

MINUTES
Monthly Meeting
MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA
Meeting Location: 848 Washington Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama

January 22, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

George C. Smith, Sr., M.D., Chairman
Craig H. Christopher, M.D., Vice Chairman
James H. Walburn, M.D.
Jorge A. Alsip, M.D.
Pamela Varner, M.D.
Gary Hill, D.O.
Paul M. Nagrodzki, M.D.
L. Daniel Morris, Esq.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Karen H. Silas, MLC (Recording Secretary)
Wallace D. Mills, MLC Legal Counsel
Nicole Chapman, Administrative Assistant
Randy Dixon - Security
Stephen Lavender - Security
Scott Sides - Security
Devin Whittle - Security
Rebecca Daniels - Security
Buddy Chavez - Security

Call to Order: 9:00 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, George C. Smith Sr., M.D., convened the monthly meeting of the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES December 20, 2019

Commissioner Christopher made a motion that the

Minutes of December 20, 2019 be approved with minor punctuation corrections. A second was made by Commissioner Hill. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

FULL LICENSURE APPLICANTS

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Medical School</u> | <u>Endorsement</u> |
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| 1. Hassan Alawieh | University of Damascus | USMLE |
| 2. Muhannad A. M. Almubarak | Arabian Gulf University | USMLE |
| 3. Jordan Kay Ashcraft | University of Florida College of Medicine | USMLE |
| 4. Samantha Ryan Ashley | U of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham | USMLE |
| 5. Christian S. Balabanoff Acosta | U Central De Venezuela-Jose Maria Vargas | USMLE/PA |
| 6. Vamshi Krishna Sai Balasetti | Dr. N.T.R. University of Health Sciences | USMLE/NE |
| 7. Salman Baseer | Dow Medical College, University of Karachi | USMLE/NY |
| 8. Guillermo Jose Beltran Ale | Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia | USMLE/IN |
| 9. Stephanie Leigh Bevans | University of Alabama SOM Birmingham | USMLE |
| 10. Juliet Vivian Blakeslee-Carter | Eastern Virginia Medical School | USMLE |
| 11. Aditya Vikram Boddu | Gandhi Medical College, Secunderabad | USMLE/MO |
| 12. Frederick Alan Boop | University of Arkansas College of Medicine | FLEX/AR |
| 13. Elizabeth Birchall Brinkley | University of Alabama SOM Birmingham | USMLE |
| 14. Leah Brianne Burch | University of Mississippi School of Medicine | USMLE |
| 15. Emily Frances Bustin | University of Mississippi School of Medicine | USMLE |
| 16. James Paul Cook | Vanderbilt University School of Medicine | USMLE |
| 17. Lauren Marie Higgins Cooper | Meharry Medical College School of Medicine | USMLE |
| 18. Victor Damaso Cruz | U Autonoma De GuadalajaraPonce SOM | USMLE/FL |
| 19. Russell William Davis III | Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine | COMPLEX |
| 20. Daniela Fatima De Lima Corvino | U Central De Venezuela-Jose Maria Vargas | USMLE |
| 21. Tina J Dhillon-Ashley | U of California, San Francisco School of Medicine | USMLE/CA |
| 22. Buu The Duong | University of Alabama SOM Birmingham | USMLE/LA |
| 23. William Henry Ennis | University of Alabama SOM Birmingham | USMLE |
| 24. Dagoberto Estevez-Ordonez | Vanderbilt University School of Medicine | USMLE |
| 25. John MacArthur Evans | University of Alabama SOM Birmingham | USMLE/NY |
| 26. Andrew Mu-Sheng Fang | University of Texas - Houston Medical School | USMLE |
| 27. Joseph Allen Fougerousse | LSU School of Medicine New Orleans | USMLE |
| 28. Hunter Michael French | University of Alabama SOM Birmingham | USMLE |
| 29. Lan Lin Gellert | Peking Union Medical University | USMLE/NY |
| 30. Tanner Wayne Grant | Indiana University School of Medicine Indianapolis | USMLE |
| 31. Yogesh Gujrati | B J Medical College, Gujarat University | USMLE/MI |
| 32. Gary Dean Harmon | University of Michigan Medical School | COMPLEX/WA |
| 33. James Michael Harper | Washington University School of Medicine | USMLE/VA |
| 34. Grant Preston Harrison | University of Alabama SOM Birmingham | USMLE/VA |
| 35. Brittany Gwyndolyn Hill | University of North Texas Health Science Center | COMPLEX |
| 36. Hallie Rene Huls | Wright State University School of Medicine | USMLE/WI |
| 37. Robert Quinn Ingraham II | Tulane University School of Medicine | LA/USMLE |
| 38. Brian Russell Ingram | Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine | COMPLEX |
| 39. Prioty Islam | University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine | USMLE |

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| 40. Madelyn Boque King | University of South Alabama College of Medicine | USMLE |
| 41. Paul Daniel Kivela | University of Illinois College of Medicine Chicago | NBME/CA |
| 42. Ashish Kurundkar | Government Medical College Aurangabad | USMLE |
| 43. Reed S LaHaye | Louisiana State U Medical Center In Shreveport | USMLE |
| 44. Davis Page Lester | University of Alabama SOM Birmingham | USMLE/GA |
| 45. Haley Elizabeth Mabrey | University of Alabama SOM Birmingham | USMLE |
| 46. Joshua Paul Maddox | Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine | COMLEX/MI |
| 47. David Eben Mann Jr. | Hahnemann University School of Medicine | NBME/FL |
| 48. Dorothy Chestine Marshall | University of Miami School of Medicine | USMLE/CA |
| 49. Michael Loudon Marshall | University of South Alabama College of Medicine | USMLE |
| 50. Carrie Ingram McLaulin | University of Alabama SOM Birmingham | USMLE/TX |
| 51. Erin Williams McLeod | University of Alabama SOM Birmingham | USMLE |
| 52. William Ernest Meadows III | U of Tennessee Health Science Center COM | FLEX/TN |
| 53. Clifford William Meyers | Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University | USMLE/NY |
| 54. Cameron Scott Michael | Lincoln Memorial U Debusk C of Osteo Medicine | COMLEX |
| 55. Jacqueline Danielle Mir | Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine | COMLEX |
| 56. Diana Lorena Montoya Melo | Universidad Del Valle, Cali | USMLE/PA |
| 57. Aysha Mubeen | Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Aligarh | USMLE/PA |
| 58. Chelsea Morgan Nelson | University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio | USMLE |
| 59. Oghenerukevwe Odiete | Ross University | USMLE/TN |
| 60. Eric Peter Ollila | Medical College of Georgia School of Medicine | USMLE |
| 61. Michael Abayomi-Itunu Olushoga | U of Tennessee Health Science Center COM | USMLE |
| 62. Rajesh Paladugu | University of South Alabama College of Medicine | USMLE |
| 63. Daniel Brian Palm | Saint Georges University | USMLE/MN |
| 64. Justin James Parrott | University of Texas - Houston Medical School | USMLE/TX |
| 65. Brian L. Pettiford | University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine | USMLE/PA |
| 66. Morad Ameen Qarmali | King Abdulaziz University | USMLE |
| 67. Senthil Vel Rajan Raj. Manoharan | Medical College, Madurai University | USMLE/PA |
| 68. Paul Larson Richard | Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine | COMLEX |
| 69. Bethany F. Rife | University of Texas Medical School at Galveston | USMLE/TX |
| 70. Jennifer N. Rosen | U of Tennessee Health Science Center COM | USMLE |
| 71. Ayodeji Ajao Sanusi | University of Ibadan | USMLE |
| 72. Angela Rose Seasey | Virginia Commonwealth University SOM | USMLE |
| 73. Shivanshu V. Shrivastava | Mahatma Gandhi Mission's Medical college | USMLE/FL |
| 74. Nicholas James Smith | Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine | COMLEX/MO |
| 75. James William Snider | Georgetown University School of Medicine | USMLE/MD |
| 76. Emily Joy Staples | Edward Via Virginia C of Osteopathic Medicine | COMLEX/OH |
| 77. Matthew James Suggs | Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine | COMLEX |
| 78. Ngano Tongesai Frank Takawira | University of Zimbabwe | USMLE/PA |
| 79. Abirami Thiyagarajan | Eastern Virginia Medical School | USMLE |
| 80. Cassie Diem-Trim Tran | St Georges U of London American U of Antigua | USMLE/WI |
| 81. Thanhlam N. Tran | Louisiana State U Medical Center In Shreveport | USMLE |
| 82. Mason Thomas Turner | University of South Carolina School of Medicine | USMLE |
| 83. Anam Umar | Dow Medical College, University of Karachi | USMLE |
| 84. Jessy Walia | Guru Govind Singh Medical College, Punjab U | USMLE/PA |
| 85. Jack Timothy Vibbert | Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine | COMLEX |
| 86. Kendria Valencia Ward | SUNY Upstate Medical U College of Medicine | USMLE/VA |
| 87. Richard Whitten Watson | Tulane University School of Medicine | USMLE/WV |
| 88. Victoria Amanda Wheeler | University of Mississippi School of Medicine | USMLE |
| 89. Angela Christine Whiten | Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine | COMLEX |
| 90. Katherine Elizabeth Woods | University of Alabama SOM Birmingham | USMLE |
| 91. John Dennis Woody | Saint Georges University | USMLE/GA |

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| 92. Joseph David Wooten | Loma Linda University School Of Medicine | USMLE |
| 93. Anna Christine Worth | University of Alabama SOM Birmingham | USMLE |
| 94. Amanuel Yohannes | Creighton University School of Medicine | USMLE/MO |
| 95. Heather Shaffer Zawahry | University of Florida College of Medicine | USMLE/FL |
| 96. Henry Jorge Zelada Castro | Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia | USMLE |
| 97 *Colin Thomas Buckley | University of Oklahoma COM | USMLE |
| 98 *Kevin C. Bui | University of Mississippi SOM | USMLE |
| 99 *Victoria McNeal Cowan | Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine | COMLEX |
| 100 *Adam Seth Mednick | New York Medical College | NBME/NY |
| 101 Ifeoma Nnenna Kamalu | Wayne State University SOM | USMLE/MI |

*Approved pending acceptance and payment of a non-disciplinary citation issued by the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Christopher to approve applicants number one through one hundred and one (1-101) for full licensure. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Kasimu Senghor Moody - The Commission accepted the withdrawal of Dr. Moody's application for an Alabama medical license.

LIMITED LICENSE APPLICANTS

| Name | Medical School | Endorsement | Location | Type |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Amber Mahmood Bokhari | Fatima Jinnah Med Col U Punjab | LL/AL | USA Infectious Disease | SP |
| 2. Benjamin Ross Daggett | Trinity School of Medicine | LL/AL | UASOM Pathology | R |
| 3. Raima Adeel Memon | Dow Med College, U of Karachi | LL/AL | UAB Pathology | R |
| 4. Nneka Chidinma Nwokeocha | Crimea State Med U Georgievsky | LL/AL | USA Internal Medicine | R |
| 5. Yao Peng | Sun Yat-Sen U of Med Sciences | LL/AL | UASOM IM Montg | R |
| 6. Eyad Elie Jalil Saca | Jordan U of Science & Technology | LL/AL | UASOM Neuro | R |
| 7. Mohammed Abdulgader Sait | King Abdulaziz University | LL/AL | UASOM - Pathology | R |
| 8. Oraine Damian Snaith | Saint Georges University | LL/AL | UASOM Pathology | R |
| 9. Qing Wei | Wuhan University SOM | LL/AL | UASOM Pathology | R |

A motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Christopher to approve the Limited License applicants one through nine (1-9). The motion was approved by

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unanimous vote.

SPECIAL PURPOSE

| Name | Type of Practice | Location |
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| 1. Bruce Ramsay Knox | Diagnostic Radiology | Louisiana |
| 2. Victor Allen McCoy | Diagnostic Radiology | Louisiana |
| 3. Douglas Russell Stewart | Clinical Genetics and Internal Medicine | Maryland |

A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Morris to approve the Special Purpose applicants one through three (1-3). The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

| Name | Location |
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| 1. Robert E. Pieroni, M.D. | Good Samaritan Clinic, Northport, AL |

A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Morris to approve Dr. Pieroni's application for a Retired Senior Volunteer License. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

IMLCC LICENSE The Commission received as information a report of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact licenses that were issued December 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. A copy of such report is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

OTHER BUSINESS

Thomas A. S. Wilson, M.D. A motion was made by Commissioner Walburn with a

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second by Commissioner Morris to accept the voluntary surrender of Dr. Wilson's Alabama medical license. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Francene Aretha Gayle, M.D. The Commission ratified the previous decision of Chairman Smith to allow the withdrawal of G. Dennis Nabors and Patrick M. Shegon as legal counsel for Dr. Gayle.

Michael Douglas Dick, M.D. The Commission received as information an order of the Circuit Court of Morgan County setting Dr. Dick's criminal trial for April 20, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Smith requested a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, or mental health of an individual and to hear, deliberate and discuss evidence presented during any contested case hearings. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris with a second by Commissioner Hill to enter into executive session. The motion carried by unanimous approval. Chairman Smith announced that the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission would reconvene in a public session at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The Commission entered into executive session at 9:10 a.m.

Following the executive session, Commission Chairman, George C. Smith, Sr., M.D. reconvened the public meeting of the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission.

The Commission reconvened in public session at 9:31 a.m.

REPORTS

Physician Monitoring Report The Commission received as information the monthly physician monitoring report presented by R.K. Johnson. Staff was instructed to contact CPEP and

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get an update on Dr. Sharpton.

APPLICANTS FOR REVIEW

William Tillman, M.D. A motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Nagrodzki to issue an order setting a hearing for the following month. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. A copy of such order is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

Joshua P. Vallelungo, M.D. A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Nagrodzki to approve Dr. Vallelungo's application for a medical license. Commissioners Alsip, Varner and Hill voted in opposition to the motion. Commissioners Morris and Walburn abstained from voting in this matter therefore the motion did not pass. Commissioner Alsip made a motion to issue an order setting a hearing for the following month. A second was made by Commissioner Hill. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. A copy of such order is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

Laeq Ahmed Butt, M.D., M.D. A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Alsip to approve Dr. Butt's application for a medical license. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Bradley Jackson Goad, D.O. A motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Christopher to approve Dr. Goad's application for a medical license. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Chairman Smith requested a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, or mental health of an individual and to hear, deliberate and discuss evidence presented during any contested case hearings. A motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Walburn to enter into executive session. The motion carried by unanimous approval. Chairman Smith announced that the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission would reconvene in a public session at approximately 1:30 p.m.

The Commission entered into executive session at 9:36 a.m.

Following the executive session, Commission Chairman, George C. Smith, Sr., M.D. reconvened the public meeting of the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission.

The Commission reconvened in public session at 9:54 a.m.

REQUESTS

Mark Peter Koch, D.O. A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Walburn to issue an order on Dr. Koch's request for reinstatement. The motion carried by unanimous vote. A copy of such order is attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

George E.S. Hipp, M.D. A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Morris to enter an order on the Motion to Modify Order of Summary Suspension filed by Dr. Hipp and Complainant's Motion to Continue. The motion carried by unanimous vote. A copy of such order is attached hereto as Exhibit "E".

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Smith requested a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the general

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reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, or mental health of an individual and to hear, deliberate and discuss evidence presented during any contested case hearings. A motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Morris to enter into executive session. The motion carried by unanimous approval. Chairman Smith announced that the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission would reconvene in a public session at approximately 11:00 a.m.

The Commission entered into executive session at 10:12 a.m.

Following the executive session, Commission Chairman, George C. Smith, Sr., M.D. reconvened the public meeting of the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission.

The Commission reconvened in public session at 11:19 a.m.

HEARINGS

Phillip Kravetz, M.D. After consideration of information received during a confidential hearing, a motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Morris to approve Dr. Kravetz's application for a medical license. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Smith requested a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, or mental health of an individual and to hear, deliberate and discuss evidence presented during any contested case hearings. A motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Walburn to enter into executive session. The motion carried by unanimous approval. Chairman Smith announced that the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission would reconvene in a public session

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at approximately 1:30 p.m.

The Commission entered into executive session at 11:34 a.m.

Following the executive session, Commission Chairman, George C. Smith, Sr., M.D. reconvened the public meeting of the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission.

The Commission reconvened in public session at 2:30 p.m.

Richard L. Snellgrove, M.D. A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Hill to enter an order in this case. The motion carried by unanimous vote. A copy of such order is attached hereto as Exhibit "F".

Commission Alsip left the meeting at 2:33 p.m. for the remainder of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Smith requested a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, or mental health of an individual and to hear, deliberate and discuss evidence presented during any contested case hearings. A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Walburn to enter into executive session. The motion carried by unanimous approval. Chairman Smith announced that the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission would reconvene in a public session at approximately 3:30 p.m.

The Commission entered into executive session at 2:45 p.m.

Following the executive session, Commission Chairman, George C. Smith, Sr., M.D. reconvened the public meeting of the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission.

The Commission reconvened in public session at 3:40 p.m.



Thomas D. Nielsen, M.D. A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Walburn to issue an order in this case. The motion carried by unanimous vote. A copy of such order is attached hereto as Exhibit "G". Commissioner Alsip was not present therefore did not participate in the disposition of this case.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Smith requested a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, or mental health of an individual and to hear, deliberate and discuss evidence presented during any contested case hearings. A motion was made by Commissioner Hill with a second by Commissioner Walburn to enter into executive session. The motion carried by unanimous approval. Chairman Smith announced that the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission would reconvene in a public session at approximately 5:00 p.m.

The Commission entered into executive session at 3:54 p.m.

Following the executive session, Commission Chairman, George C. Smith, Sr., M.D. reconvened the public meeting of the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission.

The Commission reconvened in public session at 4:40 p.m.

Sherri Studstill, M.D. Deliberation in this case was deferred until the next meeting.

ADDITIONAL

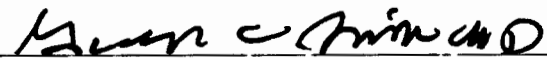
John James Di Blasi, D.O. A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a

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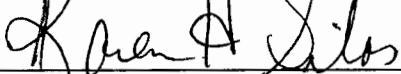
second by Commissioner Walburn to enter an order on the request to surrender his Alabama medical license submitted by Dr. Di Blasi. The motion carried by unanimous vote. A copy of such order is attached hereto as Exhibit "H". Commissioner Alsip was not present therefore did not participate in the disposition of this case.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE: Chairman Smith announced the next meeting of the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission for Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher to adjourn the meeting. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

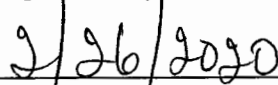
Meeting Adjourned at 4:48 p.m.



GEORGE C. SMITH, SR., M.D., Chairman
Alabama Medical Licensure Commission



Karen H. Silas, Executive Assistant,
Recording Secretary



Date Signed

IMLC Licenses Issued December 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019

| Name | License_Type | Lic_no | Status | Issue_date | Expiration_Date | State of Principal Licensure |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| William Marc Boyd | DO | 2106 | Active | 12/12/2019 | 12/31/2020 | Illinois |
| Scott Eric Maynard | MD | 38815 | Active | 12/13/2019 | 12/31/2020 | Tennessee |
| Shawn Gurwara | MD | 38818 | Active | 12/20/2019 | 12/31/2020 | North Dakota |

**BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION
OF ALABAMA**

IN RE the application of)
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 WILLIAM H. TILLMAN, III, M.D.)
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ORDER

This matter came before the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama on January 22, 2020 on the application for licensure submitted by William H. Tillman, III, M.D. The Commission finds that this matter is due to be and is set for hearing before the Commission. It is, therefore, ORDERED that this matter be and is hereby set for hearing at 10:00 a.m. on February 26, 2020 at the offices of the Medical Licensure Commission, 848 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama. Dr. Tillman shall be prepared to discuss his answers to questions fifteen through seventeen on the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners application regarding academic and/or disciplinary probation, unprofessional conduct and/or behavioral issues during training as well as remediation plans during training.

Prior to the hearing in this matter, Dr. Tillman shall (1) identify to the Commission the healthcare professionals who have conducted psychological evaluations and/or neuropsychological testing or evaluations on Dr. Tillman, (2) identify any healthcare professionals who are currently prescribing any medications for Dr. Tillman, (3) sign a release allowing the Medical Licensure Commission to acquire records from the identified healthcare providers and the Alabama Professionals Health Program (APHP), and (4) submit to the Commission proof, if there be any, that Dr. Tillman has complied with section 13(a) of his Alabama Professionals Health Program Mental

Health Assistance Agreement with APHP. In the event the Commission does not receive the above-listed documents in time to submit and receive records from the identified healthcare providers, the hearing may be continued from time to time as may be necessary.

Done this 30 day of Jan, 2020.



GEORGE C. SMITH, SR., M.D., Chairman
Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama



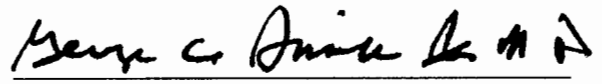
BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION
OF ALABAMA

IN RE the application of)
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JOSHUA P. VALLELUNGO, M.D.)
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ORDER

This matter came before the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama on January 22, 2020 on the application for licensure submitted by Joshua P. Vallelungo, M.D. The Commission finds that this matter is due to be and is set for hearing before the Commission. It is, therefore, ORDERED that this matter be and is hereby set for hearing at 10:00 a.m. on February 26, 2020 at the offices of the Medical Licensure Commission, 848 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama. Dr. Vallelungo shall be prepared to discuss his answers to questions fourteen through seventeen on the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners application regarding interruptions in training, academic probation, and disciplinary issues during training.

Done this 30 day of Jan, 2020.


GEORGE C. SMITH, SR., M.D., Chairman
Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama



BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

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| ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, |) | |
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| Complainant, |) | |
| |) | Case No. 12-101 |
| vs. |) | |
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| MARK PETER KOCH, D.O. |) | |
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| Respondent. |) | |
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ORDER

This cause came before the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama on December 20, 2019 and January 22, 2020. The Commission received an endorsement letter from the Alabama Professionals Health Program (APHP). The Commission finds from the letter submitted by APHP that Dr. Koch has had only one hair or nail test; that having been administered since August, 2019. The Commission’s Order of October 7, 2018 required Dr. Koch to successfully complete one year of APHP-directed monitoring, which was required to include hair or nail drug testing at least once every sixty (60) days. The Commission’s Order of August 21, 2019 ameliorated the frequency of such hair or nail testing to once every three (3) months. Dr. Koch, therefore, only came into compliance with the Commission’s requirements on or about August 21, 2019.

The Commission finds that Dr. Koch has a history of requesting the reinstatement of his license while not being in compliance with the guidelines set out by the Commission. Dr. Koch’s request is due to be tabled until Dr. Koch can demonstrate a sufficient history of compliance with the Commission’s requirements, which include the drug-testing regimen set out herein and in previous orders.

It is, therefore, ORDERED, that Dr. Koch's request be and is hereby TABLED until such time as Dr. Koch has completed twelve (12) consecutive months of APHP-directed drug and alcohol testing, which testing must include hair or nail testing at least once every ninety (90) days beginning with the first hair or nail drug test administered after December 1, 2019, as well as compliance with the other requirements set out in the Commission's August 21, 2019 Order. Dr. Koch should notify the Commission no earlier than December of 2020 that he has been in compliance for twelve (12) consecutive months.

Done this 30 day of June, 2020.


GEORGE C. SMITH, SR., M.D., Chairman
Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama



BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS,)

Complainant,)

Case No. 2018-266)

vs.)

GEORGE E.S. HIPPI, M.D.)

Respondent.)

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ORDER

This cause came before the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama on January 22, 2020 on Respondent's Motion to Modify Order of Temporary Suspension and Complainant's Motion to Continue and Motion Not Opposing Respondent's Motion to Modify Order of Temporary Suspension. The Commission finds that both the motion to modify the terms of the temporary suspension and the motion to continue the final hearing set in this case are due to be and are hereby DENIED.

Done this 30 day of Jan, 2020.

George C. Smith, Sr.

GEORGE C. SMITH, SR., M.D., Chairman
Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama

**BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION
OF ALABAMA**

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| ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, |) | |
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| Complainant, |) | |
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| vs. |) | Case No. 18-165 |
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| RICHARD L. SNELLGROVE, M.D. |) | |
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| Respondent. |) | |
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ORDER

This matter came before the Commission for final hearing on the Administrative Complaint filed in the above-referenced case against Richard. L. Snellgrove, M.D. Dr. Snellgrove appeared along with his attorney, Jay N. Robinson, Esq., and gave testimony.

Based upon the evidence submitted, the Commission finds as follows:

1. That Dr. Snellgrove prescribed controlled substances to patients while failing to use proper surveillance or compliance of the therapy; In all the patients reviewed by the Board's expert, which report is incorporated herein as if set out in full, there was a dangerous pattern of such prescribing while failing to use proper surveillance or compliance of the therapy that put his patients at substantial risk;

2. That, when presented with an S3 and S4 heart gallop coupled with lower extremity edema in patient M.R., Dr. Snellgrove failed to order diagnostic testing for potential heart failure;

3. That, when presented with a heavy wine consumption and an elevated liver enzyme level (AST) in patient S.C., Dr. Snellgrove failed to order diagnostic testing and either failed to

consult the patient about health risks of increased alcohol consumption or failed to adequately document such a consultation in the medical record; that Dr. Snellgrove failed to order diagnostic testing in patient S.C. when presented with a heart gallop;

4. That, when presented with multiple joint pain and edema in patient P.T., Dr. Snellgrove failed to order diagnostic testing for any potential inflammatory or autoimmune condition;

5. That, Dr. Snellgrove admitted to shortfalls in his medical-record keeping; that, among other examples set out more fully in the report of R. Brian Thoma, M.D., Dr. Snellgrove's medical records include an incomplete history with regard to the headache complained of by patient C.W.; that the history lacks information regarding any vision changes, headache triggers, location of the headache, length of headache, whether it is unilateral or bilateral, the presence of any associated symptoms, or the presence of any neurologic symptoms.

Based upon these findings, the Commission concludes as follows:

6. That Dr. Snellgrove committed unprofessional conduct under § 34-24-360(2) of the Alabama Code by committing or omitting acts which were detrimental or harmful to patients of Dr. Snellgrove and which were detrimental or harmful to the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and which violate the high standards of diligence, prudence, and ethical integrity demanded from physicians licensed to practice medicine in the state of Alabama as set out in 545-X-4-.06 of the Alabama Administrative Code;

7. That Dr. Snellgrove practiced medicine in such a manner as to endanger the health of his patients in violation of § 34-24-360(3) of the Alabama Code;

8. That Dr. Snellgrove failed to maintain patient medical records which meet the minimum standards set out in 545-X-4-.09 of the Alabama Administrative Code, which failure is a violation of § 34-24-360(22) of the Alabama Code; and

9. That Dr. Snellgrove distributed, prescribed, dispensed, furnished, or supplied controlled substances to any person or patient for any reason other than a legitimate medical purpose in violation of § 34-24-360(8) of the Alabama Code.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that the license to practice medicine in the state of Alabama issued to Richard L. Snellgrove, M.D. be and is hereby revoked. Such revocation, however, is suspended and Dr. Snellgrove is placed on probation subject to the following terms and conditions of probation:

1. Dr. Snellgrove's license to practice medicine in the state of Alabama is suspended until March 21, 2020 subject to items 4, 5 and 6 below;

2. Dr. Snellgrove shall pay the administrative costs, fees, and expenses, incurred by the Board of Medical Examiners in the prosecution of this action in the amount of \$15,000 in accordance with Ala. Admin. Code 545-X-3-.08(11);

3. Dr. Snellgrove shall be and is hereafter restricted from prescribing any controlled substances in the state of Alabama;

4. Prior to March 21, 2020, Dr. Snellgrove shall enroll in and successfully complete the Intensive Course in Medical Documentation sponsored by Case Western Reserve University, or a similar course approved by the Commission and the Board; once completed, Dr. Snellgrove shall submit to the Commission proof of completion;

5. Prior to March 21, 2020, Dr. Snellgrove shall enroll in and successfully complete the Intensive Course in Medical Ethics, Boundaries, and Professionalism sponsored by Case

Western Reserve University, or a similar course approved by the Commission and the Board of Medical Examiners; once completed, Dr. Snellgrove shall submit to the Commission proof of completion;

6. Prior to March 21, 2020, Dr. Snellgrove shall contact and secure an appointment with CPEP as set out below; Dr. Snellgrove shall notify the Commission of the date of his appointment with CPEP once it has been secured;

7. Upon a showing that Dr. Snellgrove has completed the requirements set out in items 4, 5, and 6 above on or before March 21, 2020, Dr. Snellgrove's license shall be, on that day, reinstated on indefinite probationary status; the terms of such probation are as follows:

a. Dr. Snellgrove shall submit to an evaluation by the Center for Personalized Education for Professionals (CPEP) to determine his competence to practice internal medicine and shall submit to the Commission any reports or findings generated as a result of said evaluation; Dr. Snellgrove shall comply with any and all requests of CPEP in performing their evaluation; Dr. Snellgrove shall execute any and all releases and/or consents which may be necessary to allow for CPEP and any and all of its or their evaluators to share the results of any and all evaluations, testing, and/or remedial activities with the Commission and the Board of Medical Examiners;

b. Dr. Snellgrove shall abide by, follow, and complete any and all recommendations made by CPEP following their evaluation; the Commission will consider lifting the probationary status of his license upon his completion of all of the terms set out herein, including the successful completion of any and all recommendations which may be made by CPEP as a result of the evaluation set out above, which recommendations shall be and are incorporated herein as conditions of probation and/or continued licensure.

Failure to abide by or complete any of the terms of probation herein shall be grounds for continuing Dr. Snellgrove's suspension and/or the implementation of the revocation provided for above.

Done this 14th day of February, 2020.



George C. Smith, Sr., M.D., Chairman
Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama

BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION
OF ALABAMA

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| ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL) |) | |
| EXAMINERS,) |) | |
| Complainant,) |) | |
| vs.) |) | Case No. 2019-221 |
| THOMAS D. NIELSEN, M.D.) |) | |
| Respondent.) |) | |

ORDER


This cause came before the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama for hearing on January 22, 2020 on the administrative complaint filed in this case.

Based upon the evidence adduced, the Commission finds that Dr. Nielsen submitted an Interstate Medical Licensure Compact application for a Letter of Qualification on which he falsely stated that he had never been convicted of an offense; and that Dr. Nielsen was, in fact, convicted of driving under the influence in Florida in 2013. The Commission concludes, therefore, that Dr. Nielsen made fraudulent or untrue statements to the Commission or to the Board of Medical Examiners in violation of § 34-24-360(17).

While the submitted statement was false, the Commission finds Dr. Nielsen's explanation compelling. It is, therefore, ORDERED that the license to practice medicine in the state of Alabama issued to Thomas D. Nielsen, M.D. is due to be and is hereby returned to full and unrestricted status. The Commission hereby further orders, however, that Dr. Nielsen shall resign a new contract with the Alabama Professionals Health Program (APHP) which requires Dr. Nielsen to see a psychiatrist for evaluation and treatment within three months of the date of this

order. Dr. Nielson is further ordered to sign a release allowing the release of any and all records and information gained or generated by said psychiatrist and/or APHP to the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama and the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners. Failure to abide by this order shall subject Dr. Nielson to further investigation and or administrative complaints for failure to follow an order of the Commission.

Done this 30th day of January, 2020.



George C. Smith, Sr., M.D., Chairman
Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama



BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION
OF ALABAMA

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL)
EXAMINERS,)
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Complainant,)
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vs.)
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JOHN J. DI BLASI, D.O.,)
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Respondent.)
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Case No. 19-078

ORDER

This cause came before the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama at its January 22, 2020 meeting on the letter received from Dr. Di Blasi purporting to surrender his license to practice medicine or osteopathy in the state of Alabama due to his inability to appear for the scheduled hearing and requesting a dismissal of the above-referenced administrative action. The Commission finds that Dr. Di Blasi's surrender does not contain stipulations of fact or other things necessary to satisfy the requirements of the Commission in fulfilling the Administrative Procedures Act's requirements for disciplining a license. To that end, and to the extent necessary or required, it is hereby ORDERED that Dr. Di Blasi's request for dismissal be and is hereby DENIED.

Done this 30th day of January, 2020.

George C. Smith Sr MD

George C. Smith, Sr., M.D., Chairman
Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama