

**MINUTES**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA**  
**Meeting Location: 848 Washington Avenue**  
**Montgomery, Alabama 36104**

**November 23, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON &  
VIA VIDEO/CONFERENCE CALL (V/CC)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Karen H. Silas, MLC Recording Secretary  
Wallace D. Mills, MLC Legal Counsel  
Heather Lindemann, MLC Licensing Assistant  
RK Johnson- Physician Monitoring

SECURITY

Anthony Crenshaw- Security  
Scott Sides - Security  
Buddy Chavez-Security  
Stephen Lavender- Security

Call to Order: 9:03 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.

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## OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES October 4, 2020 Commissioner Alsip made a motion that the Minutes of October 4, 2020 be approved as presented. A second was made by Commissioner Christopher. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

MINUTES October 29, 2020 Commissioner Alsip made a motion that the Minutes of October 29, 2020 be approved with minor corrections. A second was made by Commissioner Morris. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

## NEW BUSINESS

### FULL LICENSURE APPLICANTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Medical School</u>	<u>Endorsement</u>
1. Tarek Abdalla	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
2. Heba Mohammed Al Rebh	Arabian Gulf University	USMLE/DE
3. Yasaman Alam	University of Toledo College of Medicine	USMLE
4. Rana Abdulatif Aldrees	King Abdulaziz University	USMLE
5. Ahmed Marzouk Amer	Mansoura University Faculty of Medicine	USMLE
6. Amy Theresa Metzger Ananth	Washington University School of Medicine	USMLE/MO
7. Rebecca Marie Arneson	Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX
8. Calvin Charles Patrick Baker	University of South Alabama College of Medicine	USMLE
9. Razan Abed A Baloush	King Abdulaziz University	USMLE
10. William Bradford Bancroft	Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX
11. Apurva Bansal	Kasturba Medical College, Manipal University	USMLE
12. Brennan James Barrett	Midwestern University, Arizona Campus	COMLEX/NY
13. Harry Albert Bartee	Meharry Medical College School of Medicine	SPEX/MS

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14. John Dryden Bauer	Medical College Of Pennsylvania	NBME/PA
15. Erik Thor Bendiks	University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas	USMLE/NY
16. Christel Doiron Bowman	University of South Alabama College of Medicine	USMLE
17. Mariah Leigh Burch	Augusta University School of Medicine	USMLE
18. Stephanie Bustros	American University of Beirut	USMLE
19. Michele Casoli Reardon	Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine	USMLE/PA
20. Zain Feroze Cawasji	Aga Khan Medical College, Aga Khan University	USMLE/DC
21. Pavan Chava	Nova Southeastern University College of Medicine	COMLEX/LA
22. Georgy Cherkassky	Saba University School of Medicine	USMLE/TN
23. Hyung Sun Choi	Catholic University of Korea	USMLE/MA
24. Darren Cohen	Nova Southeastern U, Dr. Kiran C. Patel Col of Osteo Med	COMLEX/GA
25. David Alan Costantino	University of Michigan Medical School	USMLE/GA
26. Charles Crawford Cox	University of South Alabama College of Medicine	USMLE
27. Racquel Renee Daley-Placide	Meharry Medical College School of Medicine	USMLE/OK
28. Allison Montgomery Davis	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
29. Deonna BreAnn Dodd	University of South Alabama College of Medicine	USMLE/LA
30. Bonnie Blue Dulaney Hodge	University of Mississippi School of Medicine	USMLE
31. Sydney Dunn-Valadez	Baylor College of Medicine	USMLE
32. Jessica Wright Edgar	University of South Carolina School of Medicine	USMLE
33. Richard Ashley Ellis	Nova Southeastern University College of Medicine	COMLEX/GA
34. Jason Eversull	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
35. Freeman F Favors III	Albany Medical College	NBME/AZ
36. Nella Cristina Fernandez	Universidad De Cartagena	USMLE/OH
37. Andrew Aaron Glickman	Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX/OH
38. Michael Glickman	Florida State University College of Medicine	USMLE/VA
39. Ryan Lee Goetz	Augusta University	USMLE
40. Alyssa Gloria Goodman	St Georges University of London	USMLE/NY
41. Andre Fiche Gosling	Universidade Federal De Minas Gerais	USMLE/MA
42. Mark Manabu Goto	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine	NBME/FL
43. Michael Edward Gray	Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX
44. Marquis Griffin	Morehouse School Of Medicine	USMLE
45. John Lee Grimwood	Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences	USMLE/CA
46. Shaminder Mohan Gupta	Louisiana State University School of Medicine New Orleans	USMLE/LA

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47. Maan Samir Harb	American University of Beirut	USMLE/NJ
48. Anna Marie Harris	Mercer University School of Medicine	USMLE/GA
49. Usman Asad Hasnie	University of Missouri Kansas City School of Medicine	USMLE
50. Ryan Wallace Himes	American University of The Caribbean	USMLE/OH
51. Gary Thomas Hodge II	University of Mississippi School of Medicine	USMLE
52. Mariyam Humayun	Aga Khan Medical College, Aga Khan University	USMLE
53. Jefferson Taylor Hunt	Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX/GA
54. Kelechi Chinedu Ikeri	University of Lagos	USMLE/CA
55. Benjamin Walter Donald Iles	Lincoln Memorial University Debusk Col of Osteo Medicine	COMLEX/OH
56. Grant Michael Imbrock	Texas A&M University Health Science Center COM	USMLE
57. Kayla Marie Jacques	University of Kansas School of Medicine	USMLE
58. Aditi Hirenkumar Jani	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
59. Kensy Jean-Charles	Ross University	USMLE/NY
60. Charles Christopher Johnson	Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine-Auburn	COMLEX
61. Jocelyn Campos Juarez	University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio	USMLE/TX
62. Janet Rae Julson	University of North Dakota SOM & Health Sciences	USMLE
63. Peter Ward Ketch	University of Tennessee Health Science Center COM	USMLE
64. Brian Daniel Knox	University of Kentucky College of Medicine	USMLE/FL
65. Vanita Kumar	George Washington University SOM and Health Sciences	USMLE/NY
66. Marlon Amos Labi	Pontificia Universidad Catolica De Chile	FLEX/LA
67. Blair Tulloch Lacy	Tufts University School of Medicine	USMLE/MA
68. Liza Braun Levin	Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University	USMLE/NY
69. Thomas Hunter Lindsey	Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX
70. Adam Timothy Lucy	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
71. Tylan Wayne Magnusson	Medical College of Wisconsin	USMLE
72. Keir Douglas Marshall	St Georges University of London	USMLE/CO
73. Wade Tyler Massey	University of Kansas School of Medicine	USMLE
74. Claire Alison McIlwraith	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
75. Christy Lynn Ott McKay	St. Georges University	USMLE/TN
76. Joshua Todd Mendelson	St Georges University of London	USMLE/NJ
77. Mitchell Keith Messner	University of North Dakota SOM & Health Sciences	USMLE
78. Christina Cole Mills	Loma Linda University School Of Medicine	USMLE
79. Zachary Mills	Loma Linda University School Of Medicine	USMLE

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80. Heather Lynn Minton	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
81. Michael Mosier	American University of The Caribbean	USMLE
82. Edward Kelly Steven Mrachek	Creighton University School of Medicine	USMLE/VA
83. Hazim Malik Muhammad	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
84. Steven M Nabers	Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine-Auburn	COMLEX
85. Athira Upendran Nair	Amrita School of Medicine	USMLE/PA
86. Mary Marks Nelson	Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX
87. Annalese G Neuenschwander	University of Utah School of Medicine	USMLE
88. Dipti Venkatesh Nevrekar	Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine	USMLE/CO
89. Sara Elizabeth Norton	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
90. Jeremiah O Pasion	American University of The Caribbean	USMLE
91. Mary Elizabeth Oglesby	University of Tennessee Health Science Center COM	USMLE
92. Margaret Ifeanyichukwu Okonkwo	Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine	USMLE/VA
93. Renato Andre Castro de Oliveira	U Federal do Cear� Faculdade de Medicina Fortaleza	USMLE
94. Elissa Katherine Ortolani	State U of NY at Buffalo SOM & Biomedical Science	USMLE/PA
95. Chelsea Southard Palmer	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
96. Vikas Pandey	University of Illinois College of Medicine Chicago	USMLE/FL
97. Carolina Temple Parker	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
98. Katan Patel	West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX/IL
99. Christine Carolyn Pesoli	St Georges University of London	USMLE
100. Jordan Thomas Pharris	U of Pikeville Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX
101. Angela Pierce Redding	Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine	USMLE/SC
102. Kirollos Victor Roman	University of Florida College of Medicine	USMLE
103. Ashok Runkana	Andhra Medical College, Andhra University	USMLE/OH
104. Stephanie S. Rush	Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX/TX
105. Sergio Alejandro Sanchez Luna	Universidad Autonoma De Guadalajara	USMLE/PA
106. Karan Sarode	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center SOM	USMLE
107. Nicholas C. Silvester	University of North Texas Health Science Center	COMLEX/VA
108. Burkely Payne Smith	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
109. Emily Morgan Smith	University of South Alabama College of Medicine	USMLE
110. Laura Elizabeth Snider	University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio	USMLE
111. Bryan Daniel Sofen	Wayne State University School of Medicine	USMLE/CA
112. Brian James Sorace	University of Maryland School of Medicine	USMLE/CA

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113. Doron S. Stember	New York Univ School Of Medicine	USMLE/NY
114. Shae Widick Steward	University of South Alabama College of Medicine	USMLE/GA
115. Robert Davis Stibolt	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
116. Amanda McDaniel Stisher	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
117. Allison Paige Sullivan	Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX
118. Neil Alexander Tindell	Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX
119. Rubin Mathai Varghese	University of Oklahoma Health Science Center	USMLE
120. Frank Robert Vleugels	University of Cincinnati College of Medicine	USMLE/MA
121. Courtney Wagner	University of Central Florida College of Medicine	USMLE
122. Sean Robert Waldron	Robert Wood Johnson Medical School	USMLE/LA
123. Karen M. Wang	University of Tennessee Health Science Center COM	USMLE
124. Mark Austin Ward Jr.	University of Mississippi School of Medicine	USMLE
125. Steve Daniel Watts III	Augusta University	USMLE
126. Eric Xueying Wei	Shanghai Medical U / Medical Center of Fudan University	USMLE/LA
127. Andrew Thomas Wilkins	Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine-Auburn	COMLEX
128. Kelia A. Williams	University of Texas Medical School at Galveston	USMLE
129. Emily Beth Wong	Harvard Medical School	USMLE/MA
130. Charles Handfield Wyatt	Baylor College of Medicine	FLEX/TX
131. Mariam Mansour Youssef	Ain Shams University Faculty of Medicine	USMLE
132. Jiayue Yuan	Augusta University	USMLE
133. Hasan Zahid	University of the Punjab, King Edward Medical College	USMLE
134. Todd Wesley Deavens	Ross University	USMLE/GA
135. Claudine Marie Lott	University of Massachusetts Medical School	USMLE/CA
136. Wanda Lakeisha Williams	Wayne State University School of Medicine	USMLE/TN
137. *Vincent Boston	FL International U Herbert Wertheim COM	USMLE/MI
138. *Michael Kelly Hoger	Des Moines U Osteopathic Medicine Center	COMLEX/NE
139. **Winfred Scilla Tovar	Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine	USMLE/NY

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

*\*\* Approved pending receipt of an APHP contract required by the Board.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris with a second by Commissioner Walburn to

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approve applicant's number one through one hundred thirty-nine (1-139) for full licensure. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

#### LIMITED LICENSE APPLICANTS

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Medical School</u>	<u>Endorsement</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>
1.	Mark Henary	American U of Antigua	LL/AL	Brookwood IM	R

A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Morris to approve the limited license applicant listed above. The motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote.

IMLCC Report      The Commission received as information a report of the IMLCC licenses that were issued October 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020. A copy of such report is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Temporary Emergency License Report (Covid19)      The Commission received as information a report of the temporary emergency licenses that were issued from October 21, 2020 through November 13, 2020. A copy of such report is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

#### CURRENT BUSINESS

Mark Wayne Ernest, M.D.      A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Morris to approve the Bill of Costs submitted by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners in this case. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Order On Bill of Costs is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

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## 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 Nagrodzki to enter into executive session. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote. Chairman Smith announced that the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission would reconvene in a public session at approximately 9:45 a.m. The Commission entered into executive session at 9:21 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 9:36 a.m.

## REPORTS

Physician Monitoring Reports      The Commission received as information a physician monitoring report dated October 17, 2020.

## APPLICANTS

Barbara Steinbrecher, D.O.      A motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Christopher to issue an order on Dr. Steinbrecher's license application. The

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motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of such order is attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

Jeffrey Coykendall, M.D. A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Alsip to set a hearing for December 21, 2020 on Dr. Coykendall's licensure application. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Reginald Strother, M.D. A motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Christopher to approve Dr. Strother's license application. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

### **REQUESTS**

Honey M. Getubig, M.D. A Motion to Reconsider was deferred pending additional information.

### **CME CONSENT ORDERS**

Sharon Grifitts, M.D. A motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Nagrodzki to accept the Administrative Complaint and Joint Settlement Agreement and Consent Order presented in this case. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Joint Settlement Agreement and Consent Order are attached hereto as Exhibit "E".

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Thomas J. Laytham, M.D. A motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Christopher to accept the Administrative Complaint and Joint Settlement Agreement and Consent Order presented in this case. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of the Joint Settlement and Consent Order are attached hereto as Exhibit "F".

#### **NEW ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT**

Lauren Elizabeth Duensing, M.D. The Commission received an Administrative Complaint filed by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners. A hearing was scheduled for February 24, 2021.

#### **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 Morris to enter into executive session. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote. Chairman Smith announced that the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission would reconvene in a public session at approximately 11:30 a.m. The Commission entered into executive session at 10:15 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 12:03 p.m.

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## HEARINGS

Daniel Clower, M.D. An interview was held with Dr. Clower present regarding potential violations of Dr. Clower's Voluntary Agreement related to controlled substance prescribing. After the conclusion of the interview, a motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Christopher to send Dr. Clower a letter outlining the Commission's expectations. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Kathleen Cullen, M.D. A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Walburn to issue an order in this case. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of such order is attached hereto as Exhibit "G".

Thomas D. Nielsen, M.D. The Commission received as information an order continuing Dr. Nielsen's hearing to February 24, 2021.

Leah Torres, M.D. A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Hill to appoint Judge William Gordon as hearing officer in this case to include the authority to rule on all pretrial motions. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of such order is attached hereto as Exhibit "H". Commissioner Alsip recused himself from all discussion, deliberation and disposition in this case.

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**ADDITIONAL**

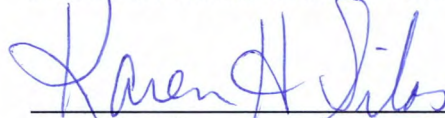
Judy O.C. Travis, M.D. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris with a second by Commissioner Hill to amend the Commission's previous order on Dr. Travis. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote. A copy of such order is attached hereto as Exhibit "I".

IMLCC Annual Meeting Report The Commissioner received as information a verbal report from staff of the 2020 IMLCC Annual meeting and Staff Summit hosted by Alabama at The Lodge at Gulf State Park on November 16 & 17, 2020.

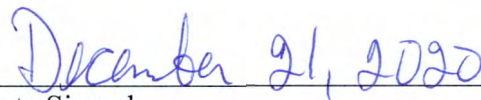
**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:** Chairman Smith announced the next meeting of the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission for Monday, December 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Morris to adjourn the meeting. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.  
Meeting Adjourned at 12:50 p.m.



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



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Karen H. Silas, Executive Assistant,  
Recording Secretary



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Date Signed



## EXHIBIT A

IMLCC License Issued October 1, 2020 - October 31, 2020 (15)

Name	License Type	License No.	Status	Issue Date	Expiration Date	State of Principle Licensure
Hsiong Chen	MD	41586	Active	10/5/2020	12/31/2020	Arizona
Diana Cristina Olivas	MD	41610	Active	10/23/2020	12/31/2021	Arizona
Ahsan Zafar Iqbal	MD	41612	Active	10/26/2020	12/31/2021	Colorado
John Michael Martinez	MD	41597	Active	10/15/2020	12/31/2020	Colorado
Samer Said Shuaib	MD	41603	Active	10/19/2020	12/31/2020	Maryland
Joseph Angel Rodrigo	DO	2385	Active	10/13/2020	12/31/2021	Maryland
Lisa Ashe	DO	2396	Active	10/29/2020	12/31/2020	Maryland
Monjari C Gillian	MD	41601	Active	10/16/2020	12/31/2020	Nebraska
Kevin Michael Cawley	MD	41609	Active	10/22/2020	12/31/2020	Nebraska
Shannon Laree St. Clair	MD	41663	Active	10/29/2020	12/31/2020	Nebraska
Takasha LaToya Renee Stewart-Hubbard	MD	41602	Active	10/16/2020	12/31/2020	Tennessee
Morgan John Patrylo	MD	41604	Active	10/20/2020	12/31/2020	Tennessee
Keith Fitzroy Watson	MD	41662	Active	10/29/2020	12/31/2020	Tennessee
Lauren Elizabeth Olsen	MD	41607	Active	10/21/2020	12/31/2020	Washington
Roselyne Murugu Knopf	MD	41593	Active	10/13/2020	12/31/2020	West Virginia

## Temporary Emergency License Report October 21, 2020 - November 13, 2020 (24)

Last Name	First Name	License Type	License No.	Issue Date	State
Chaudhary	Ali	MD	41658	10/29/2020	California
McDonald	Mark	MD	41668	10/30/2020	Colorado
Shipon-Blum	Elisa	DO	2398	10/30/2020	Georgia
Wallace	Benjamin	DO	2399	10/30/2020	Georgia
Smith	Clayton	MD	41669	10/30/2020	Georgia
Afari	Eric	MD	41670	10/30/2020	Georgia
Kara	Amynah	MD	41677	11/5/2020	Georgia
Shah	Ami	MD	41673	11/4/2020	Illinois
Shipon-Blum	Elisa	DO	2398	10/30/2020	Maryland
Greenberg	Miggie	MD	41680	11/9/2020	Maryland
Patel	Sagar	MD	41682	11/10/2020	Maryland
Rye	David	MD	41683	11/10/2020	New Jersey
Paller	Channing	MD	41685	11/12/2020	New Jersey
Braggs	Natalie	MD	41686	11/12/2020	New York
Garcia-Rosell	Melinda	MD	41687	11/12/2020	Ohio
Ballenger	Laura	MD	41608	10/21/2020	Ohio
Rubenstein	Shira	MD	41671	11/3/2020	Pennsylvania
Rad	Steve	MD	41674	11/4/2020	Pennsylvania
Patouga	Lubov	PA	1696	10/27/2020	Pennsylvania
Jaloudi	Mohammed	MD	41613	10/26/2020	Tennessee
Immanuel	Stell	MD	41614	10/27/2020	Tennessee
Moore	Amy	MD	41660	10/29/2020	Tennessee
Cuthbert	Darren	MD	41615	10/27/2020	Texas
Wiley	Benjamin	MD	41659	10/29/2020	Texas



BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION  
OF ALABAMAALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL )  
EXAMINERS, )

Complainant, )

Case No. 2020-050

vs. )

MARK WAYNE ERNEST, M.D. )

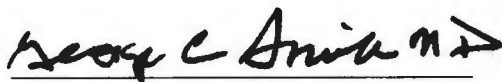
Respondent. )  
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## ORDER ON BILL OF COSTS

This matter came before the Medical Licensure Commission on November 23, 2020 on the Bill of Costs submitted by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners in accordance with the Final Order issued in the above case. Respondent filed no objection to the Bill of Costs submitted. The Commission finds that the costs, fees, and expenses included in the Bill of Costs are necessary and reasonable to the prosecution of this case.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that Respondent shall pay costs to Complainant in the amount of \$3,383.50 in accordance with the requirements of the Final Order entered in this case.

Done this 1<sup>st</sup> day of Dec, 2020.



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

IN RE: The Application for Licensure of )  
BARBARA STEINBRECHER, D.O. )  
  
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This matter came before the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama on November 23, 2020 on the application for licensure submitted by Barbara Steinbrecher, D.O. Based upon the application submitted by Dr. Steinbrecher and restricted certificate of qualification issued by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners by voluntary agreement with Dr. Steinbrecher, the Commission determines that the license to practice medicine in the state of Alabama is due to be and is hereby issued to Barbara Steinbrecher, D.O., subject to the following restrictions:

2. Termination of the restriction shall only be considered after Dr. Steinbrecher has completed the Tuscaloosa Fellowship Program and received the endorsement by the Program for an unrestricted medical license.

George C. Smith MD

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ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF	)	BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE
MEDICAL EXAMINERS,	)	COMMISSION OF ALABAMA
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	CASE NO. 20 - 224
SHARON G. GRIFFITTS, M.D.,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

### JOINT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

COME NOW, the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, Complainant, and SHARON G. GRIFFITTS, M.D., Respondent, and respectfully submit this Joint Settlement Agreement to the Medical Licensure Commission, seeking the entry of the attached Consent Order to resolve the disciplinary charges filed against the Respondent's medical license. In support thereof, the Parties state as follows:

### STIPULATION

1. The Respondent, SHARON G. GRIFFITTS, M.D., was duly licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in the state of Alabama on January 1, 1998, having been issued license number MD.21438, and the Respondent was so licensed at all times relevant to the matters asserted herein.

2. It is admitted by Dr. Griffiths that on or about December 22, 2019, Dr. Griffiths submitted or caused to be submitted an Alabama medical license renewal application for the year 2020 on which the certification was made that the annual minimum continuing medical education requirement of 25 credits had been met or would be met by December 31, 2019, and the licensee had supporting documents if audited.

3. Dr. Griffiths admits that, in fact, the required number of continuing medical education credits necessary for renewal of the 2019 license had not been obtained and/or that



supporting documentation was not produced; specifically, Dr. Griffiths obtained no valid credits.

4. Dr. Griffiths acknowledges and admits that the foregoing facts constitute grounds for the imposition of disciplinary sanctions against the licensee's license to practice medicine or osteopathy in Alabama, specifically, a violation of Ala. Code § 34-24-360(23) and Medical Licensure Commission Rule 545-X-5-.02. Dr. Griffiths consents and agrees to the entry by the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama of the consent order stated herein, and agrees to be bound by the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and terms and conditions stated therein. Dr. Sharon G. Griffiths, M.D. waives any further findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter and waives any right to appeal of the joint settlement agreement and consent order.

5. It is stipulated and agreed between the parties that this joint settlement agreement and consent order be submitted to the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama, and that they are subject to the Commission's approval. It is further agreed by the parties that the Medical Licensure Commission shall be permitted to examine and review, prior to approval of this settlement, the records and documents now in the possession of the Board of Medical Examiners concerning the stipulation of facts set forth herein. It is further agreed by the parties that, in the event the Medical Licensure Commission declines to accept this joint settlement agreement and consent order, and requires the Board of Medical Examiners to present testimony and documentary exhibits at a subsequent hearing, any admissions by Dr. Griffiths in this agreement shall not be binding upon Dr. Griffiths, and the consideration by the Commission of the Joint Settlement Agreement and consent order and the documentary evidence referred to herein, will not be prejudicial to the right of Dr. Griffiths to receive a fair and impartial hearing.

6. It is further agreed that Dr. Griffiths will not seek to disqualify any member of the Medical Licensure Commission from hearing this matter based on that member's consideration of this joint petition.

STIPULATED AND AGREED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October,  
2020.

Sharon G. Griffiths M.D.  
SHARON G. GRIFFITTS, M.D.

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Joanne H. Henson  
Witness/Attorney for Dr. Griffiths

Blake T. Henson  
Blake T. Henson, Associate General Counsel  
Alabama Board of Medical Examiners

### CONSENT ORDER

This matter is before the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama (the "Commission") on the administrative complaint filed by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") on November 12, 2020. The Board and the Respondent, SHARON G. GRIFFITTS, M.D., entered into a Joint Settlement Agreement, which was filed with this Commission on the 12 day of November, 2020. The Commission hereby finds that it has jurisdiction over the administrative complaint, and the parties hereto, pursuant to Ala. Code § 34-24-361.

After reviewing the Joint Settlement Agreement submitted by the parties, which is incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein, the Commission hereby finds that the Respondent, SHARON G. GRIFFITTS, M.D., has committed acts which violate Ala. Code § 34-24-360(23) and Medical Licensure Commission Rule 545-X-5-.02. The Commission concludes, as a matter of law, that the stipulated facts of the Joint Settlement Agreement establish violations of Ala. Code § 34-24-360(23) and Rule 545-X-5-.02.

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, it is the ORDER of the Medical Licensure Commission:


1. That the license to practice medicine of the Respondent, SHARON G. GRIFFITTS, M.D., license number MD.21438, be, and is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. That the Respondent, SHARON G. GRIFFITTS, M.D., be, and is hereby assessed an administrative fine in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500). The administrative fine is due and payable to the Medical Licensure Commission within thirty (30) days of the date of this Consent Order.
3. That the Respondent, before December 31, 2021, shall obtain fifty (50) credits of



AMA PRA Category 1™ or equivalent continuing medical education.

The Medical Licensure Commission retains jurisdiction in this matter for the purpose of entering such further orders and directives as may be required to implement the provisions of this Consent Order.

ORDERED this the 23 day of Mar, 2020.

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

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF	)	BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE
MEDICAL EXAMINERS,	)	COMMISSION OF ALABAMA
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	CASE NO. 20 - 226
THOMAS J. LEYTHAM, M.D.,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

### JOINT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

COME NOW, the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, Complainant, and THOMAS J. LEYTHAM, M.D., Respondent, and respectfully submit this Joint Settlement Agreement to the Medical Licensure Commission, seeking the entry of the attached Consent Order to resolve the disciplinary charges filed against the Respondent's medical license. In support thereof, the Parties state as follows:

### STIPULATION

1. The Respondent, THOMAS J. LEYTHAM, M.D., was duly licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in the state of Alabama on May 25, 1994, having been issued license number MD.18097, and the Respondent was so licensed at all times relevant to the matters asserted herein.

2. It is admitted by Dr. Leytham that on or about December 16, 2019, Dr. Leytham submitted or caused to be submitted an Alabama medical license renewal application for the year 2020 on which the certification was made that the annual minimum continuing medical education requirement of 25 credits had been met or would be met by December 31, 2019, and the licensee had supporting documents if audited.

3. Dr. Leytham admits that, in fact, the required number of continuing medical education credits necessary for renewal of the 2019 license had not been obtained and/or that

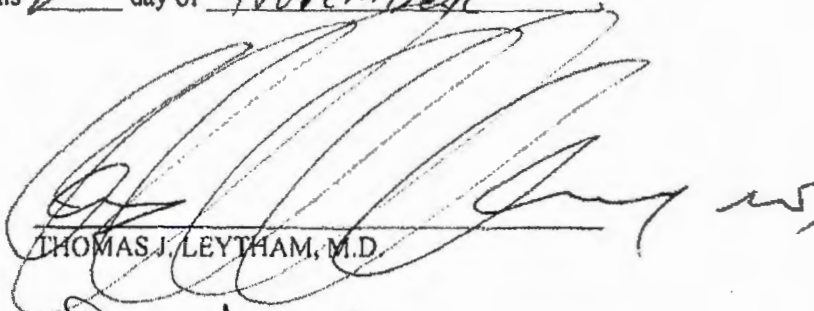
supporting documentation was not produced; specifically, Dr. Leytham obtained sixteen valid credits.

4. Dr. Leytham acknowledges and admits that the foregoing facts constitute grounds for the imposition of disciplinary sanctions against the licensee's license to practice medicine or osteopathy in Alabama, specifically, a violation of Ala. Code § 34-24-360(23) and Medical Licensure Commission Rule 545-X-5-.02. Dr. Leytham consents and agrees to the entry by the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama of the consent order stated herein, and agrees to be bound by the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and terms and conditions stated therein. Dr. Thomas J. Leytham, M.D. waives any further findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter and waives any right to appeal of the joint settlement agreement and consent order.

5. It is stipulated and agreed between the parties that this joint settlement agreement and consent order be submitted to the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama, and that they are subject to the Commission's approval. It is further agreed by the parties that the Medical Licensure Commission shall be permitted to examine and review, prior to approval of this settlement, the records and documents now in the possession of the Board of Medical Examiners concerning the stipulation of facts set forth herein. It is further agreed by the parties that, in the event the Medical Licensure Commission declines to accept this joint settlement agreement and consent order, and requires the Board of Medical Examiners to present testimony and documentary exhibits at a subsequent hearing, any admissions by Dr. Leytham in this agreement shall not be binding upon Dr. Leytham, and the consideration by the Commission of the Joint Settlement Agreement and consent order and the documentary evidence referred to herein, will not be prejudicial to the right of Dr. Leytham to receive a fair and impartial hearing.

6. It is further agreed that Dr. Leytham will not seek to disqualify any member of the Medical Licensure Commission from hearing this matter based on that member's consideration of this joint petition.

STIPULATED AND AGREED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November  
2020.



THOMAS J. LEYTHAM, M.D.

David Martin  
Witness/Attorney for Dr. Leytham

Blake T. Henson  
Blake T. Henson, Associate General Counsel  
Alabama Board of Medical Examiners



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Based upon the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, it is the ORDER of the Medical Licensure Commission:


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3. That the Respondent, between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021, shall obtain fifty (50) credits of AMA PRA Category 1™ or equivalent continuing medical education.

The Medical Licensure Commission retains jurisdiction in this matter for the purpose of

entering such further orders and directives as may be required to implement the provisions of this Consent Order.

ORDERED this the 23 day of Nov, 2020.



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

CASE No. 20-145

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3. Mr. Johnson further testified that Dr. Cullen was aware of the hearing and the requirement she attend the hearing in person.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Based on these findings, the Commission concludes as follows:

Dr. Kathleen A. Cullen is not compliant with the terms of probation set forth in the February 24, 2021 Order of the Commission.

#### DETERMINATION

It is therefore ORDERED that the February 24, 2021 Stay of Revocation is hereby LIFTED and Dr. Kathleen A. Cullen's license to practice medicine in the State of Alabama is REVOKED.

E-SIGNED by George C. Smith, Sr., M.D.  
on 2021-11-08 16:07:53 GMT

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



BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION  
OF ALABAMAALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL )  
EXAMINERS, )

Complainant, )

vs. )

LEAH N. TORRES, M.D. )

Respondent. )  
\_\_\_\_\_ )Case No. 2020-244  
2020-207

## ORDER

The Honorable William R. Gordon is hereby appointed by the Commission under the authority of 545-X-3-.08 of the Alabama Administrative Code to preside over the administrative hearings to be held on the administrative complaint filed in this case and is designated as an executive officer of the Commission under 545-X-1-.04 of the Alabama Administrative Code to act on behalf of the Commission in carrying out the duties set out herein. Judge Gordon is hereby granted such authority under the above rules as is necessary to direct the course of the hearing, rule on all pre-hearing motions, assist the Chairman by ruling on legal matters related to the case, and directing that evidence relative to the general character and reputation of the licensee be submitted in writing or to place reasonable limitations upon the number of witnesses permitted to testify as the character and reputation of the licensee. Judge Gordon is hereby delegated such authority under said rules as are necessary to make rulings on procedural and evidentiary issues and to impose such reasonable limitations on testimony, arguments, and briefs as may be necessary to the orderly conduct of the case. All rulings made as Executive Officer hereunder or as delegated by the Chairman shall be final and shall be deemed the action of the Commission unless such rulings are

challenged by a member of the Commission. All such challenges are to be considered and decided by the Commission outside the presence of the parties, attorneys, and witnesses to the contested case, and only the decision of the Commission on such challenges shall be entered into the record.

Done this 30th day of November, 2020.

*George C. Smith Sr MD*

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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. 2018-253

vs. )

JUDY O.C. TRAVIS, M.D. )

Respondent. )

**ORDER**

The Commission's Order of November 10, 2020, shall be and is hereby amended and replaced in its entirety as set out below:

This matter came before the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama at its meeting on October 29, 2020 on the request by Dr. Travis to lift the probation of and/or restrictions on her license in the above case. Dr. Travis appeared and testified. The Board of Medical Examiners was represented by Mr. Wilson Hunter.

Based upon the testimony at the hearing, the Commission has determined that it will lift the probation and/or restrictions on Dr. Travis's medical license upon completion of the following:

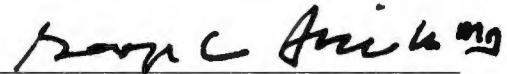
1. Dr. Travis shall attend and complete the continuing medical education course entitled Prescribing Controlled Drugs offered by Vanderbilt University, or a comparable course which has been pre-approved by the Commission, and shall submit to the Commission certification of said completion; Dr. Travis shall successfully complete the entire course and shall, in addition to the submission of the certificate of completion, execute an affidavit in which Dr. Travis shall state under oath the name of the course taken, and that she "successfully completed the entire course";

2. Dr. Travis shall submit to the Commission verification of all continuing medical education classes/seminars she has completed in the last two years;

3. Dr. Travis shall enter into a contract with the Alabama Professionals Health Program (APHP), which contract shall require that Dr. Travis continue to see her psychiatrist or psychologist at least quarterly during the term of the contract, and that she see her regular physician at least annually during the term of the contract; Dr. Travis shall submit a copy of said contract to the Commission; and

4. Dr. Travis shall execute any and all releases with APHP necessary to allow APHP to release information to the Commission, and cause APHP to submit to the Commission quarterly reports from her psychiatrist or psychologist and annual reports from her regular physician.

Done this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2020.

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