

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

**December 20, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Craig H. Christopher, M.D., Vice Chairman  
Kenneth W. Aldridge, M.D.  
Jorge A. Alsip, M.D.  
L. Daniel Morris, Esq.  
Paul M. Nagrodzki, M.D.  
Gary Hill, D.O.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

George C. Smith, Sr. M.D., Chairman  
Pamela Varner, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT

Karen H. Silas, MLC Recording Secretary  
James R. Seale, Interim Legal Counsel  
Nicole Chapman, Administrative Assistant  
Heather Lindemann, Licensing Assistant  
Chris Hart, Technology  
Roland Johnson, Physician Monitoring  
Wilson Hunter, BME Legal Counsel  
Blake Henson, BME Legal Counsel  
William Perkins, BME Executive Director  
William R. Gordon, Hearing Officer

SECURITY

Greg Hardy  
Rebecca Daniels  
Randy Dixon  
O.V. Chavez  
Anthony Crenshaw  
Stephen Lavender



Call to Order: 9:02 a.m.

Prior notice having been given in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act, and with a quorum of six members present, Commission Vice Chairman, Craig H. Christopher, M.D., convened the monthly meeting of the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission.

**OLD BUSINESS**

EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES Commissioner Alsip made a motion that the Emergency Meeting Minutes of October 29, 2021 be approved. A second was made by Commissioner Nagrodzki. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

MINUTES Commissioner Alsip made a motion that the Minutes of November 22, 2021 be approved. A second was made by Commissioner Morris. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**FULL LICENSURE APPLICANTS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Medical School</u>	<u>Endorsement</u>
1. Ibrahim Abou Saleh	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland - Medical University of Bahrain	USMLE
2. Mackenzie N Abraham	Univ of AL School of Med Birmingham U of Florida College of Med	USMLE
3. Masood Ahmad	Allama Iqbal Medical College, University of the Punjab	USMLE/NJ
4. Myles Jordan Anderson	University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine	USMLE
5. Sarah Alexis Anderson	Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX
6. Ashley E Andrews	Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine-Auburn campus	COMLEX
7. Antonie Jude Auguste	State University of New York Upstate Medical University	USMLE/CT
8. Juliana B Mazzafera	Escuela de Medicina Juan N. Corpas	USMLE/FL



	<u>Name</u>	<u>Medical School</u>	<u>Endorsement</u>
9.	Jourdan Brown	Louisiana State University School of Medicine New Orleans	USMLE
10.	Brian Ceballos	Indiana University School of Medicine Indianapolis	USMLE
11.	Christina Cheng	University of Oklahoma Health Science Center	USMLE
12.	Christine Cho	University of Iowa College of Medicine	USMLE
13.	Gabriel Lee Collins	Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX
14.	John Michael Cook	University of Oklahoma Health Science Center	NBME/OK
15.	Conor James Cronin	Florida State University College of Medicine	USMLE
16.	Benjamin Ross Daggett	Trinity School of Medicine	USMLE
17.	Jon Durant Dubose	University of South Carolina School of Medicine	USMLE/NC
18.	Amin Moftah Elfituri	University of Tripoli Faculty of Medicine	USMLE/FL
19.	Wael Farid	University of Cairo	USMLE/WA
20.	Hannah Marie Ficarino	University of South Alabama College of Medicine	USMLE
21.	Jason Robert Foreman	Nova Southeastern University	COMLEX/OH
22.	Helen Gharwan	Karl-Franzens University	USMLE/MD
23.	Bethune Alafia Grindley	University of The West Indies, Jamaica	USMLE/VA
24.	Matthew Wayne Hall	Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science	USMLE
25.	Madeline Dru Hearn	Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, Carolinas Campus	COMLEX
26.	Phillip R Higginbotham	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
27.	Edward M Huddleston	University of Mississippi School of Medicine	USMLE
28.	Randa A I Jaber	Al-Arab Medical University	USMLE/ME
29.	Mathurika Jeyasingam	St Georges University of London	USMLE
30.	Susan John	Wayne State University School of Medicine	USMLE/MI
31.	Grace Ann Johnson	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
32.	Zachary Thomas Jost	University of Kentucky College of Medicine	USMLE
33.	Tavonna Denise Kako	Indiana University School of Medicine Indianapolis	USMLE
34.	Lucas Thurman Kane	Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine-Auburn campus	COMLEX
35.	McKenzie A Kay	Louisiana State University Medical Center In Shreveport	USMLE
36.	Jamie Leigh K Morrow	Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX
37.	George McClelland Kyle	Wright State University School of Medicine	USMLE/IN
38.	Cade Hallmark Loftin	University of South Alabama College of Medicine	USMLE
39.	Murali K Maddipati	Osmania Medical College	USMLE/FL
40.	Robert A Martin	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE/SC
41.	Matthew Scott McCay	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
42.	Michael Kole Melton	University of Oklahoma Health Science Center	USMLE
43.	Jacqueline R Melvin	Eastern Virginia Medical School	USMLE
44.	Raima Adeel Memon	Dow Medical College, University of Karachi	USMLE
45.	Bethany Ann Mitchell	Rowan Univ School of Osteopathic Med	COMLEX/WA
46.	Neda Mofrad	Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine	USMLE/CA
47.	James Paul Molyneux	Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX
48.	Kelsey B Montgomery	University of Texas - Houston Medical School	USMLE
49.	Sol Chae-won Moon	Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine	USMLE
50.	Dominique N Moreno	Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine-Auburn campus	COMLEX



	<u>Name</u>	<u>Medical School</u>	<u>Endorsement</u>
51.	Cristian G Morosan	Universitatea De Medicina Si Farmacie Carol Davila	COMLEX/TN
52.	Luke Matthew Mueller	Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, Auburn campus	COMLEX
53.	David C Mulkey	University of South Alabama College of Medicine	USMLE/TN
54.	Clarence H Mullins	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
55.	John Mark Murphy	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
56.	David Patrick Murray	Augusta University	USMLE
57.	Adam C Niolet	University of Mississippi School of Medicine	USMLE
58.	Danielle Marie Nodurft	Louisiana State University Medical Center In Shreveport	USMLE/LA
59.	Wally Ahmad Omar	State Univ of New York at Stony Brook Health Sci Center Sch of Med	USMLE/TX
60.	Andrew Oswari	Loma Linda University School Of Medicine	USMLE/PA
61.	Taylor Bartlett Ousley	University of South Alabama College of Medicine	USMLE
62.	Rajaneesh Pachala	Andhra Medical College, Andhra University	USMLE/MA
63.	Akhil Padarti	Texas Tech University School Of Medicine	USMLE
64.	James Clayton Parker	University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine	USMLE
65.	Mallory Perez	Dartmouth Medical School	USMLE
66.	Anne Elizabeth Prater	Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX
67.	Kevin Michael Putinta	University of South Alabama College of Medicine	USMLE/FL
68.	Stephanie L Rakestraw	Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University	USMLE
69.	Nadine P Robertson	Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine	USMLE
70.	Corianne Denise Rogers	University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine	USMLE
71.	Matthew J Rolfsen	Louisiana State University School of Medicine New Orleans	USMLE/SC
72.	Frederick J Rossi III	William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX
73.	Simi Tina Roy	Saint Georges University	USMLE
74.	Jose E R Mosquera	Universidad De Guayaquil	USMLE
75.	Melissa Gibson Ruck	Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX
76.	Eyad Elie Jalil Saca	Jordan University of Science & Technology	USMLE
77.	Mariam Saeed	Khyber Medical College, University of Peshawar	USMLE
78.	Muhammad A Saleemi	Allama Iqbal Medical College, University of the Punjab	USMLE/PA
79.	Matthew C Scalise	University of South Carolina School of Medicine	USMLE
80.	Anna Teal Steffan	University of Minnesota Medical School - Minneapolis	USMLE/NC
81.	Zachary David Stello	University of South Carolina School of Medicine	USMLE
82.	Cynthia Layne Swart	Ohio State University College of Medicine & Public Health	NBME/OH
83.	Sidrah Ali Syed	Louisiana State University School of Medicine New Orleans	USMLE
84.	Vinaykumar Tallavajhala	University of Kansas School of Medicine	USMLE
85.	Lisa Maria G. Tartaglia	Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX/FL
86.	Pardeep Singh Taunk	Saint Georges University	USMLE/GA
87.	Christopher Mark Terrell	Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine-Auburn campus	COMLEX
88.	Sterling K N Tran	University of Virginia School of Medicine	USMLE
89.	Michael Lee Tran	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
90.	William M Tremlett	Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine-Auburn campus	COMLEX
91.	Jesse Joseph Trent	University of Kansas School of Medicine Wichita	USMLE
92.	Alex Marshal Trzebucki	New York Medical College	USMLE/CA

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	<u>Name</u>	<u>Medical School</u>	<u>Endorsement</u>
93.	Vivian Hun-Ming Tso	Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai	USMLE/CA
94.	Danica M V Kuri	Universidad De Guayaquil	USMLE
95.	Richard Tarver Webb	University of Mississippi School of Medicine	USMLE/MS
96.	Qing Wei	Wuhan University School of Medicine	USMLE
97.	Charles Hurt Flint Yarn	University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine	USMLE
98.	Lan Zhou	Shanghai Medical University / Medical Center of Fudan University	USMLE/MI
99.	Krishna J. Goli	Andhra Medical College, Andhra University	USMLE/MS
100.	Imran Khalil	University of Damascus	USMLE/CT
101.	Anil K. Mahavadi	University of Miami Miller School of Medicine	USMLE
102.	Tariq M. Yousuf	Avalon Univ S of Med LSU School of Med New Orleans	USMLE/IL
103.	*Sunil Ayyagari	Univ of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria	USMLE/OH
104.	*Jesse N. Hilton	Texas Tech Univ Health Sci Center School of Med	USMLE
105.	*Roxanne Lockhart	Univ of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
106.	*Samuel C. Sanning	Des Moines University of Osteopathic Medical Center	COMLEX
107.	**Melinda J. Hooton	West Virginia University School of Medicine	USMLE

*\*Approved pending acceptance and payment of NDC issued by BME.*

*\*\*Approved pending acceptance of Voluntary Agreement.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Hill to approve applicants number one through one hundred seven (1-107) for full licensure. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

### **LIMITED LICENSE APPLICANTS**

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Medical School</u>	<u>Endorsement</u>	<u>Practice Location</u>	<u>License</u>
1.	Yurany A Canizales	Fundacao Universitaria Do ABC	LL/AL	UAB Department of Neurology	R
2.	Hrishikesh Dadhich	Jawaharlal Postgrad Med Ed & Research	LL/AL	UAB Department of Neurology	R
3.	Maria G Gonzalez	Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia	LL/AL	UAB Internal Medicine	R
4.	Blake Foster Johns	Univ of Mississippi School of Med	LL/AL	Brookwood Baptist Radiology	R
5.	Sanjith P Krishnam	Bangalore Medical College	LL/AL	UAB Department of Neurology	R
6.	Jonathan Pious	Sichuan Medical College	LL/AL	St. Vincent East FM Res Prog	R
7.	Alan David Reagan	American University of Antigua	LL/AL	UAB Selma FM Res Program	R

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris with a second by Commissioner Alsip to approve the limited license applicants number one through seven (1-7). The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**SPECIAL PURPOSE LICENSE APPLICANTS**

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Type of Practice</u>	<u>Location</u>
1.	Karin B Boeck	Family Medicine	Tennessee
2.	Kevin P. Rosenblatt	Pathology	Texas

A motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Morris to approve the special purpose license applicants number one and two (1 & 2). The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

IMLCC Report      The Commission received as information a report of the licenses that were issued via the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact from November 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021. A copy of such report is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

**REPORTS**

Physician Monitoring Report      The Commission received as information a physician monitoring report dated December 10, 2021.



## VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS

Perry Timberlake, M.D.                      The Commission received as information the voluntary surrender of Dr. Timberlake's Alabama medical license.

## REQUESTS

Dylan E. Caggiano, D.O.            The Commission received as information correspondence from Sandra Frazier, M.D. regarding Dr. Caggiano's contract with the Alabama Professionals Health Program.

John P. Cimino, D.O.                A motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Morris to affirm the order of continuance in Dr. Cimino's case. The motion carried by unanimous vote. A copy of such order is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

Hobert Sharpton, D.O.              A motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Morris to deny Dr. Sharpton's request. The Commission will reconsider upon evaluation by CPEP. The motion carried by unanimous vote. .

Russell W. Stevens, M.D.        A motion was made by Commissioner Nagrodzki with a second by Commissioner Alsip to issue an order setting a hearing on Dr. Stevens' request. The motion carried by unanimous vote. A copy of such order is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

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**ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS/MOTIONS**

Julia M. Dannelley, M.D.                      The Commission received a Notice of Intent to Contest Reinstatement filed by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners. A motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Aldridge to issue an Order Setting Hearing once an Administrative Complaint has been filed. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Laura E. Duensing, M.D.                      The Commission received an Administrative Complaint filed by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners. A motion was made by Commissioner Hill with a second by Commissioner Morris to issue an Order Setting Hearing for April 20, 2022. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. A copy of such order is attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

Christopher P. Gay, D.O.                      The Commission received a Notice of Intent to Contest Reinstatement filed by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners. A hearing is currently set for February 23, 2022.

Vinson DiSanto, D.O.                      The Commission received a Notice of Intent to Contest Reinstatement filed by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners. A hearing is currently set for February 23, 2022.





**DRAFT ORDERS FOR REVIEW**

Gary M. Bullock, D.O. A motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Morris to amend the current draft order and approve for service. The motion carried by unanimous vote. A copy of such order is attached hereto as Exhibit "E".

**APPLICANTS FOR REVIEW**

Sean M. Owen, M.D. A motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Morris to approve Dr. Owen's application for full licensure. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Cory Tinker, M.D. A motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Morris to approve Dr. Tinker's application for full licensure. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**HEARINGS**

The Commission entered into a closed hearing at 10:40 a.m. as permitted by the Code of Ala. §34-24-361.1 in the matter of William Richardson, M.D.



William Richardson, M.D. At the conclusion of the hearing and deliberation a motion was made by Commissioner Alsip with a second by Commissioner Morris to approve Dr. Richardson's application for full licensure. Commissioners Aldridge, Alsip, Christopher, Morris and Nagrodski voted in favor of the motion and Commissioner Hill voted in opposition of the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

Tremaine J. Wright, D.O. In lieu of a hearing the Commission received a withdrawal of the Appeal of Denial of Certificate of Qualification in this case.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chairman/Executive Officer Commissioner Christopher nominated Commissioner Smith to remain Chairman of the Commission of the Medical Licensure Commission for the upcoming year. A second was made by Commissioner Morris. A motion was made by Commissioner Alsip to close the nominations. A second was received by Commissioner Morris. The nominations for Chairman were closed. A vote was taken and Commissioner Smith was unanimously elected to remain Chairman of the Commission.

Vice Chairman Commissioner Nagrodzki nominated Commissioner Christopher to remain Vice Chairman of the Commission for the upcoming year. A second was made by Commissioner Morris. A motion was made by Commissioner Alsip to close the



nominations. A second was received by Commissioner Morris. The nominations for Vice Chairman were closed. A vote was taken and Commissioner Christopher was unanimously elected to remain Vice Chairman of the Commission.

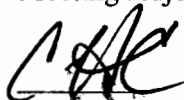
## **DISCUSSION**

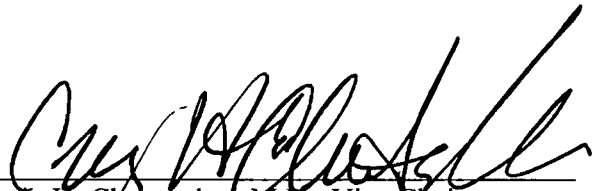
Reinstatement Discussion                      After discussion regarding the Commission's current reinstatement process for non-renewal of a license versus the reinstatement process from disciplinary actions (suspension, revocation, voluntary surrenders), the Commission adopted a policy to use the non-renewal reinstatement process for all license reinstatements going forward. Adopted policy is attached hereto as Exhibit "F". Commissioner Alsip, Attorney James Seale and MLC Operations Director Karen Silas will review the current reinstatement application for necessary revisions and bring a recommendation back to the full Commission.

Revised Hearing Protocol/Hearing Officer                      After discussion regarding the Commission's current administrative hearing process, the Commission approved hearing protocol revisions attached as Exhibit "G".

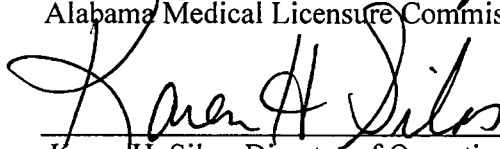
**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:**                      The next meeting of the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission was announced for Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

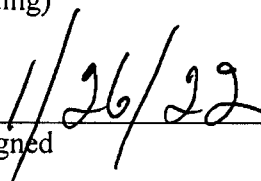
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Craig H. Christopher, M.D., Vice Chairman  
Alabama Medical Licensure Commission



Karen H. Silas, Director of Operations  
(Recording)



Date Signed



## EXHIBIT A

### IMLCC Licenses Issued November 1, 2021 - November 30, 2021 (19)

Name	License Type	License Number	Status	Issue Date	Expiration Date	State of Principal Licensure
Cristina Maria Ramirez	MD	43358	Active	11/16/2021	12/31/2022	Arizona
Jennifer Lynn Derenne	MD	43338	Active	11/2/2021	12/31/2022	Colorado
Lisa Kisling Thompson	DO	2697	Active	11/3/2021	12/31/2022	Colorado
Shelley Anne Meyer	DO	2699	Active	11/19/2021	12/31/2021	Colorado
Tresa Lanelle Nesbitt	MD	43329	Active	11/1/2021	12/31/2022	Georgia
Chauoki Khoury	MD	43354	Active	11/15/2021	12/31/2022	Georgia
James Webb Cole	MD	43341	Active	11/4/2021	12/31/2022	Illinois
Andrew Robert Keyser	MD	43343	Active	11/5/2021	12/31/2022	Illinois
Cecile Mauge Miller Murray	MD	43344	Active	11/8/2021	12/31/2022	Illinois
Linda Yuan Jiang	MD	43356	Active	11/16/2021	12/31/2022	Illinois
Aasha Ann Trowbridge	MD	43359	Active	11/19/2021	12/31/2022	Kansas
Krystal Ann Estrada	MD	43380	Active	11/29/2021	12/31/2022	Kansas
Curtis Anthony Prejean	MD	43382	Active	11/30/2021	12/31/2021	Louisiana
Vishal Balvantrai Jani	MD	43349	Active	11/9/2021	12/31/2021	Nebraska
Liangping Weng	MD	43336	Active	11/2/2021	12/31/2022	South Dakota
Christopher Ryan Newey	DO	2698	Active	11/10/2021	12/31/2022	South Dakota
James Francis Fiechtl	MD	43345	Active	11/8/2021	12/31/2022	Tennessee
Woo Jae Kim	MD	43337	Active	11/2/2021	12/31/2022	Washington
Amber Elizabeth Hildebrandt	MD	43357	Active	11/16/2021	12/31/2022	Wisconsin

\*Total licenses issued since April 2017 - 1,245

# EXHIBIT B

## BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS,	)	Second Order Resetting Hearing
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
-vs-	)	Case No. 2019 - 128
	)	
JOHN PAUL CIMINO, M.D.,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	
_____	)	

### SECOND-ORDER RESETTING HEARING

The Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama (“the Commission”) grants John Paul Cimino’s, M.D. (Dr. Cimino) motion to postpone the hearing set for April 20, 2022, and the Commission resets the hearing for May 25, 2022.

The Commission conditions the postponement on Dr. Cimino filing his answer to the administrative complaint on or before February 8, 2022, and the answer will comply with the following:

Dr. Cimino shall file with the Commission and shall serve upon the parties’ lawyers an answer and response to the allegations stated in the administrative complaint. Any allegation of fact stated in the administrative complaint which Dr. Cimino does not dispute or deny, in whole or in part, may be considered as true by the Commission on the contested case hearing. Also, Dr. Cimino should set out a brief, concise summary of those facts he intends to rely on in the contested case hearing. However, in no event is Dr. Cimino required to make any statement in contravention of his right against self-incrimination granted under the U.S. and Alabama Constitutions.

Done on this 19th day of January 2022.

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

### CC: BY ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

- Blake T. Henson, Esq.
- John A. Brinkley, Jr., Esq.
- James R. Seale, Esq.
- Karen A. Silas
- Christy Stewart



# EXHIBIT D

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF )  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS, )  
 )  
Complainant, )  
 )  
v. )  
 )  
LAUREN ELIZABETH DUENSING, M.D. )  
 )  
Respondent. )

BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSURE  
COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

CASE NO. 2021-381

## ORDER SETTING HEARING

The Medical Licensure Commission has received the verified Administrative Complaint of the State Board of Medical Examiners filed in this cause. The Commission has determined that this matter is due to be set down for hearing under the provisions of §34-24-361, Code of Alabama 1975.

Accordingly, it is the Order of the Commission that this matter be set for hearing before the Commission on the 20th day of April, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock in the a.m. at the offices of the Medical Licensure Commission, 848 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama. The Respondent, LAUREN ELIZABETH DUENSING, M.D., is directed to respond to the allegations of the verified Complaint in the manner prescribed in Rule 545-X-3-.03 of the Rules and Regulations of the Medical Licensure Commission. Such answer shall be filed **within 20 days** of service of a copy of the Administrative Complaint and the Order Setting Hearing.

This hearing shall be conducted in accordance with §34-24-361(e), Code of Alabama 1975 and Chapter 3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Medical Licensure Commission concerning hearings in contested cases. The Respondent is entitled to be present at the hearing and to be represented by counsel, is entitled to cross examine witnesses presented by the Complainant, and is entitled to present testimony and other evidence touching on the allegations



contained in the Complaint.

It is the further order of the Commission that a copy of the verified Complaint of the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners and a copy of this Order Setting Hearing is forthwith served upon the said LAUREN ELIZABETH DUENSING, M.D., by personally delivering the same to her if she can be found within the State of Alabama or by overnight courier, signature required, to her last known address if she cannot be found within the State of Alabama. The Commission further directs that personal service of process shall be made by Edwin Rogers who is designated as the duly authorized agent of the Medical Licensure Commission.

William R. Gordon, Esq., is hereby appointed to act as hearing officer for the Commission. It is further ordered that the parties and their attorneys immediately check their calendars for scheduling conflicts. **No requests for continuances based upon schedule conflicts of attorneys or parties will be considered unless such request is made forty-five (45) days prior to the scheduled hearing date.**

ORDERED at Montgomery, Alabama, this 29th day of December, 2021.

George C. Smith Sr MD

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



complications or interactions from this, as evidenced by the absence of significant patient consulting to this effect in the charts.

3. On March 15, 2017, the ABME directed Dr. Bullock to submit to a comprehensive Education Intervention including an Education Plan designed and administered by CPEP and restrictions to be put on his Certificate of Qualification, requiring that he complete, under the direction of CPEP, the CPEP Education Intervention and Education plan.
4. On May 25, 2017, the ABME was advised Dr. Bullock was not in compliance with the CPEP Education Plan as ordered by the ABME. The CPEP plan encompassed Dr. Bullock's current practice of the diagnosis and treatment of ADHD in pediatric and adult patients, as well as the practice of Medication Assisted Treatment with suboxone, family medicine, and pain management. However, Dr. Bullock made the decision to devote his practice primarily to ADHD and cease Medication Assisted Treatment with suboxone.
5. On August 20, 2018, the ABME received a progress report from CPEP advising Dr. Bullock was not in compliance with his Education Plan.
6. Dr. Bullock made minimal progress with the CPEP educational plan and on August 20, 2019, the ABME took action restricting his Certificate of Qualification to treatment of ADHD and family practice as recommended by CPEP.
7. On February 17, 2021, a complaint was received advising that Dr. Bullock was overprescribing amphetamines to a patient.
8. The ABME ordered that an expert review be conducted and ultimately 10 patient records were reviewed.
9. On July 29, 2021, the ABME ordered the temporary suspension of Dr. Bullock's medical license and set a hearing date of the July 23, 2021 Administrative Complaint and Petition for Summary Suspension.
10. At the November 22, 2021 hearing, evidence introduced consisted of the video deposition, transcript, and exhibits of the ABME expert, Vikas Gupta, M.D. MPH; the testimony of Dr. Bullock; the testimony of Thad Ryal, M.D., Dr. Bullock's expert; ABME's Exhibits 1-27, including patient records subpoenaed; and Respondent Dr. Bullock's Exhibits 2-18.

11. Dr. Bullock did not implement the training he received from CPEP in 2016.
12. The 10 patient charts reviewed indicate Dr. Bullock failed to utilize controlled substance contracts, urine drug screens, pill counts, and review of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) as risk and abuse mitigation strategies when prescribing controlled substances.
13. Dr. Bullock prescribed stimulants above the national guideline often in combination with a benzodiazepine or opioid, potentially putting his patient at risk.
14. Dr. Bullock did not check patients' blood pressures and failed to monitor and document the cardiovascular side effects of the stimulants, benzodiazepines, and opioids prescribed.

### CONCLUSIONS

Based on these findings, the MLC concludes as follows:

1. There is insufficient evidence to conclude Dr. Bullock is guilty of count One- Inability to Practice Medicine with Reasonable Skill and Safety to Patients.
2. There is insufficient evidence to conclude Dr. Bullock is guilty of count Two- Prescribing a Controlled Substance for Other Than a Legitimate Medical Purpose.
3. The evidence establishes that Dr. Bullock is guilty of Count Three- Practicing Medicine or Osteopathy in Such a Manner as to Endanger the Health of One or More Patients, a violation of *Ala. Code* § 34-24-360(3).
4. The evidence establishes that Dr. Bullock is guilty of Count Four- Failure to Comply with a Rule of the Board of Medical Examiners, a violation of *Ala. Admin. Code* R. 540-X-4-.09 and *Ala. Code* § 34-24-360(23).

### DETERMINATION

It is therefore ORDERED that the license to practice medicine in the state of Alabama of Respondent Gary M. Bullock, D.O., be and the same is hereby REVOKED; that said revocation be and the same is STAYED ; and that Respondent Gary M. Bullock, D.O.'s medical license is hereby placed on PROBATION, subject to conditions as follows:

1. The CPEP Education Plan, Summary Report, dated August 2017 through November 2020 found Dr. Bullock demonstrated medical knowledge and clinical reasoning appropriate for a family medicine physician.
2. Prior to engaging in the practice of medicine, Dr. Bullock shall submit a Practice Plan to the MLC for approval and anytime thereafter prior to making changes to his practice.
3. Dr. Bullock may not engage in the practice of medicine as a solo practitioner and any physician(s) with whom he proposes to practice medicine must first be approved by the MLC.
4. A restriction is hereby placed on Dr. Bullock's medical license prohibiting him from prescribing, ordering, administering, and/or dispensing any controlled substance listed in either a state or federal schedule.
5. Five (5) random charts per quarter will be selected by Roland Johnson, Director of Physician Monitoring, for review by CPEP, at Dr. Bullock's expense. The CPEP chart reviews are to be provided directly to the MLC by CPEP.
6. Dr. Bullock is hereby assessed a fine of \$10,000 on Count Three and \$10,000 on Count Four and is hereby ORDERED to pay the administrative costs incurred in this proceeding.
7. A violation of any provision of this Order may lead to further action against Dr Bullock's medical license including revocation.

E-SIGNED by Craig Christopher, M.D.  
on 2021-12-21 09:34:03 CST

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CRAIG H. CHRISTOPHER, M.D.  
Vice-Chairman  
Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama

**Karen Silas**

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**Cc:** Karen Silas; Wilson Hunter; Wynn Warren  
**Subject:** BME / Reinstatement Memo  
**Attachments:** DOC121721-12172021103725.pdf

Commission Members,

Below please find my recommendations regarding applications for reinstatement of a medical license. I am also forwarding herewith Appendix C/Chapter 2, pages A-8 and A9-A12. I trust you will find the memo to be self-explanatory.

Best regards,  
Spud

**RE: Reinstatement of Medical License**

Dear Commission Members:

As directed by the Commission, Karen, Wilson, and I met by Zoom conference call on November 19, 2021, to discuss this issue and the procedure to follow:

The procedure for reinstatement of a medical license is set forth in *Code of Alabama* § 34-24-337, in paragraphs (a) thru (j). Pertinent paragraphs are summarized below as follows:

- (a) Persons licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy apply to the Commission for a certificate of renewal on or before December 31 of each year. Each renewal application SHALL be made on a form to be furnished by the Commission and the application form will provide facts and information which shall tend to identify the applicant for registration as the Commission deems necessary. The registration fee SHALL be submitted with the application.
- (c) A grace period from January 1 through January 31 keeps a license in full force and effect if not renewed on or before December 31.
- (d)(1) A license AUTOMATICALLY becomes INACTIVE without further notice or hearing on January 31 if the licensee fails to register and pay the annual registration fee and any late fee;

A person with an INACTIVE license is not authorized to practice medicine;

A person whose license becomes automatically inactive for failing to timely register and pay the annual registration fee MAY apply in WRITING to the Commission for reinstatement, which SHALL be accompanied by payment of ALL FEES which would have been assessed.

- (d)(2) For the purpose of determining an applicant's SUITABILITY for REINSTATEMENT of a license to practice medicine, each applicant SHALL submit to a criminal background check and SHALL submit a complete set of fingerprints to the Commission;

Costs associated with conducting the criminal history background check shall be borne by the applicant and payable directly to the Commission, or its designee.

(d)(3) Reinstatement of a medical license SHALL be accomplished in accordance with *Code of Alabama* § 34-24-337, subsections (e) to (j), inclusive. This Code section was affirmed by an August 20, 2019, opinion of the Alabama Attorney General, which held:

A physician may ONLY reinstate an INACTIVE Alabama medical license to active status by following the provisions of Section 34-24-337 (d) through (j) of the *Code of Alabama*.

REINSTATEMENT

Procedure set forth in Section 34-24-337 (d)(3)(e)-(j)

(d)(3)(e)

- (1) 5 days after receipt of written application, fee (annual renewal fees, late fees, and criminal background), fingerprints, and related information);
- (2) Commission SHALL notify the Board of Medical Examiners the applicant applied for reinstatement and provide a copy of the application;
- (3) Within 60 days of receipt of application for reinstatement, the Board of Medical Examiners MAY file a Notice of Intent to Contest Reinstatement requesting a hearing with the Commission;
- (4) Commission sends copy of Notice of Intent to Contest Reinstatement to the applicant.

(f) If the Board of Medical Examiners does not file a Notice of Intent to Contest Reinstatement after 60 days, OR notifies the Commission in writing it has determined not to file such notice, OR withdraws a previously-filed notice, then the Commission SHALL reinstate the license of the applicant.

(g) 30 days after the filing a Notice of Intent to Contest Reinstatement, the Board of Medical Examiners SHALL file an Administrative Complaint to be heard by the Commission.

(h) Addresses the hearing before the Commission.

(i) Addresses the hearing before the Commission.

(j) If a license becomes inactive for non-payment of the annual registration fee, the Commission retains jurisdiction to hear and adjudicate written complaints filed by the Board of Medical Examiners;

Application for reinstatement fees are not refunded if the application is denied.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The import of the above leads me to conclude that an inactive medical license is inactive irrespective of the reason, be it failure to timely apply for renewal of a certificate of registration and pay the annual fee or due to revocation or suspension. The reinstatement of an inactive medical license is governed by the provisions of *Code of Alabama* § 34-24-337.

In accordance with the foregoing, I respectfully suggest to the Commission consideration of the following:

1. All applications for reinstatement must be submitted on the same form approved by the Commission. Currently, Appendix C/Chapter 2, Pages A-8 and A-9-12 are the applications for reinstatement. Pages A-9 -12 requires much more information and purports to be applicable for non-payment of the annual registration fee. I do not understand why more information should be needed for non-payment of registration fees than for revocation or suspension.

I believe an amendment to 545-x-2-.03, paragraph 10, as well as for the appendix form for reinstatement is needed. Paragraph 10 needs to require the use of the application form and the forms A8 and A-9-12 need to be combined into one reinstatement form with the desired information the Commission wants.

2. All fees (renewal, late, criminal background check) must be paid when the application for reinstatement is filed with the Commission.

Pursuant to Commission Administrative Code 545-X-3-.15, reinstatement of a license to practice medicine which has been revoked or suspended shall not be considered unless a criminal background check is obtained. *Code of Alabama* § 34-24-337(d)(2) makes the criminal background check mandatory for all reinstatements so the Commission can determine the suitability of the applicant for reinstatement of a license.

I understand this may be somewhat draconian for a physician that is just a few days late. However, the statute does not recognize an exception for a criminal background check for reinstatement.

3. Karen and Wilson discussed the procedures after the filing of the application for reinstatement set forth in § 34-24-337(d)(3)(e) - (j). I understand the Commission likes to move matters as quickly as possible, but the statutory timelines in § 34-24-337(d)(3)(e) – (j) are already tight. Karen has only five (5) days to get the application to the Board of Medical Examiners after receipt and the Board of Medical Examiners only has 60 days to investigate the applicant and determine if a Notice of Intent to Contest Reinstatement should be filed. This timeframe cannot be reduced without legislative action. Accordingly, the only solution is to encourage both parties to act as expeditiously and judiciously as possible.

I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully,  
James R. Seale

Attachments:  
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A-8  
A-9-12

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Appendix C/Chapter 2

APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT

LICENSE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE ISSUED: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME IN FULL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF PRACTICE: \_\_\_\_\_

ALABAMA PRACTICE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify the following:

Public Address:	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Practice Address
Mailing Address:	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Practice Address

PLEASE ATTACH REINSTATEMENT FEE OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ATTACH CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK FEE OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE SEPARATE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

\*\* YOU MUST SUBMIT PROOF (COPIES) OF HAVING OBTAINED TWENTY-FIVE (25) HOURS OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION WITHIN THE PRECEDING (12) TWELVE MONTH PERIOD

**\*\* ALL ACTIVE LICENSES EXPIRE DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR\*\*  
APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE**

To The Medical Licensure Commission of the State of Alabama

I hereby make application for reinstatement of my license to practice medicine/osteopathy in the State of Alabama, Certificate Number \_\_\_\_\_, which automatically became inactive on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 20, \_\_\_\_\_, for nonpayment of the annual registration fee as provided in §§34-24-337, Code of Alabama 1975. The following information is submitted in connection with this application for reinstatement.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ DEA #: \_\_\_\_\_ License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Other States or Jurisdictions in which you are currently licensed:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT PRACTICE**

Specialty: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Certified: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Name of Board (if yes above): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Certification and/or Re-certification (if yes above): \_\_\_\_\_

**Practice Pattern:**

Percentage of Professional Time/Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Percentage of Professional Time/Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Percentage of Professional Time/Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Percentage of Professional Time/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS**

Specialty Society Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Name of Specialty Society (if yes above): \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Location of Hospital(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Staff Status (active, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Privileges (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATION OF CME COMPLIANCE

I hereby certify that I have met the annual minimum continuing medical education requirement of twenty-five 25 hours of AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ or equivalent continuing medical education within the preceding twelve (12) months.

Names/Results of Practice Related Examinations taken in the past year:

Other (specify for the past year):

- 1. Have you been charged with any offense (felony or misdemeanor)?
2. Have you ever been convicted of a crime or offense (felony or misdemeanor) in the practice of medicine?
3. Have you ever been convicted of any violation of a state or federal law relating to controlled substances?
4. Have you ever been denied a state or federal controlled substances certificate?
5. Has your certificate of qualification or license to practice medicine in any state been suspended, revoked, restricted, curtailed or voluntarily surrendered under threat of suspension or revocation?
6. Have your staff privileges at any hospital or health care facility been revoked, suspended, curtailed, limited or placed under conditions restricting your practice?
7. Have you been denied a certificate of qualification or a license to practice medicine in any state or has your application for a certificate of qualification or license to practice medicine been withdrawn under threat of denial?
8. Have you ever had a judgment rendered against you, or actions settled relating to the performance of your professional service?
9. To your knowledge, are you the subject of an investigation, or has a formal complaint against your license been filed by a licensing Board/Agency as of the date of this application since you were last licensed in this state?
10. Within the past two years, have you been diagnosed with or have you been treated for bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, paranoia, or any other psychotic disorder?
11. Do you currently have any mental or physical condition or impairment (including, but not limited to, substance abuse, alcohol abuse, or mental, emotional, or nervous disorder or condition) which in any way currently affects, or if untreated could affect, your ability to practice

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in a competent and professional manner, or within the past two (2) years have you applied for and/or have you received any payment or other compensation for any mental or physical condition? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

12. Within the past five years, have you ever raised the issue of consumption of drugs or alcohol or the issue of a mental, emotional, nervous, or behavioral disorder or condition as a defense, mitigation, or explanation for your actions in the course of any administrative or judicial proceeding or investigation; any inquiry or other proceeding; or any proposed termination by an educational institution, employer, government agency, professional organization or licensing authority?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

13. Have you ever been diagnosed as having or have you ever been treated for pedophilia, exhibitionism or voyeurism? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

14. Are you currently engaged in the illegal use of controlled dangerous substances? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

15. If your answer to the preceding question is yes, are you currently participating in a supervised rehabilitation program or professional assistance program which monitors you in order to assure that you are not engaging in the illegal use of controlled dangerous substances?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

16. Have you been, within the past five (5) years, convicted of driving under the influence (DUI) or have you been charged with DUI and been convicted of a lesser offense such as reckless driving? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

17. Has your medical training or medical practice been interrupted or suspended for a period longer than 60 days for any reason other than a vacation or maternity leave?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

The term "currently" does not mean on the day of, or even in the weeks or months preceding the completion of this application. Rather, it means recently enough so that the condition referred to may have an ongoing impact on one's functioning as a physician, or within the past two years.

\_\_\_\_\_  
If you have answered yes to any of the foregoing questions, please provide complete information.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE/CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the above information is currently accurate and truly reflects my professional activities. I hereby release this information for internal use to those state authorities responsible for medical licensure and/or discipline.

SWORN to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**Author:** Alabama Medical Licensure Commission  
**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975,  
**History: New Forms:** Filed November 25, 2003; effective December 30, 2003. **Amended:** Filed April 23, 2004; effective May 28, 2004. **Amended:** Filed February 27, 2006; effective April 3, 2006. **Amended:** Filed November 30, 2007; effective January 4, 2008. **Amended:** Filed October 29, 2008; effective December 3, 2008. **Amended:** Filed April 5, 2011; effective May 10, 2011.

# EXHIBIT G

December 20, 2021

## MLC HEARING PROTOCOL:

1) Our Hearing Officer should be engaged to oversee all Hearings that could result in restrictions or loss of licensure. This would essentially include all Hearings except compliance hearings where we are basically trying to get the physician's attention and interviews of licensure applicants. When the Commission approves a request that a Hearing is warranted our Exec Sec shall notify the Hearing Officer within 5 days of the approval of a Hearing and all correspondence of the "housekeeping" of the Hearing should go through the Hearing Officer in consultation with the Chairman. The hearing officer needs the Commission's agenda file within five days after the Commission sets the hearing. The file should include (1) the order appointing the hearing officer (critical), (2) the Commission's order setting hearing, (3) the administrative complaint or the Board's letter denying a COQ, or the physician's request to reinstate a medical license or remove restrictions on a license, etc. Ideally, the file will contain the physician's address and email address.

2) Any request, whether for a continuance, admissibility of experts or evidence, etc--- or more mundane requests like the recent request of having the Hearing this month be virtual would automatically be forwarded to the Hearing officer for consideration.

3) After this process the Hearing Officer can then notify the Chairman of his recommendation, and if the issue is time limited then the Chairman/and/or the Vice Chairman can make a decision.

If not time sensitive the issue should be placed on the next month's agenda for consideration by the entire Commission.

4) The duty of the Exec Sec shall be to offer technical support to notify the involved parties and work with the Hearing Officer and our legal counsel to timely accomplish the notification and flow of information between the parties and the Commission