tran	Tan Tao University School of Medicine	LL/AL	USA Health Pediatrics	R
20. A	Abdul Wasay	University of Health Sciences Lahore	LL/AL	Crestwood IM	R

A motion was made by Commissioner Aldridge with a second by Commissioner Morris to approve applicant numbers one through twenty (1-20) for limited licensure. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

# IMLCC Report

The Commission received as information a report of the licenses that were issued via the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact from July 1, 2024, through July 31, 2024. A copy of this report is attached as Exhibit "A".

## **REPORTS**

## Physician Monitoring Report

The Commission received as information the physician monitoring report dated August 21, 2024. A copy of the report is attached as Exhibit "B".

## **APPLICANTS FOR REVIEW**

## Elizabeth Baorto, M.D.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nagrodzki with a second by Commissioner Christopher to approve Dr. Baorto's application for full licensure. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

## Olubusola Brimmo, M.D.

A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Nagrodzki to approve Dr. Brimmo's application for full licensure. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.



## Ernesto M. Duarte, M.D.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nagrodzki with a second by Commissioner Morris to approve Dr. Duarte's application for full licensure. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

# Paloria Hills, D.O.

A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Nagrodzki to approve Dr. Hills' application for full licensure. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

# Christopher T. Smith, D.O.

A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Nagrodzki to approve Dr. Smith's application for full licensure. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

BME Rules for Publication: Administrative Rule 540-X-7-.08, Grandfather Clause (Physician Assistant)

The Commission received as information the Board of Medical Examiners Rules for Publication: Administrative Rule 540-X-7-.08, Grandfather Clause (Physician Assistant). A copy of the rule is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

# Proposed Rule Changes: Term & Age Limits

Proposed rule changes regarding term and age limits were discussed and deferred pending further consideration. A copy of the proposed rule change is attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

## **REQUESTS**

## Michelle Snyder Jackson, M.D.

The Commission considered a request filed by Dr. Jackson to modify restrictions placed on her Alabama medical license. A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Aldridge to enter an order setting a hearing for December 18, 2024. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. A copy of the Commission's order is attached hereto as Exhibit "E".



### **ADMINISTRATIVE FILINGS**

## Anand P. Lalaji, M.D.

The Commission received an Administrative Complaint and Petition for Summary
Suspension filed by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners. A motion was made by
Commissioner Nagrodzki with a second by Commissioner Nelson-Garrett to enter an order
summarily suspending Dr. Lalaji's license to practice medicine in Alabama and setting a hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Varner with a second by Commissioner Nagrodzki to amend the previous motion by assigning this matter to a four-member hearing panel and setting a hearing for December 3, 2024. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. A copy of the Commission's order is attached hereto as Exhibit "F".

## Casey Long, M.D.

The Commission received a proposed Joint Settlement Agreement and Consent Order between Dr. Long and the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners. A motion was made by Commissioner Aldridge with a second by Commissioner Morris to accept the Joint Settlement Agreement and to enter a Consent Decree incorporating its terms. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. A copy of the Commission's order is attached hereto as Exhibit "G".

## Charles T. Nevels, M.D.

The Commission received a proposed Joint Settlement Agreement and Consent Order between Dr. Nevels and the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners. Consideration on this matter was deferred pending more information.

## Trung Nguyen, D.O.

The Commission received an Administrative Complaint filed by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners. A motion was made by Commissioner Aldridge with a second by Commissioner Christopher to enter an order setting a hearing for December 18, 2024. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. A copy of the Commission's order is attached hereto as Exhibit "H".

At 11:41 a.m., the Commission entered closed session pursuant to Alabama Code § 34-24-361.1 to hear and consider the following matters:



## **CLOSED SESSION UNDER ALA. CODE 34-24-361.1**

## John Belk, M.D.

A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Morris to accept the Voluntary Surrender of Dr. Belk's Alabama medical license and to dismiss the Administrative Complaint filed by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. A copy of the Voluntary Surrender is attached hereto as Exhibit "I".

## Divya Carrigan, M.D.

The Commission received as information a First Amended Administrative Complaint filed by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners. A copy of the Amended Administrative Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit" J".

## David M. Young, M.D.

A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Morris to accept the Voluntary Surrender of Dr. Young's Alabama medical license. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. A copy of the Voluntary Surrender is attached hereto as Exhibit "K".

# Janaki Ram Prasada Earla, M.D.

A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Morris to accept the Voluntary Surrender of Dr. Earla's Alabama medical license and dismiss the Administrative Complaint previously filed by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. A copy of the Voluntary Surrender is attached hereto as Exhibit "L".

## Hakan Alp Sahinoglu, D.O.

At the conclusion of the informal conference, a motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Falgout to approve Dr. Sahinoglu's application for full licensure. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.



# Ramesh Peramsetty, M.D.

An oral motion was made by Wilson Hunter, General Counsel for the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, to dismiss the Petition to Revoke Probation previously filed. A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Morris to dismiss the Petition to Revoke Probation and express the Commission's sympathy for the passing of Dr. Peramsetty. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. A copy of the Commission's order is attached hereto as Exhibit "M".

Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:** The next meeting of the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission was announced for Wednesday, September 25, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

JORGE (LSIP, M.D., Chairman

Alabama Medical Licensure Commission

Rebecca Robbins, Director of Operations

Recording Secretary

Alabama Medical Licensure Commission

Date Signed

EXHIBIT

A

IMLCC Licenses Issued July 1, 2024 - July 31, 2024 (126)

Name	License Type	License Number	Status	Issue Date	Expiration Date	State of Principal Licensure
Matthew John Garman	MD	49180	Active	7/3/2024	12/31/2024	Colorado
Maryah Mansoor	MD	49287	Active	7/22/2024	12/31/2024	Delaware
Stephanie Corn	MD	49379	Active	7/30/2024	12/31/2024	District of Columbia
Michael Joel Pottash	MD	49240	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	District of Columbia
Shivani Mitu Bhatia	MD	49190	Active	7/8/2024	12/31/2024	Georgia
Vetriselvi Moorthy	MD	49222	Active	7/11/2024	12/31/2024	Georgia
Nayyer Iqbal	MD	49223	Active	7/11/2024	12/31/2024	Georgia
Ray L Howell	MD	49214	Active	7/10/2024	12/31/2024	Georgia
Mildred JoAnn Santorufo	DO	3776	Active	7/10/2024	12/31/2024	Georgia
Amanda Whitleigh Fletcher	MD	49226	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	Georgia
Apurve Joshi	MD	49255	Active	7/16/2024	12/31/2024	Georgia
Ekin Ozluk	MD	49229	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	Georgia
Pratik Mehta	MD	49230	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	Georgia
Sufiyan Patwa	MD	49277	Active	7/19/2024	12/31/2024	Georgia
Sean Germaine Davis	MD	49288	Active	7/23/2024	12/31/2024	Georgia
Bradley Alexander Stearns	MD	49369	Active	7/29/2024	12/31/2024	Georgia
Benjamin James Williams	MD	49347	Active	7/25/2024	12/31/2024	Georgia
Nkiruka Juliana Udejiofor	MD	49359	Active	7/26/2024	12/31/2024	Georgia
Paulina Marcella Przydzial	MD	49248	Active	7/15/2024	12/31/2024	Illinois
Sean Gishan DeSilva	MD	49261	Active	7/16/2024	12/31/2024	Illinois
Jacob Eric David Moore	MD	49262	Active	7/16/2024	12/31/2024	Illinois
Peter Thomas Georginis	MD	49220	Active	7/11/2024	12/31/2024	Illinois
Judith Opena Disterhoft	MD	49380	Active	7/30/2024	12/31/2024	Illinois
Siri Atma Greeley	MD	49381	Active	7/30/2024	12/31/2024	Illinois
Karen Lorraine Reid Renner	MD	49227	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	Indiana
Naushaba Azam Khan	MD	49193	Active	7/8/2024	12/31/2024	Indiana
James Kendall Walker	MD	49219	Active	7/11/2024	12/31/2024	Kansas
Carla Grace Nicole Benjamin	MD	49251	Active	7/15/2024	12/31/2024	Kansas

Gillian Stuart	MD	49252	Active	7/15/2024	12/31/2024	Kentucky
Arnaud Drouin	MD	49254	Active	7/16/2024	12/31/2024	Louisiana
Benjamin Karl Simpson	MD	49238	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	Louisiana
Matthew Jude Mutter	MD	49213	Active	7/10/2024	12/31/2024	Louisiana
Ephraim Opara	MD	49221	Active	7/11/2024	12/31/2024	Louisiana
Ramses Ramirez Damera	MD	49224	Active	7/11/2024	12/31/2024	Louisiana
Nichole Love-Grove	DO	3778	Active	7/11/2024	12/31/2024	Louisiana
Linda Kang Armstrong	DO	3782	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	Louisiana
Lubna Shah Hasanain	MD	49249	Active	7/15/2024	12/31/2024	Maryland
Adriana Medina	MD	49289	Active	7/23/2024	12/31/2024	Maryland
Kavita Srivastava Jackson	MD	49286	Active	7/22/2024	12/31/2024	Maryland
Alexander Steve Katcheves	MD	49264	Active	7/17/2024	12/31/2024	Maryland
Cheryl Andaya Villareal	MD	49210	Active	7/10/2024	12/31/2024	Michigan
Seema Misra	MD	49211	Active	7/10/2024	12/31/2024	Michigan
Adeel Khan	DO	3772	Active	7/8/2024	12/31/2024	Michigan
Kristopher Rai	MD	49192	Active	7/8/2024	12/31/2024	Michigan
Sarah Elizabeth Tinsler	DO	3771	Active	7/3/2024	12/31/2024	Michigan
Tin Trung Nguyen	MD	49197	Active	7/8/2024	12/31/2024	Michigan
Meena Mehta	MD	49228	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	Michigan
Matthew George Case	DO	3777	Active	7/11/2024	12/31/2024	Michigan
Teresa Michele Walsh	MD	49206	Active	7/10/2024	12/31/2024	Michigan
Stanley Hyun Sung	MD	49257	Active	7/16/2024	12/31/2024	Michigan
Veronica Claire Damasco	MD	49285	Active	7/22/2024	12/31/2024	Michigan
Yolanda Chuck-Yan Lau	MD	49343	Active	7/25/2024	12/31/2024	Michigan
David Keane Wash	MD	49344	Active	7/25/2024	12/31/2024	Michigan
Theodore Joseph Robak III	MD	49284	Active	7/22/2024	12/31/2024	Michigan
Matthew James Thompson	MD	49282	Active	7/22/2024	12/31/2024	Michigan
Daniel John Montville	MD	49346	Active	7/25/2024	12/31/2024	Minnesota
Steven Donald Johnson	MD	49191	Active	7/8/2024	12/31/2024	Minnesota
Holly Rene Hieb	MD	49233	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	Minnesota

Christopher Alan Penton	MD	49243	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	Mississippi
Saleem Nemer Jafilan	MD	49345	Active	7/25/2024	12/31/2024	Nebraska
Brandon Philip Olivieri	MD	49372	Active	7/29/2024	12/31/2024	Nebraska
Andre Dion Small	MD	49281	Active	7/22/2024	12/31/2024	Nevada
Christina Ching-Wei Hedderly	DO	3793	Active	7/25/2024	12/31/2024	Nevada
Amani Nasser H. Altamimi	MD	49245	Active	7/15/2024	12/31/2024	Nevada
Audrey Sue Legaspi Cruz	MD	49234	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	Nevada
Catherine Kim Phan Karno	MD	49235	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	Nevada
Nathan Potter	MD	49236	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	New Hampshire
Jack Cossman	MD	49269	Active	7/18/2024	12/31/2024	New Jersey
Sara Crystal	MD	49291	Active	7/23/2024	12/31/2024	New Jersey
Alexa Nicole Fiffick	DO	3780	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	Ohio
Sarita K Salzberg	MD	49231	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	Ohio
Derek Harmon	DO	3783	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	Ohio
David Michael Ritter	MD	49239	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	Ohio
Heather Carone	MD	49246	Active	7/15/2024	12/31/2024	Ohio
Ibrahim Elsheikh	MD	49198	Active	7/8/2024	12/31/2024	Ohio
Anthony Robert Smartnick	MD	49204	Active	7/10/2024	12/31/2024	Ohio
Joshua Micah Colvin	MD	49218	Active	7/11/2024	12/31/2024	Ohio
Mahmoud Qadoom	MD	49275	Active	7/19/2024	12/31/2024	Ohio
Satya Sunderrajan Acharya	MD	49378	Active	7/30/2024	12/31/2024	Ohio
Eddie Lee Taylor Jr.	MD	49272	Active	7/18/2024	12/31/2024	Tennessee
Ron Hunter Pearson	MD	49274	Active	7/18/2024	12/31/2024	Tennessee
Hannah McGuyre Ware French	MD	49276	Active	7/19/2024	12/31/2024	Tennessee
Jon Seth Mather	MD	49367	Active	7/29/2024	12/31/2024	Tennessee
Vandankumar Manibhai Patel	MD	49290	Active	7/23/2024	12/31/2024	Tennessee
Omari Adisa Ruffin	MD	49212	Active	7/10/2024	12/31/2024	Tennessee
Catherine Sarina Smith	MD	49207	Active	7/10/2024	12/31/2024	Tennessee
Michael Weldon Diana	MD	49208	Active	7/10/2024	12/31/2024	Tennessee
Rachel Meredith Nelson	MD	49209	Active	7/10/2024	12/31/2024	Tennessee

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William Hoyt Smith	MD	49232	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	Tennessee
Hector Alejandro Saucedo	MD	49258	Active	7/16/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Angela Marie Schilsky	MD	49259	Active	7/16/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Jose Rafael Muniz	MD	49260	Active	7/16/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Alex John McKinlay	MD	49250	Active	7/15/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Aleksandr Shikhman	MD	49237	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Ryan Jin-Hyung Park	MD	49241	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Michael Dean Lloyd	MD	49242	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Eric Paul Fillman	MD	49194	Active	7/8/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Warren Benjamin Fingrut	MD	49195	Active	7/8/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Shannon Stuart Kratzer	MD	49196	Active	7/8/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Sankaman Praisoody	MD	49205	Active	7/10/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Alexandra Louise Pinon	MD	49217	Active	7/11/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Sijo Venattussery Joseph	MD	49256	Active	7/16/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Sreechandra Kanth Donepudi	MD	49265	Active	7/17/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Mohammad Al Baeer	MD	49266	Active	7/17/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Lukas Erik Burton	MD	49267	Active	7/18/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Mir Zulfiquar Alikhan	MD	49268	Active	7/18/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Tin-Yun Tang	MD	49270	Active	7/18/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Yosra Aljawai	MD	49271	Active	7/18/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Joel Garrett Massey	MD	49348	Active	7/25/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Winslett Cox	MD	49350	Active	7/25/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Sadia Saleem	MD	49358	Active	7/26/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Luz Elena Castellanos	MD	49370	Active	7/29/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Jeremy Chip Malouf	MD	49371	Active	7/29/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Jack Brian Fu	MD	49373	Active	7/29/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Curtis Alvin Pettaway	MD	49377	Active	7/30/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Francisco Torres	MD	49279	Active	7/22/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Robbyn Lucille Traylor	MD	49280	Active	7/22/2024	12/31/2024	Texas
Quynh Nhu Nguyen	MD	49283	Active	7/22/2024	12/31/2024	Texas

John Andrew McHenry	MD	49247	Active	7/15/2024	12/31/2024	Utah
Shannon L Servin-Obert	DO	3779	Active	7/11/2024	12/31/2024	Washington
Sneha Patel	DO	3784	Active	7/16/2024	12/31/2024	Washington
Pavan Parashar	MD	49366	Active	7/29/2024	12/31/2024	Washington
Vladimir Tchikrizov	MD	49349	Active	7/25/2024	12/31/2024	Washington
Michael Patrick Friters	DO	3781	Active	7/12/2024	12/31/2024	West Virginia
Keith VanCuran	MD	49263	Active	7/17/2024	12/31/2024	Wisconsin
Tina Marie Stec	MD	49273	Active	7/18/2024	12/31/2024	Wisconsin

<sup>\*</sup>Total licenses issued since April 2017 - 4,411



EXHIBIT B

# STATE OF ALABAMA MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION

To:

**Medical Licensure Commission** 

From:

Nicole Roque

Subject:

**August Physician Monitoring Report** 

Date:

8/21/2024

The physicians listed below are currently being monitored by the MLC.

Physician:

Scott Hull Boswell, M.D.

Order Type:

MLC

Due Date:

Quarterly

Order Date: License Status: 12/1/2014 Active

Requirements:

Therapist Report

Check PDMP

Received:

Therapist Report

**PDMP Compliant** 

Physician:

Gary M. Bullock, D.O.

Order Type:

MLC

Due Date:

6/27/2024

Order Date:

8/25/2023

License Status:

Active-Probation

Requirements:

Administrative Cost (\$27,460.27)

Administrative Fine (\$20,000)

No Prescribing

Received:

PDMP Compliant

\*No payment has been received.

Physician:

Richard E. Jones, M.D.

Order Type:

MLC Other

Due Date:

3/27/2024

Order Date: License Status:

Active-Probation

Requirements:

Intensive Course in Medical Ethics, Boundaries and Professionalism at CWRU

Site visit to ensure compliance with Commission Order

Received:

Certificate of completion from Case Western Reserve University

Compliance memo from RK Johnson

Physician:

Shakir Raza Meghani, M.D.

Order Type:

BME/MLC

Due Date: Order Date: Monthly 11/20/2023

License Status:

11/20/2023 Active

Requirements:

Check PDMP Monthly

Received:

**PDMP Compliant** 





## ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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## **MEMORANDUM**

To:

Medical Licensure Commission

From:

Mandy Ellis

Date:

August 15, 2024

Re:

Administrative Rules Approved for Publication

The Board of Medical Examiners, at its meeting August 15, 2024, approved the following rule to be published for public comment in the *Alabama Administrative Monthly*:

• Administrative Rule 540-X-7-.08, Grandfather Clause (P.A.)

After the publication of amended Administrative Rule 540-X-7-.08, Grandfather Clause (P.A.), in the *Alabama Administrative Monthly*, two comments were received expressing concern that it would not be clear that a medical school graduate would still need to meet all requirements to practice as an assistant to physicians. After consideration of the comments received, the rule has been amended as follows:

(3) A person who holds a degree of doctor of medicine but who is not licensed to practice medicine in the State of Alabama shall not be eligible for a license and a registration as a physician assistant <u>unless except as provided in paragraph</u> (1) of this Rule <u>applies or unless the applicant meets all statutory requirements for a license to practice as a physician assistant in Alabama.</u>

With an expected publication date of August 30, 2024, the public comment period ends October 4, 2024. The anticipated effective date December 14, 2024.

## Attachments:

Administrative Rule 540-X-7-.08, Grandfather Clause – Physician Assistant (P.A.)

# TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control:	540							
Department or Agency:	partment or Agency: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners							
Rule No.:	540-x-708							
Rule Title:	Grandfather Clause - Physician Assistant (P.A	.)						
Intended Action	Amend							
Would the absence of the propendanger the public health, w	posed rule significantly harm or welfare, or safety?	No						
	onship between the state's police the public health, safety, or welfare?	Yes						
Is there another, less restricted that could adequately protect	ictive method of regulation available t the public?	No						
Does the proposed rule have tincreasing the costs of any o	the effect of directly or indirectly goods or services involved?	No						
To what degree?: N/A								
Is the increase in cost more that might result from the ab	harmful to the public than the harm osence of the proposed rule?	NA						
	Are all facets of the rule-making process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, theYes protection of the public?							
	ate to or affect in any manner any is a party to concerning the subject	No						
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Does the proposed rule have a	an economic impact?	No						
If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.								
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Certification of Authorized Official  I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, <a href="Code of Alabama 1975">Code of Alabama 1975</a> , and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.								

Date

William M. Perkins

William M Perkins

Thursday, June 20, 2024

JUN 20, 2024

LEGISLATIVE SVC AGENCY

#### ALABAMA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

#### NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME:

Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE:

540-X-7-.08

Grandfather Clause - Physician Assistant

(P.A.)

INTENDED ACTION:

Amend

#### SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

To remove the prohibition of a person holding a doctor of medicine degree but who is not licensed to practice medicine in Alabama to apply for a physician assistant license and registration.

This amendment meets the "protection of public health" exemption from the moratorium on rule amendments contained in Governor Ivey's Executive Order No. 735, Reducing "Red Tape" on Citizens and Businesses.

#### TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed new rule(s) and regulation(s) in writing to: Carla Kruger, Office of the General Counsel, Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 946, Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0946, by mail or email (bme@albme.gov), until and including Aug. 2, 2024. Persons wishing to submit data, views, or comments in person should contact Carla Kruger by telephone (334-242-4116) during the comment period. Copies of proposed rules may be obtained at the Board's website, www.albme.gov.

#### FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Friday, August 2, 2024

### CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

Carla Kruger

William M. Perkins

William M Perkins

(Signature of officer authorized to promulgate and adopt rules or his or her deputy)

# 540-X-7-.08 Grandfather Clause - Physician Assistant (P.A.).

(1) Any person who was certified by the board as a physician assistant or surgeon assistant to a licensed physician on December 21, 1994, shall be eligible for the issuance of a license and a registration to practice as a physician assistant. (2) To qualify for a license under this section, an applicant must submit an application for licensure and the required fee on or before May 7, 1999. After May 7, 1999, an applicant must meet all of the requirements of Rule 540-X-7-.04 concerning licensure.

(3) A person who holds a degree of doctor of medicine but who is not licensed to practice medicine in the State of Alabama shall not be eligible for a license and a registration as a physician assistant except as provided in paragraph (1) of this Rule.\_
Author: Alabama Board of Medical Examiners
Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-24-290, et. seq.

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Rule: Filed September 19, 2002; effective October 24, 2002. Amended: Published October 29, 2021; effective December 13,

2021. Amended: Published ; effective .



EXHIBIT D

# STATE of ALABAMA MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION

### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama

From:

Jorge A. Alsip, M.D., Chairman

Date:

August 26, 2024

Subject:

Proposed Rule Changes: Term & Age Limits

The attached drafts of proposed MLC statute and rules changes would accomplish the following:

- Limit service on the Commission to 3 five-year terms
- Require a physician or public member to have been an Alabama resident for at least the previous five years to be eligible for appointment to the Commission.
- Disqualify physicians with a public disciplinary action from serving on the Commission
- Allow a Commissioner to serve beyond the end of their term if their successor has not been appointed.
- Limits service as MLC Chairman to 3 consecutive years.
- (Rule only) Require a Commissioner to resign once they reach age 75.

The Alabama Constitution was amended in 2016 to eliminate state laws which impose a mandatory retirement age (except for judges), and Amendment 13 also prevents the <u>Alabama Legislature</u> from passing any law that would impose mandatory retirement ages for any elected or appointed officials. Since Amendment 13's ratification, several public boards have amended their bylaws with mandatory retirement age provisions, which the amended Constitution does not prohibit. I have also included a summary of how several of the state's public universities have addressed term limits and mandatory retirement ages.

#### Attachments:

- Proposed Amended Ala. Code §34-24-310
- Proposed Amended Ala. Admin. Code r 545-X-1-.01
- Survey of State University BOT's Term & Age Limits

## MLC Statute: Term & Age Limits (DRAFT)

SECTION 34-24-310 Created; composition; appointment of members; terms of office; public members.

There is created the Medical Licensure Commission composed of seven physicians, each of whom shall be either a doctor of medicine or a doctor of osteopathy and be licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in this state, and one public member. The members of the commission shall be appointed as follows: Two physicians shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; two physicians shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and the remaining three physicians and one public member shall be appointed by the Governor. Each member of the commission shall have been a citizen of this state for the previous five years, and the membership of the commission shall be inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and economic diversity of the state. Physicians with a public disciplinary action against their Alabama medical license shall not be eligible for appointment to the Commission. The public member shall not be a licensee of the Commission or hold a professional degree in any health care field or practice as a licensed health care professional. The members shall serve fiveyear terms, and each member may serve no more than three terms. If a member is appointed to serve the remainder of an unexpired term, the unexpired term will count as one the member's three terms if more than thirty months remain in the unexpired term. A member shall continue to serve beyond the expiration of his or her current term until a successor has been appointed. Each member shall be entitled to participate and vote in all matters before the commission.

(Acts 1981, No. 81-218, p. 273, §1; Acts 1995, No. 95-277, p. 499, §1; Act 2009-34, p. 113, §3.)

# MLC Rules: Term & Age Limits (DRAFT)

## 545-X-1-.01 Composition of The Commission.

- (1) The Commission shall be composed of seven physicians, each of whom must be either a doctor of medicine or a doctor of osteopathy and be licensed to practice medicine in Alabama. There shall be one public member, who shall not be a licensee of the Commission or hold a professional degree in any health care field or practice as a licensed health care professional. Each member of the commission shall have been a citizen of this state for the past five years.
- (2) Physicians with a public disciplinary action against their Alabama medical license shall not be eligible for appointment to the Commission.
- (3) The members shall be appointed as follows:
  - (a) Two physicians shall be appointed by the lieutenant governor;
  - (b) Two physicians shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and
- (c) The three remaining physicians and the public member shall be appointed by the Governor.
- (4) Members shall serve a five-year terms, and each member may serve no more than three terms. If a member is appointed to

serve the remainder of an unexpired term, the unexpired term will count as one the member's three terms if more than thirty months remain in the unexpired term.

(5) Each member shall retire from the Commission at the conclusion of the monthly meeting following that member's seventieth-fifth birthday.

#### 545-X-1-.02 Officers of The Commission.

- (1) The Commission shall elect from its members a chairman and a vice chairman. The election of officers shall be held annually.
- (2) A member shall not be eligible to serve more than three consecutive years as chairman.
- (3) The duties of the officers shall be as follows:
  - (a) The chairman shall preside at meetings of the Commission and appoint members to serve on such committees as may be created.
  - (b) The vice chairman shall preside in the absence of the chairman and shall assume the duties of the chairman when necessary.
- (c) The chairman shall have the authority to take such action in the absence of the Commission that is necessary for the continuance of the day-to-day operation of the Commission and its staff. Such acts shall include scheduling of hearings, rulings on motions, requests and objections as they may relate to the admission or non-admission of evidence or testimony at hearings, and making determinations as to the order of evidence to be taken at hearings.
- (d) The chairman shall preside over the meetings and hearings of the Commission and, with the aid of counsel, shall rule on procedural and evidentiary issues which may arise during

the course of hearings. The chairman may delegate such portions of said responsibility as he may deem fit.

## Survey of State University BOT's Term & Age Limits

## Amendment 13 to State Constitution (passed in 2016)

- Nullified any law that imposed a maximum age restriction on the election or appointment of a public official (with the exemption of the state's age limits for state judges).
- Prevents the <u>Legislature</u> from passing any future law that puts a maximum age restriction on the election or appointment of a public official.

## Term Limits and Mandatory Retirement Ages for State Universities:

#### Alabama A&M

- May serve 2 six-year terms but may not serve > 12 consecutive years
- o No mention of mandatory retirement age.

## Auburn University

- o 7-year term
  - Members serving on the date of this amendment can serve 2 additional 7-year terms (21 yrs?) – no language regarding those appointed after the amendment is ratified (one term?, three terms?, number of terms not limited?)
  - Must be < 70 years old to be eligible for appointment</li>
  - Nothing about mandatory retirement age, so BOT member may be 76 before no longer being allowed to serve.

## Tuskegee University

- o 20 Self-perpetuating members
  - 3-yr terms
  - No term limits
- o 5 Board members appointed by the governor
  - 4 year terms
  - No mention of term limits
- o No mention of mandatory retirement age

## • University of Alabama BOT:

- Maximum of 3 consecutive 6-year terms (18 yrs total)
- o Shall retire at the first meeting following their 75<sup>th</sup> birthday
- UAB Board of Trustees same as for Univ of Alabama

## University of South Alabama

- Members serve 6-year terms
- No language regarding term limits
- No mandatory retirement age

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS,

Complainant,

VS.

MICHELLE SNYDER JACKSON, M.D.,

Respondent.

EXHIBIT E

BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

**CASE NO. 15-355** 

# ORDER SETTING HEARING

The Medical Licensure Commission has received Respondent's "Request for Removal of Probation from Medical License," filed May 24, 2024, and the Board's "Opposition to Respondent's Petition to Lift Probation," filed on August 12, 2024. The Commission has determined that this matter is due to be set down for hearing under the provisions of Ala. Code § 34-24-361(h)(9). This Order shall serve as the Notice of Hearing prescribed in Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.03(3), (4). The Commission's legal authority and jurisdiction to hold the hearing in this matter are granted by Article 8, Chapter 24, Title 34 of the Code of Alabama (1975), and the particular sections of the statutes and rules involved are as set forth in the aforementioned pleadings and in this Order.

In addition to the issues raised in the parties' pleadings, Respondent is advised that the following matters shall be in issue at the hearing:

- a. Whether Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Alabama should be further disciplined on grounds of conviction of a felony, under Ala. Code § 34-24-360(4); and
- b. Whether, and to what extent, Respondent is currently able to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to her patients, under Ala. Code § 34-24-360(20), in view of the rebuttable presumption of clinical incompetency provided for in Ala. Admin. Code r. 540-X-23-.03(1).

# 1. Service of the Administrative Complaint

A copy of the Administrative Complaint and a copy of this Order shall be served forthwith upon the Respondent, by personally delivering the same to Respondent if he or she can be found within the State of Alabama, or, by overnight courier, signature required, to Respondent's last known address if he or she cannot be found within the State of Alabama. The Commission further directs that personal service of process shall be made by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who is designated as the duly authorized agent of the Commission.

# 2. <u>Initial Hearing Date</u>

This matter is set for a hearing as prescribed in Ala. Code §§ 34-24-360, et seq., and Ala. Admin. Code Chapter 545-X-3, to be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at 848 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama, 36104. Unless otherwise specified by the Commission, the hearing will be held in person.

All parties and counsel are expected to appear and to be prepared for the hearing at this date, time, and place.

# 3. Appointment of Hearing Officer

The Commission appoints the Honorable William R. Gordon, Circuit Judge (Ret.) as the Hearing Officer in this matter, pursuant to Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.08. The Hearing Officer shall exercise general superintendence over all prehearing proceedings in this matter, and shall serve as the presiding officer at the hearing, having and executing all powers described in Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.08(1)(a)-(g).

# 4. Rescheduling/Motions for Continuance

All parties and attorneys are expected to check their schedules immediately for conflicts. Continuances will be granted only upon written motion and only for good cause as determined by the Chairman (or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman) of the Medical Licensure Commission. Continuances requested on grounds of engagement of legal counsel on the eve of the hearing will not be routinely granted.

# 5. Case Management Orders

The Hearing Officer is authorized, without further leave of the Commission, to enter such case management orders as he considers appropriate to the particular case. Among any other matters deemed appropriate by the Hearing Officer, the

Hearing Officer may enter orders addressing the matters listed in Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.03(5)(a)-(f) and/or 545-X-3-.08(1)(a)-(g). All parties will be expected to comply with such orders.

# 6. Manner of Filing and Serving Pleadings

All pleadings, motions, requests, and other papers in this matter may be filed and served by e-mail. All filings should be e-mailed to:

- The Hearing Officer, William Gordon (wrgordon@charter.net);
- The Director of Operations of the Medical Licensure Commission,
   Rebecca Robbins (rrobbins@almlc.gov);
- General Counsel of the Medical Licensure Commission, Aaron Dettling (adettling@almlc.gov);
- General Counsel for the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, Wilson Hunter (whunter@albme.gov); and
- Respondent/Licensee or his or her counsel, as appropriate.

The Director of Operations of the Medical Licensure Commission shall be the custodian of the official record of the proceedings in this matter.

# 7. <u>Discovery</u>

Consistent with the administrative quasi-judicial nature of these proceedings, limited discovery is permitted, under the supervision of the Hearing Officer. See Ala.

Code § 41-22-12(c); Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.04. All parties and attorneys shall confer in good faith with one another regarding discovery. If disputes regarding discovery are not resolved informally, a motion may be filed with the Hearing Officer, who is authorized to hold such hearings as appropriate and to make appropriate rulings regarding such disputes.

# 8. Publicity and Confidentiality

Under Alabama law, the Administrative Complaint is a public document. The hearing itself is closed and confidential. The Commission's written decision, if any, will also be public. See Ala. Code § 34-24-361.1; Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.03(10)(h), (11).

# 9. Stipulations

The parties are encouraged to submit written stipulations of matters as to which there is no basis for good-faith dispute. Stipulations can help to simplify and shorten the hearing, facilitate the Commission's decisional process, and reduce the overall costs of these proceedings. Written stipulations will be most useful to the Commission if they are submitted in writing approximately 10 days preceding the hearing. The Hearing Officer is authorized to assist the parties with the development and drafting of written stipulations.

# 10. <u>Judicial Notice</u>

The parties are advised that the Commission may take judicial notice of its prior proceedings, findings of fact, conclusions of law, decisions, orders, and judgments, if any, relating to the Respondent. See Ala. Code § 41-22-13(4); Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.09(4).

# 11. Settlement Discussions

The Commission encourages informal resolution of disputes, where possible and consistent with public interest. If a settlement occurs, the parties should notify the Hearing Officer, the Commission's Director of Operations, and Commission's General Counsel. Settlements involving Commission action are subject to the Commission's review and approval. To ensure timely review, such settlements must be presented to the Commission no later than the Commission meeting preceding the hearing date. Hearings will not be continued based on settlements that are not presented in time for the Commission's consideration during a monthly meeting held prior to the hearing date. The Commission Vice-Chairman may assist the parties with the development and/or refinement of settlement proposals.

# 12. Subpoenas

The Commission has the statutory authority to compel the attendance of witnesses, and the production of books and records, by the issuance of subpoenas.

See Ala. Code §§ 34-24-363; 41-22-12(c); Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.05. The

parties may request that the Hearing Officer issue subpoenas for witnesses and/or documents, and the Hearing Officer is authorized to approve and issue such subpoenas on behalf of the Commission. Service of such subpoenas shall be the responsibility of the party requesting such subpoenas.

# 13. Hearing Exhibits

- A. Parties and attorneys should, if possible, stipulate as to the admissibility of documents prior to the hearing.
- B. The use of electronic technology, USB drives, CD's, DVD's, etc. is acceptable and encouraged for voluminous records. If the Commission members will need their laptop to view documents, please notify the Hearing Officer prior to your hearing.
- C. If providing hard copies, voluminous records need not be copied for everyone but, if portions of records are to be referred to, those portions should be copied for everyone.
- D. If a document is to be referred to in a hearing, copies should be available for each Commission member, the Hearing Officer, the Commission's General Counsel, opposing attorney, and the court reporter (12 copies).
- E. Index exhibits/documents for easy reference.
- F. Distribute exhibit/document packages at the beginning of the hearing to minimize distractions during the hearing.

# 14. Administrative Costs

The Commission is authorized, pursuant to Ala. Code § 34-24-381(b) and Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.08(9) and (10), to assess administrative costs against the Respondent if he or she is found guilty of any of the grounds for discipline set forth in Ala. Code § 34-24-360. The Board of Medical Examiners []has / [X]has

not given written notice of its intent to seek imposition of administrative costs in this matter.

# 15. Appeals

Appeals from final decisions of the Medical Licensure Commission, where permitted, are governed by Ala. Code §§ 41-22-20 and 34-24-367.

DONE on this the 19th day of September, 2024.

THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

By:

E-SIGNED by Jorge Alsip, M.D. on 2024-09-19 09:08:01 CDT

Jorge Alsip, M.D. Its Chairman

#### **Distribution:**

- Honorable William R. Gordon (incl. Administrative Complaint)
- Rebecca Robbins
- Respondent/Respondent's Attorney
- E. Wilson Hunter
- Aaron L. Dettling

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS,

Complainant,

VS.

ANAND P. LALAJI, M.D.,

Respondent.

**EXHIBIT** 

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BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

**CASE NO. 2024-012** 

# ORDER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING LICENSE AND SETTING HEARING For Contested Cases Initiated by Administrative Complaint Four-Member Panel Hearing

The Medical Licensure Commission has received the verified Administrative Complaint and Petition for Summary Suspension of License ("the Administrative Complaint") filed by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners in this matter. The Commission has determined that this matter is due to be set down for hearing under the provisions of Ala. Code § 34-24-361(e). This Order shall serve as the Notice of Hearing prescribed in Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.03(3), (4). The Commission's legal authority and jurisdiction to hold the hearing in this matter are granted by Article 8, Chapter 24, Title 34 of the Code of Alabama (1975), and the particular sections of the statutes and rules involved are as set forth in the Administrative Complaint and in this Order.

### 1. <u>Temporary Suspension of License</u>

Upon the verified Administrative Complaint of the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, and pursuant to the legal authority of Ala. Code §§ 34-24-361(f) and 41-22-19(d), it is the ORDER of the Commission that the license to practice medicine or osteopathy, license certificate number MD.27242 of ANAND P. LALAJI, M.D. ("Respondent"), be, and the same is hereby, immediately SUSPENDED. Respondent is hereby ORDERED and DIRECTED to surrender the said license certificate to the Medical Licensure Commission, at 848 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama, 36104. Respondent is further ORDERED immediately to CEASE and DESIST from the practice of medicine in the State of Alabama.

This action is taken consistent with the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Medical Examiners and the Medical Licensure Commission and Ala. Code § 34-24-361(f), based upon the request of the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners upon the Board's finding and certification that the Board presently has in its possession evidence that the continuance in practice of Respondent may constitute an immediate danger to his patients and the public.

Respondent is reminded that the suspension of his or her license to practice medicine in Alabama triggers certain obligations with regard to patient notification

and patient records. See Ala. Admin. Code r. 540-X-9-.10(4)(c); 545-X-4-.08(4)(c). Respondent shall comply with these requirements.

### 2. Service of the Administrative Complaint

A copy of the Administrative Complaint and a copy of this Order shall be served forthwith upon the Respondent, by personally delivering the same to Respondent if he or she can be found within the State of Alabama, or, by overnight courier, signature required, to Respondent's last known address if he or she cannot be found within the State of Alabama. The Commission further directs that personal service of process shall be made by Federal Will Could who is designated as the duly authorized agent of the Commission.

# 3. Appointment of, and Referral To, Hearing Panel; Initial Hearing Date

A hearing panel is hereby constituted, consisting of Commission members Aldridge, Christopher, Nagrodzki, and Varner, and this matter is hereby referred to such hearing panel for the conduct of a hearing and the entry of proposed findings to be considered by the full Commission. *See* Ala. Code § 34-24-366; Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.14.

This matter is set for a hearing as prescribed in Ala. Code §§ 34-24-360, et seq., and Ala. Admin. Code Chapter 545-X-3, to be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at 3300 Cahaba Road, Suite 320, Birmingham, Alabama, 35223.

Unless otherwise specified by the Commission, the hearing will be held in person.

All parties and counsel are expected to appear and to be prepared for the hearing at this date, time, and place.

### 4. Appointment of Hearing Officer

The Commission appoints the Honorable William R. Gordon, Circuit Judge (Ret.) as the Hearing Officer in this matter, pursuant to Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.08. The Hearing Officer shall exercise general superintendence over all prehearing proceedings in this matter, and shall serve as the presiding officer at the hearing, having and executing all powers described in Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.08(1)(a)-(g).

#### 5. Answer

Respondent shall file an Answer, as prescribed in Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.03(6), within 20 calendar days of the service of the Administrative Complaint. If Respondent does not file such an Answer, the Hearing Officer shall enter a general denial on Respondent's behalf.

# 6. Rescheduling/Motions for Continuance

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### 16. Administrative Costs

The Commission is authorized, pursuant to Ala. Code § 34-24-381(b) and Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.08(9) and (10), to assess administrative costs against the Respondent if he or she is found guilty of any of the grounds for discipline set forth in Ala. Code § 34-24-360. The Board of Medical Examiners [X]has / []has not given written notice of its intent to seek imposition of administrative costs in this matter.

#### 17. Appeals

Appeals from final decisions of the Medical Licensure Commission, where permitted, are governed by Ala. Code § 41-22-20 and 34-24-367.

DONE on this the 4th day of September, 2024.

THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

By:

E-SIGNED by Jorge Alsip, M.D. on 2024-09-04 14:34:38 CDT

Jorge Alsip, M.D. its Chairman

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ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF

Complainant,

MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

VS.

CASEY ALAN LONG, M.D.,

Respondent.

**EXHIBIT** 

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BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

**CASE NO. 2024-188** 

#### **CONSENT DECREE**

This matter comes before the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama ("the Commission") on the Administrative Complaint ("the Administrative Complaint") filed by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners ("the Board") on August 7, 2024. The Board and the Respondent, Casey Alan Long, M.D. ("Respondent"), have entered into a Joint Settlement Agreement ("the Settlement Agreement"), and have asked the Commission to approve the Settlement Agreement and to embody it in this Consent Decree.

# **General Provisions**

1. <u>Approval of the Settlement Agreement</u>. After review, the Commission finds that the Settlement Agreement represents a reasonable and appropriate disposition of the matters asserted in the Administrative Complaint. The Commission therefore approves the Settlement Agreement.

- 2. Mutual Agreement and Waiver of Rights. Respondent has consented and agreed to the entry of this Consent Decree, and has agreed to be bound by the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and terms and conditions stated herein. Respondent has validly waived his rights to an administrative hearing before the Commission, to be represented by an attorney at such hearing, and to further notice and formal adjudication by the Commission of the charges arising from the Administrative Complaint. Respondent has also validly waived any and all rights to judicial review of this Consent Decree pursuant to Ala. Code § 34-24-367, the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act, Ala. Code §§ 41-22-1, et seq., by extraordinary writ, or otherwise.
- 3. <u>Public Documents</u>. The Administrative Complaint, the Settlement Agreement, and this Consent Decree shall constitute public records under the laws of the State of Alabama. The Administrative Complaint, the Settlement Agreement, and this Consent Decree may be published or disclosed by the Board and/or the Commission without further notice to Respondent.

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4. <u>Additional Violations</u>. Any violation of the requirements of this Consent Decree, or any new violation of state or federal laws or regulations, may result in the Board filing a petition to discipline Respondent's medical license. Nothing in this Consent Decree precludes the Board from bringing new

administrative charges against Respondent based upon events and circumstances not raised in the Administrative Complaint.

- 5. <u>Retention of Jurisdiction</u>. The Commission retains jurisdiction for the purpose of entering such other and further orders and directives as may be required to implement the provisions of this Consent Decree.
- 6. <u>Judicial Notice</u>. Pursuant to Ala. Code § 41-22-13(4), Respondent is informed that the Board and/or the Commission may at any time take judicial notice of this Consent Decree, and/or any of the Findings of Fact herein, and may deem any of the findings or conclusions set forth in this Consent Decree to be conclusively established, all without further notice to Respondent.

# **Findings of Fact**

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- 1. Respondent has been licensed to practice medicine in the State of Alabama since February 26, 2014, having been issued license no. MD.33195. Respondent was so licensed at all relevant times.
- 2. On or about November 30, 2021, Respondent submitted or caused to be submitted an Alabama medical license renewal application for calendar year 2022. On that application, Respondent certified that the annual minimum continuing medical education requirement of 25 AMA PRA Category 1<sup>TM</sup> credits had been met or would be met by December 31, 2021. Respondent further represented that, if audited, he would have supporting documents.

3. Respondent did not earn any valid continuing medical education credits during 2021.

#### **Conclusions of Law**

- 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Administrative Complaint, and over the parties, pursuant to Ala. Code § 34-24-310, et seq.
- 2. The Commission finds, as a matter of law, that the determined facts constitute violations of Ala. Code § 34-24-360(23) and Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-5-.02.

# Order/Discipline

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:

1. That Respondent is assessed an administrative fine in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00). In accordance with Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.08(8)(d)(i), Respondent is ordered to pay the administrative fine within 30 days of this Order.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "The refusal or failure by a physician to comply with an order entered by the Medical Licensure Commission" may be a separate instance of "unprofessional conduct." See Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-4-.06(6).

- 2. That Respondent is ordered to obtain 25 *additional* credits of AMA PRA Category 1<sup>TM</sup> or equivalent continuing medical education, in addition to the 25 credits already required for calendar year 2024, for a combined total of 50 credits, during calendar year 2024.
- 3. That no costs of this proceeding are assessed against Respondent at this time.

DONE on this the 4th day of September, 2024.

THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

By:

E-SIGNED by Jorge Alsip, M.D. on 2024-09-04 12:33:24 CDT

# ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS,

Complainant,

VS.

TRUNG NAM NGUYEN, D.O.,

Respondent.

EXHIBIT H

BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

**CASE NO. 2023-077** 

# ORDER SETTING HEARING For Contested Cases Initiated by Administrative Complaint

The Medical Licensure Commission has received the verified Administrative Complaint filed by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners in this matter. The Commission has determined that this matter is due to be set down for hearing under the provisions of Ala. Code § 34-24-361(e). This Order shall serve as the Notice of Hearing prescribed in Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.03(3), (4). The Commission's legal authority and jurisdiction to hold the hearing in this matter are granted by Article 8, Chapter 24, Title 34 of the Code of Alabama (1975), and the particular sections of the statutes and rules involved are as set forth in the Administrative Complaint and in this Order.

# 1. Service of the Administrative Complaint

A copy of the Administrative Complaint and a copy of this Order shall be served forthwith upon the Respondent, by personally delivering the same to Respondent if he or she can be found within the State of Alabama, or, by overnight courier, signature required, to Respondent's last known address if he or she cannot be found within the State of Alabama. The Commission further directs that personal service of process shall be made by FALLY NICHT BOULD, who is designated as the duly authorized agent of the Commission.

# 2. <u>Initial Hearing Date</u>

This matter is set for a hearing as prescribed in Ala. Code §§ 34-24-360, et seq., and Ala. Admin. Code Chapter 545-X-3, to be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at 848 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama, 36104. Unless otherwise specified by the Commission, the hearing will be held in person. All parties and counsel are expected to appear and to be prepared for the hearing at this date, time, and place.

# 3. Appointment of Hearing Officer

The Commission appoints the Honorable William R. Gordon, Circuit Judge (Ret.) as the Hearing Officer in this matter, pursuant to Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.08. The Hearing Officer shall exercise general superintendence over all prehearing proceedings in this matter, and shall serve as the presiding officer at the

hearing, having and executing all powers described in Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.08(1)(a)-(g).

#### 4. Answer

Respondent shall file an Answer, as prescribed in Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.03(6), within 20 calendar days of the service of the Administrative Complaint. If Respondent does not file such an Answer, the Hearing Officer shall enter a general denial on Respondent's behalf.

# 5. Rescheduling/Motions for Continuance

All parties and attorneys are expected to check their schedules immediately for conflicts. Continuances will be granted only upon written motion and only for good cause as determined by the Chairman (or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman) of the Medical Licensure Commission. Continuances requested on grounds of engagement of legal counsel on the eve of the hearing will not be routinely granted.

# 6. <u>Case Management Orders</u>

The Hearing Officer is authorized, without further leave of the Commission, to enter such case management orders as he considers appropriate to the particular case. Among any other matters deemed appropriate by the Hearing Officer, the Hearing Officer may enter orders addressing the matters listed in Ala. Admin. Code

r. 545-X-3-.03(5)(a)-(f) and/or 545-X-3-.08(1)(a)-(g). All parties will be expected to comply with such orders.

### 7. Manner of Filing and Serving Pleadings

All pleadings, motions, requests, and other papers in this matter may be filed and served by e-mail. All filings should be e-mailed to:

- The Hearing Officer, William Gordon (wrgordon@charter.net);
- The Director of Operations of the Medical Licensure Commission,
  Rebecca Robbins (rrobbins@almlc.gov);
- General Counsel of the Medical Licensure Commission, Aaron Dettling (adettling@almlc.gov);
- General Counsel for the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, Wilson Hunter (whunter@albme.gov); and
- Respondent/Licensee or his or her counsel, as appropriate.

The Director of Operations of the Medical Licensure Commission shall be the custodian of the official record of the proceedings in this matter.

#### 8. Discovery

Consistent with the administrative quasi-judicial nature of these proceedings, limited discovery is permitted, under the supervision of the Hearing Officer. See Ala. Code § 41-22-12(c); Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.04. All parties and attorneys

shall confer in good faith with one another regarding discovery. If disputes regarding discovery are not resolved informally, a motion may be filed with the Hearing Officer, who is authorized to hold such hearings as appropriate and to make appropriate rulings regarding such disputes.

# 9. Publicity and Confidentiality

Under Alabama law, the Administrative Complaint is a public document. The hearing itself is closed and confidential. The Commission's written decision, if any, will also be public. See Ala. Code § 34-24-361.1; Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.03(10)(h), (11).

# 10. Stipulations

The parties are encouraged to submit written stipulations of matters as to which there is no basis for good-faith dispute. Stipulations can help to simplify and shorten the hearing, facilitate the Commission's decisional process, and reduce the overall costs of these proceedings. Written stipulations will be most useful to the Commission if they are submitted in writing approximately 10 days preceding the hearing. The Hearing Officer is authorized to assist the parties with the development and drafting of written stipulations.

#### 11. Judicial Notice

The parties are advised that the Commission may take judicial notice of its prior proceedings, findings of fact, conclusions of law, decisions, orders, and judgments, if any, relating to the Respondent. See Ala. Code § 41-22-13(4); Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.09(4).

#### 12. Settlement Discussions

The Commission encourages informal resolution of disputes, where possible and consistent with public interest. If a settlement occurs, the parties should notify the Hearing Officer, the Commission's Director of Operations, and Commission's General Counsel. Settlements involving Commission action are subject to the Commission's review and approval. To ensure timely review, such settlements must be presented to the Commission no later than the Commission meeting preceding the hearing date. Hearings will not be continued based on settlements that are not presented in time for the Commission's consideration during a monthly meeting held prior to the hearing date. The Commission Vice-Chairman may assist the parties with the development and/or refinement of settlement proposals.

#### 13. Subpoenas

The Commission has the statutory authority to compel the attendance of witnesses, and the production of books and records, by the issuance of subpoenas. See Ala. Code §§ 34-24-363; 41-22-12(c); Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.05. The

parties may request that the Hearing Officer issue subpoenas for witnesses and/or documents, and the Hearing Officer is authorized to approve and issue such subpoenas on behalf of the Commission. Service of such subpoenas shall be the responsibility of the party requesting such subpoenas.

# 14. Hearing Exhibits

- A. Parties and attorneys should, if possible, stipulate as to the admissibility of documents prior to the hearing.
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not given written notice of its intent to seek imposition of administrative costs in this matter.

### 16. Appeals

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DONE on this the 30th day of August, 2024.

THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

By:

E-SIGNED by Jorge Alsip, M.D. on 2024-08-30 10:27:47 CDT

Jorge Alsip, M.D. Its Chairman

#### **Distribution:**

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# ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS,

Complainant,

VS.

JOHN THOMAS BELK, M.D.,

Respondent.

EXHIBIT I

BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

**CASE NO. 2024-014** 

#### **ORDER**

This matter is before the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama on the Motion to Dismiss filed by the Board on August 16, 2024. As grounds for the motion, the Board says that Respondent has executed a voluntary surrender of his certificate of qualification and license to practice medicine in the State of Alabama. For good cause shown, the Commission accepts Respondent's voluntary surrender; the Board's Motion to Dismiss is granted; and the Administrative Complaint and Petition for Summary Suspension of License filed on June 25, 2024, is dismissed without prejudice.

DONE on this the 4th day of September, 2024.

THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

By:

E-SIGNED by Jorge Alsip, M.D. on 2024-09-04 12:34:22 CDT

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#### BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF	)	
MEDICAL EXAMINERS,	)	
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Complainant,	)	
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v.	)	
	)	CASE NO.: 2024-036
DIVYA ALAPATI CARRIGAN, M.D.,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

#### FIRST AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

The Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners ("the Board"), by and through its counsel, hereby submits this First Amended Administrative Complaint to revoke or sanction the medical license of DIVYA ALAPATI CARRIGAN ("Respondent") under Ala. Code § 34-24-361(e).

#### JURISDICTION

On or about January 1, 2019, Respondent was issued a license to practice medicine
in the state of Alabama, license number MD.37650. Respondent has been licensed at all times
relevant and material to this complaint.

#### **FACTS**

- Respondent started using opiates in 2012. She has a history of substance abuse and addiction, which is outlined in a Clinical Professional Fitness for Duty Evaluation Summary Report completed by Acumen Assessments ("Acumen") on March 23, 2022.
- 3. On June 4, 2016, Respondent graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine.
- 4. On or about June 20, 2017, Respondent began an internal medicine residency program at Baptist South Hospital in Montgomery, Alabama.

- 5. From approximately June 29, 2016 through September 7, 2016, Respondent received treatment at Bradford Health Services ("Bradford") for opioid and sedative use disorders.
- 6. On September 19, 2016, Respondent signed a five-year Chemical Dependence Assistance Agreement with the Alabama Professionals Health Program ("APHP").
- 7. On or about May 8, 2017, Respondent applied to the Board for a limited certificate of qualification to practice medicine in Alabama. The application was granted on or about June 21, 2017.
  - 8. In June of 2018, Respondent completed her residency at Baptist South Hospital.
- 9. On October 29, 2018, Respondent submitted an Application for Certificate of Qualification to Practice Medicine in Alabama. The Board granted the application for licensure on December 12, 2018. Respondent received a license to practice medicine in Alabama on January 1, 2019.
- 10. On February 28, 2022, APHP notified the Board of Respondent's relapse history, including: (1) a urine drug screen positive for Tramadol on May 13, 2021; (2) hair test positive for opiates on August 25, 2021; (3) hair test positive for a rise in opiate levels on November 22, 2021, and manipulation of testing dates by Respondent; and (4) blood test positive for opiates on December 23, 2021. The relapse resulted in Respondent signing an amended agreement with APHP for an indefinite term with annual reviews and direction to attend a Relapse Prevention group. Respondent was also directed to complete a professional evaluation.
- 11. Respondent was evaluated at Acumen from February 20, 2022 to February 24, 2022. Acumen reported that Respondent failed her polygraph, admitted that she had been using opiates since 2018, manipulated her testing schedule to accommodate her opiate abuse and stole

opiates from friends and relatives. Acumen recommended that Respondent attend in-patient treatment at Bradford and enter into a Lifetime Monitoring Agreement with APHP.

- 12. Respondent submitted to in-patient treatment at Bradford on March 7, 2022, and completed the treatment on or about May 2, 2022. Bradford recommended that Respondent (1) continue individual therapy; (2) complete 15-20 sessions of intensive outpatient treatment at Bradford; (3) attend Bradford's weekly Continuing Care Group or APHP's Therapeutic Monitoring Group for two years; (4) attend 90 recovery related activities in 90 days, followed by step meetings; (5) actively participate with her sponsor; (6) engage in Caduceus meetings; (7) receive monthly Vivitrol injections; (8) comply with all conditions of her agreement with APHP; and (9) return to Acumen for their longitudinal program.
- 13. On May 24, 2022, Respondent signed a Voluntary Agreement with the Board whereby she agreed not to practice medicine pending the outcome of the longitudinal evaluation by Acumen to be conducted in September of 2022.
- 14. On June 8, 2022, Respondent signed a Substance Use Disorder Monitoring Agreement with APHP.
- 15. In June of 2022, Respondent requested termination of her Voluntary Agreement in order to return to work. The Medical Director at Bradford recommended that Respondent be allowed to return to work so that she could earn enough money to enter Acumen's longitudinal program in September.
- 16. On July 21, 2022, the Board voted to approve Respondent's return to practice contingent upon her continued compliance with her agreement with APHP.
- 17. On December 4, 2022, Respondent submitted a license renewal application. In response to question 9, Respondent reported that she received treatment for substance abuse issues

from February 2022 through May 2022 and did not return to work until August of 2022, when she was cleared to do so by the Board.

- 18. In January of 2023, Respondent accepted employment with Complete Health Simon-Williamson ("CHSW").
- 19. Upon information and belief, from July of 2023 to January of 2024, Respondent wrote prescriptions for controlled substances for her husband and diverted those medications for her own use or prescribed the medications with an intent to divert the medications for her own use.
- 20. Respondent had a child on January 26, 2024. While on leave, Respondent wrote prescription(s) for controlled substances in the name of her family members, who were not patients of CHSW, for the purpose of diverting the controlled substances for her own use.
- 21. Specifically, on February 5, 2024, a CHSW employee received notification that the EMR system rejected a prescription for Oxycodone 7.5 mg, #60 written to S. Alapati due to no patient address. Upon investigation, the employee confirmed that (1) S. Alapati is a parent of Respondent, (2) S. Alapati was not a patient of CHSW, and (3) the "chart" for S. Alapati had been created earlier that morning.
- 22. When asked about the findings, Respondent denied knowing S. Alapati and denied accessing the EMR from home. CHSW later confirmed through their own investigation that Respondent created the chart and prescription for S. Alapati.
- 23. On or about February 14, 2024, CHSW terminated Respondent from her employment "for cause." The Board initiated an investigation as a result of the termination.
- 24. On or about February 29, 2024, the Board notified Respondent that she was under formal investigation by the Board.

- 25. Board investigators met with Respondent several times during the course of the investigation. During one of the meetings, Respondent admitted that she lied to CHSW and that she did, in fact, log in to the EMR while she was on leave and created a patient chart for S. Alapati, who was not a patient of CHSW, for the purpose of obtaining controlled substances for herself. Respondent also admitted that she used the controlled substances after she obtained them through improper channels.
- 26. Respondent also lied to Board investigators during the course of the investigation. For example, she initially reported that she had not relapsed, but later changed her story and reported that she relapsed in February of 2024. Respondent admits to some of her lies in a written statement provided to the Board on March 20, 2024.
- 27. On July 22, 2024, Inv. Ed Bussey, Birmingham Police Department, DEA Diversion Task Force, contacted Board investigators concerning his investigation of Respondent. According to his information, Respondent attempted to fill a forged prescription at a Publix Pharmacy located at 1584 Montgomery Highway, Hoover. The prescription was written by Subba Alapati, M.D. for patient J.C. and was for Hydrocodone-Acetaminophen 10-325 mg. The pharmacy technician, suspecting a forged prescription, took a picture of the prescription and then handed it back to Respondent without filling it, in accordance with pharmacy policy. The pharmacy technician alerted Investigator Bussey about this event and told him that two other prescriptions were filled in the past for this same patient. One hydrocodone prescription filled on May 31, 2024, was for 42 pills, 7-day supply. The hydrocodone prescription written on June 14, 2024, and filled on June 15, 2024, was for 30 pills, 5-day supply. Both were purportedly written by Dr. Alapati and filled by Respondent.

- 28. Investigator Bussey obtained pharmacy closed circuit video of a female filling the May 31, 2024, hydrocodone prescription. Pharmacy staff identified Respondent as the female filling the prescription. In addition, there is a phone number written on the top right corner of this prescription. The phone number belongs to Respondent.
- 29. In response to this information, Board investigators ran a physician activity report in the PDMP for Dr. Subba Alapati for July 22, 2023-2024. According to the report, Dr. Alapati had written 34 prescriptions for that time period. Twenty-four (24) of those prescriptions were filled in Birmingham and surrounding areas. The other 10 prescriptions were filled in Huntsville. All 34 prescriptions were written between April and July 2024.
- 30. On July 23, 2024, Board investigators traveled to the practice and residence address of Dr. Alapati to verify if he did indeed write all 34 prescriptions. Dr. Alapati was not home, so Board investigators called him on the phone number listed on his profile. Dr. Alapati answered the telephone and stated he was currently working in Arizona. He stated he has not practiced in Alabama nor written any prescriptions in Alabama for the past 10 years. When questioned about specific prescriptions attributed to him, Dr. Alapati stated he did not know any of the patient names and did not write any of the prescriptions. He again stressed that he has not practiced medicine in Alabama and has not written any prescriptions in Alabama.
- 31. Dr. Alapati further told investigators that someone from Birmingham contacted him about possible forged prescriptions. Board investigators sent him the list of names to further verify whether he had written any of the prescriptions. Dr. Alapati responded by e-mail and left a voicemail for Board investigators to contact him on his cell. By phone, Dr. Alapati advised that one or more prescriptions were written for his son-in-law and that Respondent is his daughter. He added that, about 10 years ago when he had a practice in Huntsville, an employee stole one of his

prescription pads and wrote several prescriptions in his name. Board investigators sent him a copy of the prescriptions written on May 31, 2024, and June 14, 2024, to verify if this was the same prescription pad he used. He responded that was the same prescription pad he used 10 years ago. Dr. Alapati stated that one of his staff members, or the previous employee, must still have one of those pads. He could not remember the name of the previous employee.

- 32. Based on this information, Board investigators researched Respondent's compliance with her APHP monitoring agreement. Under the agreement, Respondent was supposed to be receiving monthly Vivitrol injections, as well as drug screens. On April 26, 2024, May 28, 2024 and June 27, 2024, Respondent sent letters from her personal email address to APHP on Grandview Medical Group letterhead purporting to report the administration of Vivitrol to Respondent by Dr. Amanda Wright on those dates. Board investigators contacted Dr. Wright about these letters. Dr. Wright told Board investigators she had last seen Respondent on August 17, 2022 for an Adult Preventative Wellness Exam and had never administered Vivitrol to her.
- 33. Furthermore, Board investigators learned that Respondent has been tested only for alcohol, not opiates, since October 26, 2023. Upon information and belief, the order form used by the lab had been altered at some point to change the test from opiates to alcohol only. Accordingly, APHP has not received a drug-screen for opiates from Respondent since October 2023.
- 34. Respondent is not in active recovery, making her unsafe to practice medicine in Alabama. APHP does not endorse her as currently being safe to practice.

#### **CHARGES**

35. Based on Respondent's history and her current substance use disorder, the Board has investigated Respondent and concluded that there is probable cause to believe that she has violated Ala. Code § 34-24-360.

# COUNT ONE – INABILITY TO PRACTICE MEDICINE WITH REASONABLE SKILL AND SAFETY TO PATIENTS

36. Beginning in or about January 1, 2019, and continuing through the present day, DIVYA ALAPATI CARRIGAN, M.D. has demonstrated an inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to her patients by reason of her excessive use of drugs, narcotics, and any other substance, and as a result of a physical and mental condition, in violation of Ala. Code § 34-24-360(19)a.

#### COUNT TWO -UNTRUE STATEMENTS

37. On or about February 29, 2024, DIVYA ALAPATI CARRIGAN, M.D. made one or more fraudulent or untrue statements to the Board during the course of an investigation, in violation of ALA. CODE § 34-24-360(17).

#### COUNT THREE -UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

38. On or about February 5, 2024, DIVYA ALAPATI CARRIGAN, M.D. intentionally and knowingly caused and permitted a false and misleading representation of a material fact to be entered into a medical record when she created a medical chart for her parent with the intention of prescribing a controlled substance to divert for her own use, in violation of Ala. Admin. Code 545-X-4-.06(2) and ALA. CODE § 34-24-360(2).

#### COUNT FOUR -UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

39. On or about April 26, 2024, DIVYA ALAPATI CARRIGAN, M.D. committed unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine when she submitted a false, forged, and deceptive letter to the Alabama Professionals Health Program concerning a material fact, in violation of Ala. Admin. Code 545-X-4-.06(10) and Ala. Code § 34-24-360(2).

#### COUNT FIVE -UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

40. On or about May 28, 2024, DIVYA ALAPATI CARRIGAN, M.D. committed unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine when she submitted a false, forged, and deceptive letter to the Alabama Professionals Health Program concerning a material fact, in violation of Ala. Admin. Code 545-X-4-.06(10) and Ala. Code § 34-24-360(2).

#### COUNT SIX -UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

41. On or about June 27, 2024, DIVYA ALAPATI CARRIGAN, M.D. committed unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine when she submitted a false, forged, and deceptive letter to the Alabama Professionals Health Program concerning a material fact, in violation of Ala. Admin. Code 545-X-4-.06(10) and Ala. Code § 34-24-360(2).

#### COUNT SEVEN - UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

42. On or about May 31, 2024, DIVYA ALAPATI CARRIGAN, M.D. committed unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine when she submitted to a pharmacy a false, forged, and fraudulent prescription for hydrocodone, a controlled substance, in violation of Ala. Admin. Code 545-X-4-.06(10) and Ala. Code § 34-24-360(2).

#### COUNT EIGHT - UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

43. On or about June 14, 2024, DIVYA ALAPATI CARRIGAN, M.D. committed unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine when she submitted to a pharmacy a false, forged, and fraudulent prescription for hydrocodone, a controlled substance, in violation of Ala. Admin. Code 545-X-4-.06(10) and Ala. Code § 34-24-360(2).

#### COUNT NINE -UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

44. Beginning on or about October 26, 2023, and continuing through the present day, DIVYA ALAPATI CARRIGAN, M.D. has committed unprofessional conduct in the practice of

medicine by submitting to drug screening for alcohol only when she knew that she was required to be screen for opiates, said screening being material to her compliance with her Alabama Professionals Health Program assistance agreement, in violation of Ala. Admin. Code 545-X-4-.06(10) and Ala. Code § 34-24-360(2).

WHEREFORE, the foregoing premises considered, the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners respectfully requests that the Medical Licensure Commission set a hearing on this First Amended Administrative Complaint and order that DIVYA ALAPATI CARRIGAN, M.D., appear and answer the allegations contained herein. The Board requests that, at the conclusion of the hearing, the Commission revoke Dr. Carrigan's license to practice medicine, assess the maximum fine, and/or take such other actions as the Commission may deem appropriate based upon the evidence presented for consideration.

The Board is continuing the investigation of the Respondent and said investigation may result in additional charges being prepared and filed as an amendment to this First Administrative Complaint.

The Board requests that administrative costs be assessed against Respondent pursuant to Ala. Code § 34-24-381 and Commission Rule 545-X-3-.08(12)(e).

This Administrative Complaint is executed for and on behalf of the Board by its Executive Director pursuant to the order of the Commission entered on July 24, 2024, granting the Board's motion to amend its administrative complaint under Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.03(13).

EXECUTED this 30th day of July, 2024.

William M. Perkins Executive Director

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#### STATE OF ALABAMA ) MONTGOMERY COUNTY )

Before me, the undersigned, personally appeared William M. Perkins, who, being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says that he, in his capacity as Executive Director of the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, has examined the contents of the foregoing complaint and petition and affirms that the contents thereof are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

William M. Perkins

**Executive Director** 

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this the day of July, 2024.

Notary Public
My commission expires: 1/20/0027

EXHIBIT K

In re: DAVID M. YOUNG, M.D., License No. MD.41561 BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

# **ORDER**

This matter is before the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama on Dr. Young's voluntary surrender of his license to practice medicine in Alabama. The Commission accepts Dr. Young's voluntary surrender.

DONE on this the 4th day of September, 2024.

THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

By:

E-SIGNED by Jorge Alsip, M.D. on 2024-09-04 12:33:46 CDT

# ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS,

Complainant,

vs.

JANAKI RAM PRASAD EARLA, M.D.,

Respondent.

**EXHIBIT** 

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BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

**CASE NO. 2022-344** 

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

This matter is before the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama on Respondent's voluntary surrender of his certificate of qualification and license to practice medicine in the State of Alabama.

The Commission accepts Respondent's voluntary surrender, and the Administrative Complaint and Petition for Summary Suspension of License filed on October 20, 2022, is dismissed without prejudice.

DONE on this the 4th day of September, 2024.

THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

By:

E-SIGNED by Jorge Alsip, M.D. on 2024-09-04 12:34:03 CDT

# ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS,

Complainant,

vs.

RAMESH BABU PERAMSETTY, M.D.,

Respondent.

EXHIBIT M

BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

**CASE NO. 2017-305** 

#### **ORDER**

The Commission notes with great sadness the public reports of the untimely passing of Ramesh Babu Peramsetty, M.D. The Commission extends its sympathies to Dr. Peramsetty's family, friends, professional colleagues, and patients.

On August 28, 2024, The Board of Medical Examiners made an oral motion that its Petition to Revoke Probation be dismissed. It is so ordered.

DONE on this the 4th day of September, 2024.

THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

By:

E-SIGNED by Jorge Alsip, M.D. on 2024-09-04 12:34:52 CDT