BOARD MINUTES MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE May 8 and 9, 2024

A regularly called meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure was held on May 8 & 9, 2024, at 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Suite 200B, Jackson, MS, after being duly noticed on the Mississippi Public Notice website, this Board's website, and the front door of the Board's offices in accordance with law.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT ON May 8, 2024:

Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., Jackson, President C. Kenneth Lippincott, M.D., Tupelo, Vice President Thomas Joiner, M.D., Jackson, Secretary via Zoom David W. McClendon, Jr., M.D., Ocean Springs Kirk L. Kinard, D.O., Oxford H. Allen Gersh, M.D., Hattiesburg via Zoom William E. Loper, M.D., Ridgeland Renia Dotson, M.D., Greenville Roderick Givens, M.D., Natchez Shoba Gaymes, Jackson, Consumer Member Wesley Breland, Hattiesburg, Consumer Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Paul Barnes, Board Attorney, Complaint Counsel Stan T. Ingram, Co-Complaint Counsel for the Board Alexis Morris, Special Assistant Attorney General Kenneth Cleveland, Executive Director Mike Lucius, Deputy Director Anna Boone, Director of Licensure Division Jackie McKenzie, Legal Assistant Ken Slay, IT Project Manager Jonathan Dalton, Director of Investigations Frances Carrillo, Executive Assistant Lori Busick, Brown Court Reporter

NOT PRESENT:

Major General (Ret.) Erik Hearon, Jackson, Consumer Member Wesley Breland, Hattiesburg, Consumer Member departed at 3:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 10:37 am, by Dr. Owens, President. The invocation was given by Dr. McClendon, and the pledge was led by Dr. Givens. Dr. Cleveland, Executive Director called Roll and reported there was a quorum present.

Dr. Owens welcomed Alexis Morris, Special Assistant Attorney General who will serve as the Board's Hearing Officer, and Lori Busick, Court Reporter with Brown Court Reporting.

Executive Director Report

Dr. Cleveland provided an updated summary regarding Licensure and Investigative Division operations for the months of March and April 2024. Dr. Cleveland summarized the 2025 budget for FYI 2025. Dr. Cleveland congratulated Shoba Gaymes on her election to the Nominating Committee at the FSMB annual meeting. Dr. Cleveland also announced his appointment to the FSMB Board of Directors. Also, it was noted that the State was very well represented and that three of the FSMB speakers on the main stage were from Mississippi, including Dr. Owens, Dr. Hambleton and himself.

Review and Approval of Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 21, 2024.

Upon review of the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting dated March 21, 2024, Dr. McClendon moved for approval of the minutes as submitted. Dr. Loper seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Review and Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting dated March 21, 2024.

Upon review of the minutes of the Board Meeting dated March 21, 2024, Dr. Dotson moved for approval of the minutes as submitted. Dr. McClendon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of the Specially Called Board Meeting dated April 4, 2024.

Upon review of the minutes of the Board Meeting dated April 4, 2024, Dr. Givens moved for approval of the minutes as submitted. Dr. Dotson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Report of May 8, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting

Dr. Kinard reported on the matters considered by the Executive Committee on May 8, 2024, and the recommendations made.

A motion was made by Dr. Loper, seconded by Dr. Givens, and carried, to accept the report and ratify the recommendations as reported by the Executive Committee.

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Licensees Education and Communication - Dr. McClendon (Chair), Dr. Gersh, Dr. Kinard, Dr. Joiner, Dr. Lippincott, Mr. Breland, Ms. Gaymes, Dr. Cleveland, Mr. Lucius, Camille Young

Dr McClendon briefly summarized the April 5, 2024, Zoom meeting of the Licensees Education and Communication Committee. Dr. McClendon reported the discussion of the need to communicate to Licensees

- Dissemination to Licensees of Regulation change; Revision of Part 2640, Ch. 1, R. 1.2
 Definitions and the Removal of Regulation Pt 2640, Ch 1, R 1.6 Bariatric Medicine, certified by the OLRC. This will be disseminated to Licensees via email and post on the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure website.
- Report on Disciplinary Actions. Email a list of board action with a brief description of the action using the License number as the only identifier to all Licensees
- Review, Update Policy Statements to table for further study

PERMISSIBILITY OF DISPENSING / RESELLING PRODUCTS OBTAINED FROM OUTSOURCING FACILITIES UNDER SECTION 503B OF THE FD&C ACT BY BOARD LICENSEES.

Mr. Barnes advised for the Board to make a motion to close the meeting to consider going into executive session, the grounds for which to be considered with respect to prospective litigation when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body. Mr. Barnes requested that he, the Executive Director and Deputy Director be permitted to join the Board in executive session. (Agenda Item 12)

A motion was made by Dr. Loper, seconded by Dr. Dotson, and carried that the Board meeting be closed to discuss whether to enter into executive session.

CLOSED SESSION

During closed session, a motion was made by Dr. Gersh, seconded by Dr. Joiner, and carried that the Board enter executive session for the purpose for strategy sessions with respect to prospective litigation, when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body. (Agenda Item 12)

Upon a motion by Dr. McClendon, seconded by Dr. Loper and carried unanimously, the Board came out of executive session. Dr. Kinard reported that during executive session this agenda item was discussed with Executive Staff members of the Board of Pharmacy, but **NO ACTION** was needed or taken.

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PURSUANT TO MS CODE § 73-25-27, INVESTIGATIVE SUBPOENAS FOR APPROVAL, CASE NUMBER: 2024-080 AND 2023-062. THIS IS A MATTER FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION TO BE HELD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS INVESTIGATIVE PROCEEDINGS REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF MSCONDUCT OR VIOLATION OF LAW.

A motion was made by Dr. Kinard, seconded by Dr. McClendon, and carried that the Board meeting be closed to discuss whether to enter into executive session for the purpose of approving investigative subpoenas for case numbers 2024-080 and 2023-062. (Agenda Item 13)

CLOSED SESSION

During closed session, a motion was made by Dr. Kinard, seconded by Dr. Loper, and carried that the Board enter executive session for the purpose of approving investigative subpoenas for case numbers 2024-080 and 2023-062. (Agenda Item 13).

Upon a motion by Dr. Loper, seconded by Dr. Dotson and carried unanimously, the Board came out of executive session. It was reported that the Board unanimously **APPROVED** the investigative subpoenas for case numbers 2024-080 and 2023-062. (Agenda Item 13). Pursuant to Miss. Code § 73-25-27, the Executive Director of the Board is hereby authorized to issue the aforementioned investigative subpoenas and this authorization shall be deemed an order entered on the minutes of the Board.

HEARING IN THE CASE OF TRUNG NAM NGUYEN, D.O., TYLER, TX MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE 26072 APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CONSENT ORDER

Mr. Barnes briefly summarized the circumstances leading to this Consent Order which relates to Dr. Nguyen's practice of telemedicine in Mississippi with regards to treating patients for weight loss. Licensee prescribed schedule III medications without conducting physical examinations as required by the rules and regulations.

Mr. Barnes introduced Dr. Nguyen and his counsel, Mr. Stephen Angelette. Mr. Angelette briefly summarized the circumstances regarding this violation. Dr. Nguyen was sworn in by the court reporter.

Dr. Nguyen answered questions from Mr. Barnes and the Board.

After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Loper, seconded by Dr. McClendon, and carried unanimously to **APPROVE** the consent order.

A copy of the Board Order is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

The official account of this proceeding was recorded by Lori Busick, Court Reporter, Brown Court Reporting, Inc.

THE BOARD RECESSED FOR LUNCH AT 11:59 AM AND RECONVENED AT 12:55 PM

HEARING IN THE CASE OF FOLUSO A. FAKOREDE, M.D., CLEVELAND, MS MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE 23725 MOTION FOR A CONTINUANCE

Mr. Barnes advised the Board that the facts of this case was under review regarding the charges which may be amended. Mr. Barnes requested an indefinite order of continuance.

A motion was made by Dr. McClendon, seconded by Dr. Givens, and carried unanimously to **ACCEPT** the motion to continue this matter indefinitely.

A copy of the Order of Continuance is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

HEARING IN THE CASE OF EDWARD S. MOAK, M.D., BROOKHAVEN, MS MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE 09304

Mr. Barnes requested to distribute an email received that morning from Dr. Moak for their review regarding his request for an additional continuance.

Mr. Barnes reviewed Dr. Moak's last request. In March, Dr. Moak requested a continuance for the purpose of retaining counsel but had not communicated with this office since that date until receipt of Dr. Moak's latest email on this date. Mr. Barnes briefly summarized this case to the Board. Dr. Moak has not retained counsel or had counsel appear.

A motion was made by Dr. McClendon, seconded by Dr. Loper, and carried unanimously to **DENY** the motion to continue this matter and to proceed with a hearing.

Exhibits are introduced into the record.

Mr. Barnes made an opening statement.

Kristin Powell is sworn in by the Court Reporter.

Ms. Powell introduced herself to the Board as a licensed social worker and the Associate Director with the Mississippi Physician Health Program. Ms. Powell summarized to the Board the recommendations that were made to Dr. Moak by the Examining Committee and the three day evaluation by Talbot Recovery Center and Dr. Moak's subsequent failure to comply with all Talbot recommendations. Ms. Powell

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answered questions from Mr. Barnes and the Board. Ms. Powell then stepped down from the witness stand.

Mr. Barnes made a closing statement.

A motion was made by Dr. Givens to continue the **SUSPENSION**, and require Licensee to personally appear before the board to request and obtain reinstatement. The motion was seconded by Dr. Loper and carried unanimously.

A copy of the Board Order is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

The official account of this proceeding was recorded by Lori Busick, Court Reporter, Brown Court Reporting, Inc.

THE MEETING IS RECESSED AT 1:36 PM AND WILL RESUME THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024, AT 8:00 AM

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THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT ON May 9, 2024:

Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., Jackson, President C. Kenneth Lippincott, M.D., Tupelo, Vice President Thomas Joiner, M.D., Jackson, Secretary via Zoom David W. McClendon, Jr., M.D., Ocean Springs Kirk L. Kinard, D.O., Oxford H. Allen Gersh, M.D., Hattiesburg via Zoom William E. Loper, M.D., Ridgeland Renia Dotson, M.D., Greenville Roderick Givens, M.D., Natchez Shoba Gaymes, Jackson, Consumer Member Wesley Breland, Hattiesburg, Consumer Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Paul Barnes, Board Attorney, Complaint Counsel Alexis Morris, Special Assistant Attorney General Chelye P. Amis, Special Assistant Attorney General Kenneth Cleveland, Executive Director Mike Lucius, Deputy Director Anna Boone, Director of Licensure Division Jackie McKenzie, Legal Assistant Ken Slay, IT Project Manager Jonathan Dalton, Director of Investigations Frances Carrillo, Executive Assistant Lori Busick, Brown Court Reporter

NOT PRESENT:

Major General (Ret.) Erik Hearon, Jackson, Consumer Member Wesley Breland, Hattiesburg, Consumer Member departed at 3:00 pm

The Hearing Officer, Ms. Morris, heard argument on an omnibus motion filed by Licensee, including evidentiary motions, a motion for continuance and a motion to dismiss. Ms. Morris ruled on the evidentiary motions but withheld ruling on Licensee's motion to dismiss, pending consideration by the entire Board.

The meeting was called to order at 8:52 am, by Dr. Owens, President. Dr. Cleveland, Executive Director called Roll and reported there was a quorum present.

HEARING IN THE CASE OF BENJAMIN A. FEINZIMER, M.D., DEERFIELD, IL MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE 26008

Ms. Molly Walker introduced herself to the Board as co-counsel for Dr. Feinzimer along with Mr. Philip Chapman as counsel.

Ms. Walker presented an Omnibus motion to the Board to dismiss all charges.

BOARD RECESSED AT 9:03 AM / RETURNED AT 9:18 AM

A motion was made by Dr. McClendon, seconded by Dr. Givens, and carried unanimously to **DENY** the motion to dismiss all charges and to proceed with a hearing.

Exhibits are introduced into the record.

Witnesses Catina White, Ron Horner, Michael Smith, Dr. Kenneth Cleveland, Dr. Benjamin Feinzimer and Jonathan Dalton are sworn in by the Court Reporter.

- Mr. Barnes made an opening statement.
- Mr. Chapman made an opening statement.
- Ms. Catina White, Director of Compliance with the Board of Pharmacy, is called to the stand and answered questions from Mr. Barnes.

THE BOARD RECESSED AT 10:30 AM / RETURNED AT 10:43 AM

- Mr. Barnes tendered the witness, Catina White.
- Ms. Catina White continued her testimony and was called to the stand to be cross-examined by Mr. Chapman with follow up questions by Mr. Barnes. Ms. White then stepped down from the witness stand.
- Mr. Michael White, Investigative Supervisor with the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, is called to the stand and answered questions from Mr. Barnes and crossed-examined by Mr. Chapman. Mr. White is excused and stepped down from the witness stand.
- Mr. Ron Horner, Investigator with the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, is called to the stand and answered questions from Mr. Barnes.

THE BOARD RECESSED FOR LUNCH AT 11:44 AM TO RESUME AT 12:45 PM

- Mr. Horner continued his testimony questioned by Mr. Barnes. Mr. Horner is cross-examined by Mr. Chapman. Mr. Horner stepped down from the witness stand.
- Mr. Jonathan Dalton, Director of Investigations with Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, is called to the stand. Mr. Dalton answered questions by Mr. Barnes and Mr. Chapman. Mr. Dalton is excused and stepped down from the witness stand.

Dr. Benjamin Feinzimer is called to the stand as an adverse witness by Mr. Barnes.

THE BOARD RECESSED AT 2:43 PM TO RESUME AT 3:00 PM

Dr. Feinzimer resumed his testimony answering questions by Mr. Barnes and from Board members. Dr. Feinzimer stepped down from the witness stand. Mr. Barnes rested Complaint Counsel's case in chief.

THE BOARD RECESSED AT 3:53 PM TO RESUME AT 4:00 PM

Dr. Kenneth Cleveland, Executive Director with the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, is called to the stand as an adverse witness by Mr. Chapman. Dr. Cleveland answered questions by Mr. Chapman. Dr. Cleveland stepped down from the witness stand.

THE BOARD RECESSED AT 5:15 PM TO RESUME AT 5:27 PM

- Dr. Feinzimer was recalled to the stand by Mr. Chapman, and he answered questions by Mr. Chapman, redirected questions from Mr. Barnes, and answered questions from Board members. Dr. Feinzimer stepped down from the witness stand.
 - Ms. Walker made motion to dismiss charges.
 - Mr. Barnes made a closing statement.
 - Mr. Chapman made a closing statement.

A motion was made by Dr. McClendon, seconded by Dr. Givens, and carried that the Board enter into executive session to discuss investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violations of law by Licensee and the issuance of an appealable order.

Upon a motion by Dr. Loper, seconded by Dr. Gersh and carried, the Board came out of executive session at which time Dr. Owens asked Dr. Kinard to report on its decision. Dr. Kinard reported that there were two matters under consideration, 1) Licensee's motion for dismissal is **DENIED**; and 2) Licensee is found **GUILTY** on all three counts in the Summons and Affidavit. Licensee's medical license is **SUSPENDED** for six (6) months effective December 8, 2023, **IMMEDIATELY STAYED**. Licensee must also complete Board-approved AMA Category I continuing medical education courses in the areas of Professionalism and Ethics within one (1) year.

A copy of the Board Order is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

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The official account of this proceeding was recorded by Lori Busick, Court Reporter, Brown Court Reporting, Inc.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Owens announced that Shoba Gaymes has been reappointed and will continue her service as a Consumer Member of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.

JULY 2024 BOARD MEETING DATES

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board is set for Wednesday, July 17, 2024 and Thursday, July 18, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Michelle Y. Owens, M.D.

President

Minutes taken and transcribed by: Frances Carrillo, Executive Assistant May 9, 2024

BOARD MEETING AGENDA MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE May 8-9, 2024

MAY 8, 2024 10:00 AM

- 1. Meeting called to order.
- 2. Invocation, Pledge
- Roll Call
- 4. Announcements and Public Comments
- 5. Executive Director Report
- 6. Approval of Minutes of the Executive Committee dated March 21, 2024.
- 7. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting dated March 21, 2024.
- 8. Approval of Minutes of the Specially called Board Meeting dated April 4, 2024.
- 9. Approval of Minutes of the Specially called Telephonic Board Meeting dated April 11, 2024.
- 10. Report of May 8, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting.
- 11. Report from Licensees Education and Communication Committee.
- 12. Permissibility of dispensing / reselling products obtained from outsourcing facilities under Section 503B of the FD&C Act by Board Licensees.
- 13. Pursuant to MS Code §73-25-27, Investigative Subpoenas for approval, Case Number: 2024-080 and 2023-062. This is a matter for review and discussion to be held in executive session due to material being exempt from the public records act.
- Hearing in the Case of Foluso A. Fakorede, M.D., Cleveland, MS Mississippi Medical License 23725 Motion for a Continuance
- 15. Hearing in the Case of Edward S. Moak, M.D., Brookhaven, MS Mississippi Medical License 09304
- 16. Hearing in the Case of Trung Nam Nguyen, D.O., Tyler, TX Mississippi Medical License 26072 Approval of Proposed Consent Order

MAY 9, 2024 AT 8:00 AM

- 17. Hearing in the Case of Benjamin A. Feinzimer, M.D., Deerfield, IL Mississippi Medical License 26008
- 18. July 2024 Board Meeting Dates: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 and Thursday, July 18, 2024.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE



Board Meeting:
Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 8:00 am
Board Room

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE OF TRUNG NAM NGUYEN, D.O.

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, TRUNG NAM NGUYEN, D.O., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is the current holder of Mississippi Medical License No. 26072, issued August 3, 2018, and said license number expires on June 30, 2024;

WHEREAS, there is now pending before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, hereinafter referred to as "Board," certain allegations related to Licensee's practice;

WHEREAS, the Board initiated an investigation into Licensee's practice following Licensee entering into an Agreed Order with the Kentucky Medical Board in March 2023 which resulted in this Consent Order. During the Board's investigation, the Board found that it had grounds to initiate reciprocal action against Licensee based on the Kentucky matter and discovered that, in part, Licensee had also violated the Mississippi Medical Practice Act by, inter alia, failing to perform an in-person evaluation for patients treated via telemedicine for weight loss.

WHEREAS, Licensee acknowledges violating the Mississippi Medical Practice Act and Board regulations by failing to perform the required in-person examinations. Licensee failed to confirm all Mississippi statutory and regulatory requirements for the practice of telemedicine before conducting such practice. Licensee accepts responsibility for violating Mississippi law and regulations;

WHEREAS, the Board's allegations, if established before the Board, constitute violations of the Mississippi Medical Practice Act, specifically, Subsections (8)(d), (9), and (13) of 73-25-29, and § 73-25-83 (a) of Miss. Code Ann. (1972), as amended, for which the Board may revoke the medical license of Licensee, suspend it for a time deemed proper by the Board, or take any other action as the Board may deem proper under the circumstances;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Licensee to avoid an evidentiary hearing before the Board and, in lieu thereof, has agreed to enter into this Consent Order, thereby admitting the facts and allegations set forth herein, subject to the terms, conditions, and restrictions as specified below.

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that Licensee has voluntarily refrained from prescribing, administering, or dispensing, in any manner, any controlled substance, or any other prescription medication reported to the Mississippi Prescription Monitoring Program, from June 2023 to the effective date of this Consent Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, with consent of Licensee as signified by his joinder herein, does hereby implement a one-year suspension of Mississippi Medical License No. 26072, immediately stayed, and a restriction on Licensee's Mississippi practice of medicine, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Licensee's Mississippi Medical License, No. 26072, is hereby suspended for one year, from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. In light of Licensee's voluntary abstention from practice since June 2023, the one-year

suspension is IMMEDIATELY STAYED. 2. Upon the effective date of this Consent Order, Licensee is hereby prohibited from practicing telemedicine in Mississippi for six (6) months. Upon the expiration of the six (6) month term, the practice prohibition will terminate automatically.

- 3. Licensee shall attend and successfully complete Continuing Medical Education (CME) courses in the areas of Ethics and Prescribing. The CME courses required herein shall be obtained by attending courses in the subject noted above as provided by a Board-approved provider. Licensee shall be required to participate in the optional twelve-month follow-up and evaluation review, if offered, for any courses specified herein. Licensee will be required to be physically present at the CME provider's designated facility while taking the CME course(s) unless the course(s) should be taken on-line, or by equivalent means. Licensee shall submit proof of his successful completion to the Board, to include any twelve-month follow-up documentation required herein, on a timely basis. Licensee shall register for, and attend, said course within the next six (6) months. If additional time is needed for attendance, Licensee shall submit a written request for an extension, to be approved in advance by the Executive Director of the Board. All costs relating to CME requirements of this paragraph are borne by Licensee. This is in addition to the forty (40) hours of CME requirements as cited in Title 30, Part 2610, Chapter 2 of the Board's Rules and Regulations.
- 4. Licensee shall obey all federal, state, and local laws, and all rules and regulations governing the practice of medicine.

5. Licensee shall reimburse the Board for all costs incurred in relation to the pending matter pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-30, said amount not to exceed \$10,000. Licensee shall be advised of the total assessment by separate written notification and shall tender to the Board a certified check or money order made payable to the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, on or before forty (40) days from the date the assessment is mailed to Licensee via U.S. Mail to Licensee's current mailing address.

This Consent Order shall be subject to approval by the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Consent Order, in whole or in part, it shall have no force or effect on the parties. It is further understood and agreed that the purpose of this Consent Order is to avoid a hearing before the Board. In this regard, Licensee authorizes the Board to review and examine any documentary evidence or material concerning the Licensee prior to or in conjunction with its consideration of this Consent Order.

Licensee further acknowledges that he is required to personally appear before the Board on the scheduled hearing date to answer any questions which the Board may have. Should this Consent Order not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to, and consideration by the Board of this Consent Order and other documents and matters pertaining thereto, including Licensee's answers to questions, shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from participation in any further proceedings.

Licensee understands and expressly acknowledges that, should Licensee challenge or dispute any provision or statement in this agreement during the

Board approval process, or if the Board does not accept the terms as set forth herein, this Consent Order will automatically be rendered null and void, and this matter shall be set for a full evidentiary hearing at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

Should the Board hereafter receive documented evidence of Licensee's violating' any of the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, the Board shall have the right, pursuant to a full evidentiary hearing, to revoke the medical license of Licensee, suspend it for a time deemed proper by the Board, or take any other action determined as necessary by the Board.

Licensee understands and expressly acknowledges that this Consent Order, if approved and executed by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, shall constitute a public record of the State of Mississippi. Licensee further acknowledges that the Board shall provide a copy of this Order to, among others, the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB), the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), the Office of the Inspector General, United States Department of Health and Human Services (OIG HHS), the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Mississippi Division of Medicaid, the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy, and the Mississippi State Medical Association (MSMA). The Board makes no representation as to what action, if any, which any other agency or jurisdiction may take in response to this Consent Order.

Recognizing his right to notice of charges specified against him, to have such charges adjudicated pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-27, to be represented therein by legal counsel of his choice, and to a final decision

rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, TRUNG NAM NGUYEN, D.O., nevertheless, hereby waives his right to notice and a formal adjudication of charges and authorizes the Board to enter an order accepting this Consent Order, restricting his medical license, subject to those terms and conditions listed above.

Executed, this <u>UN</u> day of May 2024.

TRUNG NAM NGUYEN, D.O.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED, this graph day of May 2024, by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.

Michelle Y. Owens, M.D.

Board President

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:

FOLUSO A. FAKOREDE, M.D. (No. 23725)

ORDER OF CONTINUANCE

THIS MATTER came on regularly for consideration by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure in response to a request by Complaint Counsel, Paul Barnes, for an indefinite continuance of the hearing set for this date. After consideration of the matter, the Board finds Counsel's request to be well-taken, and is hereby **GRANTED**.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that this matter is continued indefinitely.

SO ORDERED this, the 8th day of May 2024.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

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BY:

Michelle Y. Owens, M.D.

President

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

IN THE MATTER OF:

EDWARD SYDNEY MOAK, M.D.

LICENSE NO. 09304

DETERMINATION AND ORDER

The above titled matter came before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure ("Board") in Jackson, Hinds County Mississippi, on May 8, 2024. Edward Sydney Moak ("Licensee"), M.D.'s license to practice medicine in the state of Mississippi was suspended pending the outcome of hearing.

Board members present for the May 9, 2024, proceedings were Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., President; Ken Lippincott, M.D.; Kirk Kinard, D.O.; David McClendon, M.D.; William Eugene Loper, M.D.; and Renia R. Dotson, M.D. Board members Thomas Joiner, M.D. and Allen Gersh, M.D. appeared remotely. Consumer members Koomarie "Shoba" Gaymes and Wesley Breland were also present. Accordingly, a quorum of Board members was present throughout the hearing and deliberation.

Board Counsel Paul Barnes, Esq., presented the charges as set forth in the Affidavit as filed herein. Licensee, having been served with the Summons and Affidavit and being fully informed of his rights to a formal hearing before the Board, was not present for the proceedings and does not appear to be represented by counsel. The matter was called to hearing after Licensee's third motion for continuance was denied.

Alexis E. Morris, Special Assistant Attorney General, served as Administrative Hearing Officer, presided over the hearing, and was directed to prepare the Board's written decision in accordance with their deliberations.

And now, upon consideration of all the materials produced in the record before the Board along with the testimony presented at the hearing, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order based on clear and convincing evidence:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board is established pursuant to the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure Act, Title 73, Chapter 43 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended, and is charged with the duty of licensing and regulation the practice of medicine in the State of Mississippi under title 73, Chapter 25 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended.
- 2. Sections 73-25-29, 73-25-83 and 73-25-87 of the Mississippi Code Ann. (1972) as amended provide that the Board may revoke or suspend a license or take any other actions as deemed necessary if a licensee has violated any provisions therein.
- 3. All parties were properly noticed of the matter now pending before the Board.
- 4. Licensee is a physician and was licensed to practice medicine in the state of Mississippi, currently holding Mississippi Medical License Number 09304. Said license was valid until June 30, 2024, prior to suspension.
- 5. On or about July 12, 2023, based on reasonable cause, Licensee was referred to the Examining Committee of the Board ("Committee") pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 73-25-51 through 73-25-67 for examination and evaluation to determine whether Licensee was able to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of possible mental illness, physical illness, and/or excessive use or abuse of drugs.
- 6. On or about July 26, 2023, the Committee, after meeting, Ordered that Licensee be restricted from the practice of medicine appending the results of a comprehensive, multidisciplinary substance use and behavioral evaluation, to determine his fitness for duty and appropriate treatment recommendations, if indicated.
- 7. On or about December 14, 2023, the Committee submitted an Interim Report to the Board advising that Licensee failed to comply with the terms of the Committee Order dated July 26, 2023. Specifically, after July 26, 2023, Licensee continued to practice medicine without the approval of the Examining Committee.
- 8. The Committee's Interim Report advised that the evidence and information in its possession at the time did not reflect that Licensee was safe to return to the practice of medicine. Therefore, Licensee's continued practice of medicine

- presented a clear, unequivocal, and imminent danger to public safety. The Examining Committee referred this case to the Board for disposition and action concerning Licensee's noncompliance with the July 26 Order.
- 9. Accordingly, the Board determined that the evidence in its possession supporting the Committee's determination was clear, competent, and unequivocal that Licensee's continuation in practice constituted an imminent danger to public health and safety.
- 10. As a result, on or about December 15, 2023, the Board temporarily suspended Licensee's license to practice medicine in the state of Mississippi, pending the outcome of a hearing set for January 11, 2024.
- 11. At the Board meeting on January 11, 2024, Licensee requested a continuance because of illness. The hearing was continued until March 21, 2024.
- 12. Licensee appeared at the Board meeting on March 21, 2024, but moved for a second continuance, *ore tenus*, so that he could retain counsel. The motion was granted and the hearing was continued until May 8, 2024,
- 13. Licensee did not appear at the Board meeting on May 8th; however, the Board decided to proceed with a hearing in this matter, following the denial of Licensee's third request for a continuance.
- 14. During the May 8th proceeding, Kristen Powell, LCSW and Associate Director of the Mississippi Physician Health Program, testified that the Talbot 3-day evaluation deemed Licensee unfit to practice with reasonable skill.
- 15. Powell also testified that Licensee was referred for additional testing. However, Licensee has not complied or provided any other information to Powell regarding his fitness to practice medicine.
- 16. Powell also testified that Licensee's behavior was unusual and atypical, because people usually follow through with the evaluations and additional testing to return to practice as soon as possible or to find some other resolution.
- 17. Board Counsel entered the following documents into evidence for the Board's consideration:
 - a. Order, Affidavit, Designation of the Examining Committee, July 12, 2023
 - b. Order of Examining Committee, July 26, 2023
 - c. Talbo Recovery Assessment Report (Sealed), September 5, 2023

- d. Diagnosis and Recommendation, Pages 20 and 21 of Assessment Report
- e. Order of Temporary Suspension, December 28, 2023
- f. Email to Dr. Moak with Summons, Affidavit, & Order of Temporary Suspension
- g. Summary of telephone call with Dr. Moak (Kristin Powell), December 15, 2023
- h. Email from Dr. Moak to Kristin Powell re Talbot Report, December 15, 2023
- i. Pharmacy printout with copies of prescriptions
- j. November 1, 2023, letter to Dr. Moak from Jefferson County Hospital re approval of temporary emergency active staff privileges Surrender of DEA Certificate of Registration 1/18/2024 and February 27, 2024, Neuropsychological Evaluation
- 18. Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board finds the following Order to be appropriate under the circumstances.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Licensee's license to practice medicine is hereby suspended indefinitely. Licensee must appear before the Board for consideration of reinstatement.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Licensee shall reimburse the Board for all costs incurred in relation to the pending matter pursuant to Miss. Code Ann., Section 11 73-25-30, as amended. Licensee shall be advised of the total assessment, not to exceed \$10,000 by written notification, and shall tender to the Board a certified check or money order within forty (40) days after the date the assessment is mailed to Licensee's current mailing address.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this decision and opinion is a final order of the Board and is conclusive evidence of the matters described herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Determination and Order shall be public record. It may be shared with other licensing boards (in and out of state), and the public, and may be reported to the appropriate entities as required or authorized by state and/or federal law or guidelines. This action shall be spread upon the Minutes of the Board as its official act and deed.

${\bf SO~ORDERED}$ this the 8th day of May 2024.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

BY:

MICHELLE Y. OWENS, M.D.,

PRESIDENT

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

IN THE MATTER OF:

BENJAMIN ALAN FEINZIMER, D.O.

LICENSE NO. 26008

DETERMINATION AND ORDER

The above titled matter came before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure ("Board") in Jackson, Hinds County Mississippi, on May 9, 2024, following the Board's denial of a Motion to dismiss and a Request for Continuance¹ filed by Dr. Bejamin A. Feinzimer's ("Licensee"). On or about March 28, 2023, the Board received a complaint from the Mississippi Board of Nursing ("MBON") and thereafter initiated their own complaint against Licensee.

Board members present for the May 9, 2024, proceedings were Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., President; Ken Lippincott, M.D.; Kirk Kinard, D.O.; David McClendon, M.D.; William Eugene Loper, M.D.; and Renia R. Dotson, M.D. Board members Thomas Joiner, M.D. and Allen Gersh, M.D. appeared remotely. Consumer members Koomarie "Shoba" Gaymes and Wesley Breland were also present; however, Breland did not participate in deliberations in this matter, because he left prior to the conclusion of the hearing. Accordingly, a quorum of Board members was present throughout the hearing and deliberation.

Board Counsel Paul Barnes, Esq., presented the charges as set forth in the Affidavit as filed herein. Also present was Complaint Co-Counsel Honorable Stan T. Ingram. Licensee, having been served with the Summons and Affidavit and being fully informed of his rights to a formal hearing before the Board, was represented by

¹ Licensee, through counsel, filed preliminary, evidentiary, and omnibus motions prior to the proceedings. The Hearing Officer ruled on said motions prior to the hearing which are hereby affirmed by virtue of this Order.

Philip Chapman, Esq. and Molly Walker, Esq.² The matter was called to hearing after Licensee's third motion for continuance was denied by the Board.

Alexis E. Morris, Special Assistant Attorney General, served as Administrative Hearing Officer, presided over the hearing, and was directed to prepare the Board's written decision in accordance with their deliberations.

And now, upon consideration of all the materials produced in the record before the Board along with the testimony presented at the hearing, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order based on clear and convincing evidence:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board is established pursuant to the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure Act, Title 73, Chapter 43 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended, and is charged with the duty of licensing and regulating the practice of medicine in the State of Mississippi under title 73, Chapter 25 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended.
- 2. Sections 73-25-29, 73-25-83 and 73-25-87 of the Mississippi Code Ann. (1972) as amended provide that the Board may revoke or suspend a license or take any other actions as deemed necessary if a licensee has violated any provisions therein.
- 3. All parties were properly noticed for the matter now pending before the Board.
- 4. Licensee is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Mississippi, currently holding Mississippi Medical License Number 26008. Said license is valid until June 30, 2024.
- 5. At the time the affidavit was issued, Licensee listed his primary medical practice as 5840 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, CA. Licensee was also listed as the Medical Director of IDT AZ1, LLC in Arizona, doing business as "iDrip Therapy."
- 6. Licensee is a practitioner of emergency medicine at NorthShore Health Systems in Evanston, Illinois. He previously worked as an Emergency Medical Technician ("EMT"), served as Medical Director for a SWAT team, and helped create the Physician Response Vehicle Program in Evanston.

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² At one point, Licensee was represented by Philip Chapman, Esq., Michael J. Bentley, Esq., Matthew R. Ludowig, Esq., and Terry Ford, Esq.; however, Attorney Bentley was unavailable for the hearing, Attorneys Ford and Ludowig did not appear at the hearing, and Attorney Walker filed an entry of appearance the day before the hearing.

- 7. On or about March 28, 2023, the Board received a complaint from the Mississippi Board of Nursing (MBON) against Jessica Bates ("Bates"), RN. The complaint alleged that two IV hydration practices were being operated by registered nurses. Bates was named as the owner and operator of the practice in Oxford, Mississippi. Ben Oglesby ("Oglesby"), RN, was named as the owner and operator of the practice located in Sturgis, Mississippi. These businesses operated under the name iDrip Therapy ("iDrip").
- 8. iDrip was listed as a company that provided support to individuals who set up IV hydration practices in many different states. These practices supplied IV hydration therapy to the public. They were classified as mobile hydration stations because the staff would drive to the patients' locations to administer the IVs. Primarily the practices were staffed by nurses, paramedics, or other healthcare workers without independent legal prescriptive authority. The Mississippi practices were not staffed using mid-level providers such as Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) or Physician Assistants (PAs) who do possess lawful prescriptive authority.
- 9. Bates and Oglesby stated to the MBON that they had been operating under "standing orders" from their medical director, Licensee. During the MBON investigation, Bates and Oglesby advised that they ordered medications, vitamins, and IV fluids for iDrip from Empower Pharmacy in Texas.
- 10. MBON found that Bates was administering the medications, through IV, to patients without any diagnosis or examinations of patients. Accordingly, the MBON found Bates guilty of 1) practicing nursing beyond the scope of the license or directing others to practice beyond their scope, 2) conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public, 3) negligently or willfully practicing nursing in a manner that fail[ed] to meet generally accepted standards of such nursing practice, and 4) possessing, obtaining, furnishing, or administering drugs to any person, including self, except as legally directed—all in violation of the Mississippi Nursing Practice Act. See MSBML 00032-330.
- 11. Following receipt of the MBON complaint, the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy ("MBOP") became involved in this matter and traveled to Empower Pharmacy in Texas, which currently holds Mississippi licenses as both a pharmacy (503A) and an outsourcing facility (503B), for an administrative inspection.
- 12. Following an investigation, the MBOP determined that the supplier of the compounded medications (as well as other ingredients that were further compounded and administered intravenously once the ingredients were received by iDrip locations) was indeed Empower Pharmacy in Texas.

Empower Pharmacy has 2 (two) physical locations—one for their 503A pharmacy and one for their 503B pharmacy.

TESTIMONY OF DR. CATINA WHITE

- 13. Dr. Catina White holds a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Mississippi Medical Center and currently serves as the Director of Compliance for the MBOP. She testified that she was familiar with Mississippi state and federal laws and regulations that govern prescriptions and compounded medications.
- 14. Dr. White testified that after the MBOP received the complaint, they determined that the complaint involved the use and injection of compounded medications. Dr. White explained that compounded medications are those that are specifically mixed and prepared based on a prescription.
- 15.Dr. White explained the difference between 503A and 503B pharmacies and their shipping guidelines. A 503A pharmacy is a pharmacy that compounds medicine tailored to individual patients based on prescriptions submitted by their healthcare professionals. A 503B pharmacy or "outsourcing facility" produces large batches of medications without patient-specific prescriptions. These medications are administered by healthcare providers in hospitals or clinics. Additionally, a 503B pharmacy must make their facilities available for inspection by the U.S Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") and comply with the Current Good Manufacturing Practice ("CGMP") requirements.
- 16. Dr. White also testified that although certain medications or supplements do not typically need prescriptions when taken by mouth, any supplements, vitamins, or medications administered through an IV in their liquid form require a prescription and are, by definition, prescription drugs.
- 17. Following the visit to Empower, MBOP was provided documentation by Empower which included prescriptions shipped to Mississippi as well as a spreadsheet that included ordering credentials, dates, and other pertinent information such as shipping addresses and patient (in the case of 503A drugs) or facility names (in the case of 503B drugs). See MSBML 000145-148.
- 18. The spreadsheet, which was later filtered only to include only medications ordered using Licensee's credentials and electronic signature, evinced several orders of medications and deliveries of injectables to nurses in Mississippi.

Bates told MBON that she had the medications delivered to her address in Oxford. Licensee was listed as the prescriber on all the iDrip prescriptions for named patients, and all the clinic stocks that the iDrip nurses used were also ordered using his credentials and electronic signature. See MSBML 000087-135. All told, prescriptions for specific patient names were shipped to eight locations in Mississippi and seven named iDrip facilities or practices, for example, "IDRIP THERAPY - HERNANADO" or "IDRIP THERAPY - NESBIT." See MSBML 000145-148.

- 19. Dr. White reviewed iDrip's list of menus of medication and supplement names (bearing names such as "Hangover Cure" and "Beauty Blend") and explained that each ingredient listed on the "menu" was presented to patients and the medications were added to an IV in liquid form to "treat" the patient. See MSBML 000137-143. Dr. White also explained that using the medication in this way would require a prescription, and that blending multiple ingredients for administration in an IV in this way constituted compounding.
- 20. Dr. White also expressed that in Mississippi physicians, APRNs, and Physician Assistants (Pas) are the only healthcare providers that have lawful prescriptive authority to order a 503B compounded medication.

TESTIMONY OF SUPERVISOR MICHAEL SMITH

- 21. Supervisor Michael Smith has been the Board's Investigations Supervisor for four years and reviewed the complaint against Licensee and iDrip. See MSMBL 000013-14.
- 22. Smith stated that he reviewed the spreadsheet and other investigative materials from Empower and assigned the case to Agent Ron Horner. Smith also testified that he was the investigator who filtered the complete spreadsheet from Empower (that contained information on all medications ordered and shipped to Mississippi locations by all providers) using Licensee's name as a filter key word to produce a spreadsheet reflecting only medications ordered using Licensee's name and credentials.
- 23. Smith also testified that he attended the regulatory compliance meeting in September 2023 with the Licensee, Board counsel, and the Executive Director, because Horner was unavailable.

TESTIMONY OF AGENT RON HORNER

24. Agent Ron Horner has been at the Board for about one and half years as an investigator but has been in law enforcement for about twenty years.

- 25. He testified that he was the primary investigator assigned to the complaint against Licensee.
- 26. Horner stated that he met with the investigators from MBON and MBOP and received documents regarding their investigation of Bates, Oglesby, and Empower.
- 27. His investigation also included reviewing documents presented as "patient records." See MSBML 000015-86. These documents are noted as "Jessica's iDrip Intake Form[s]." These forms included patients' personal information, a few questions regarding their health history, and consent forms signed by the patients.

TESTIMONY OF JONATHAN DALTON

- 28. Jonathan Dalton has served as the Director of Investigations for the Board for four years but has been employed by the Board for fifteen years.
- 29. Dalton testified that he initiated the complaint against Licensee under the Board rules and regulations following a conversation with the MBON regarding their investigation of iDrip.
- 30. He also testified that the Board, MBON, and MBOP often investigate matters together and collaborate with investigations of their respective licensees.

TESTIMONY OF DR. KENNETH CLEVELAND

- 31.Dr. Kenneth Cleveland has served as the Executive Director of the Board for over 6 years.
- 32. He testified that he is responsible for, among other things, triaging complaints.
- 33. Dr. Cleveland was present for Licensee's regulatory compliance meeting in September 2023 and usually schedules those meetings as an informal way for the licensees to respond to the allegations set forth in complaints.
- 34. He testified that licensees are given notice of these meetings and are informed of their right to have counsel present during these meetings.
- 35.Dr. Cleveland was also questioned about the outcome of other Board investigations involving other licensees and IV clinics. However, he noted that he could not comment on any active investigations and that each disciplinary

- action issued against a licensee from the Board was fact-specific—acknowledging different disciplinary actions for licensees involved with mobile IV hydration therapy businesses and legend drugs.
- 36. Dr. Cleveland explained that a legend drug requires a prescription but is not a controlled substance. In this case, to prescribe these medications, Licensee was required to establish a doctor/patient relationship, perform a physical examination, and assess the patient for the medications to be prescribed and administered.

TESTIMONY OF LICENSEE

- 37. Licensee testified about his participation in the Physician Response Vehicle Program and his work as an EMT.
- 38. Licensee testified that he was the Medical Director of iDrip for about three (3) years.
- 39. Licensee believed that iDrip's business model complied with the laws of the states in which they were located. Licensee stated that he was even assured by iDrip's CEO that iDrip's business model was acceptable in most states; however, he later learned it was not.
- 40. Licensee stated that he was made aware of the MBON's investigation of iDrip in early 2023.
- 41. Licensee testified that he hired a Compliance Consultant Firm and the consultant determined that iDrip's operations did not comply with the laws or regulations in the state of Mississippi. The consultant also found that iDrip's operations did not comply with legal requirements in several other states.
- 42. After determining that iDrip's practice model violated the laws in multiple states, including Mississippi, Licensee testified that he stopped iDrip and all services associated with it in March 2023. As of October 2023, the business was voluntarily terminated.
- 43. Licensee also testified that he was contacted by the Board in August 2023. He met with the Board for a regulatory compliance meeting, after learning of its investigation, in September 2023.
- 44. Licensee testified that he never meant to put anyone at risk by running afoul of any state statutes.

- 45. Licensee explained that while "standing orders" are used in an Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") context, he was unaware that "standing orders" for IV hydration stations constituted the practice of medicine in the state of Mississippi. He also stated that he did not believe any Mississippi patients were harmed by iDrip.
- 46. Licensee admitted that he did not perform any patients' examinations or chart reviews for any of the Mississippi patients, yet his name was used to order the medications.
- 47. Licensee also testified that he had not met the iDrip practitioners in the state of Mississippi. However, he asserted that he was nonetheless available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week if there were any questions.
- 48. Licensee stated that he did not intentionally violate Mississippi laws or the Board's rules and regulations. Licensee also stated that he did not intend to practice IV therapy or practice medicine in the state of Mississippi in the future.

DETERMINATIONS

- 49. Based on the clear and convincing evidence and testimony presented, Licensee is found guilty of Count I of the Affidavit, i.e., guilty of prescribing, administering, or dispensing any legend drug without a good faith prior examination and medical indication, in violation of Miss. Code Ann., Section 73-25-29(13).
- 50. Based on the clear and convincing evidence and testimony presented, Licensee is found guilty of Count II of the Affidavit, i.e., guilty of unprofessional misconduct, which includes being guilty of knowingly performing any act which in any way assists an unlicensed person to practice medicine, in violation Miss. Code Ann., Sections 73-25-29(8)(b) and 73-25-83(a).
- 51. Based on the clear and convincing evidence and testimony presented, Licensee is found guilty of Count III of the Affidavit, i.e., guilty of unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, being guilty of any dishonorable or unethical conduct likely to deceive defraud or harm the public, in violation of Miss. Code Ann., Sections 73-25-29(8)(d) and 73-25-83(a).

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and clear and convincing evidence, the Board finds the following Order to be appropriate under the circumstances.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Licensee is suspended from the practice of medicine in the state of Mississippi for six (6) months with an immediate stay, with the start date of the suspension on December 8, 2023.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Licensee complete AMA, Category 1 Board-approved Continuing Medical Education ("CME") courses in professionalism and ethics within one year of the date of the signature of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Licensee shall reimburse the Board for all costs incurred in relation to the pending matter pursuant to Miss. Code Ann., Section 73-25-30, as amended. Licensee shall be advised of the total assessment, not to exceed \$10,000 by written notification, and shall tender to the Board a certified check or money order within forty (40) days after the date the assessment is mailed to Licensee's current mailing address.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this decision and opinion is a final order of the Board and is conclusive evidence of the matters described herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Determination and Order shall be public record. It may be shared with other licensing boards (in and out of state), and the public, and may be reported to the appropriate entities as required or authorized by state and/or federal law or guidelines. This action shall be spread upon the Minutes of the Board as its official act and deed.

SO ORDERED this the 9th day of May 2024.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

MICHELLE Y. OWENS, M.D.

PRESIDENT