

State Medical Board of Ohio
Formal Action Report – July 13, 2022

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Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio and an update of Board matters pending or decided in courts as of July 13, 2022.

PRE-HEARING SUSPENSION

KINSER, Scott O., L.M.T., (#33.012962) – Alliance, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(I), Ohio Revised Code, license to practice massage therapy automatically suspended by operation of law based upon the finding of guilt to Felonious Assault, a second degree felony. Automatic suspension effective January 31, 2022. (See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

AKERS-WHITE, La Tania M., M.D., (#35.138262) – Henrico, Virginia

Based on allegations that a prior action by the Virginia Board of Medicine, which issued an Order that reprimanded the doctor's license, imposed a fine of five thousand dollars, and required completion of record keeping and prescribing courses, individually and/or collectively constitute: any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 7/14/22.

FEDRIZZI, Krisell D., D.O., (#34.004949) – Springboro, Ohio

Based on the allegations that when the doctor provided care and treatment for Patients 1 through 10, the doctor inappropriately treated, and/or failed to appropriately treat and/or failed to appropriately document treatment of these patients, which individually and/or collectively constitute: failure to maintain minimal standards applicable to the selection or administration of drugs, or failure to employ acceptable scientific methods in the selection of drugs or other modalities for treatment of disease; a departure from, or the failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not

actual injury to a patient is established; violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the board, to wit: General Provisions; Utilizing Prescription Drugs for the Treatment of Chronic Pain; Prescribing for Subacute and Chronic Pain; Utilizing Short Term Anorexiant for Purposes of Weight Reduction; Utilizing for Chronic Weight Management; and Standards and Procedures for Review of Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 7/14/22.

FREEMAN, Mahogney, M.T. App., - Cincinnati, Ohio

Massage therapist notified of right to request a hearing on the question of whether her failure to submit to a chemical dependency examination as ordered by the Board was due to circumstances beyond her control. Based on the legal presumption that the massage therapist's failure to submit to a chemical dependency examination as ordered by the Board constitutes an admission that she is unable to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of her habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 7/14/22.

HASAN, Farhana, M.D., (#35.089826) – New Albany, Ohio

Based on the allegations that the doctor's plea of guilty to Soliciting or Receiving Improper Compensation, in the Franklin County Common Pleas Court, which individually and/or collectively constitute: a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a misdemeanor committed in the course of practice. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 7/14/22.

KINSER, Scott O., L.M.T., (#33.012962) – Alliance, Ohio

Based on the allegation that the massage therapist's plea of guilty and conviction to Felonious Assault in the Stark County Common Pleas Court, which individually and/or collectively constitute: a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a felony. Notice of Automatic Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing mailed 7/14/22.

NON-DISCIPLINARY CITATIONS

APOSTOLIS, Ioannis, M.D. App – Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania

Proposed conditional approval of application for license to practice medicine and surgery, conditioned upon the successful passage of the Special Purpose examination, and completion of a Post-Licensure Assessment System within twelve months. Based on the doctor's submission of an application to practice medicine and surgery, and on allegations that the doctor has not actively practiced medicine and surgery for over two years. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 7/14/22.

BRANAN, Megan, M.T., (#33.017502) – Carlisle, Ohio

Proposed conditional approval of application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy, conditioned upon the successful completion of the Massage Bodywork and Licensing examination within six months. Based upon the submission of an application for restoration of license, and on allegations that the massage therapist has not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for over two years. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 7/14/22.

CRUNKILTON-RAUSCH, Deborah, M.T., (#33.011422) – Marysville, Ohio

Proposed conditional approval of application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy, conditioned upon the successful completion of the Massage Bodywork and Licensing examination within six months. Based upon the submission of an application for restoration of license, and on allegations that the massage therapist has not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for over two years. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 7/14/22.

JILES, Brittany, M.T., (#33.016260) – Chillicothe, Ohio

Proposed conditional approval of application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy, conditioned upon the successful completion of the Massage Bodywork and Licensing examination within six months. Based upon the submission of an application for restoration of license, and on allegations that the massage therapist has not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for over two years. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 7/14/22.

FINAL ORDERS

AU, Sarah, M.D., (#57.250280) – Richmond, British Columbia, Canada

License to practice medicine and surgery revoked. Based on the finding that when the Board did not receive information that the doctor has been determined to be capable of practicing in accordance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care, individually and/or collectively constitute impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice. Order effective 7/14/22. (Journal Entry—No Hearing Requested).

BENNETT, Myla N., M.D., (#35.097053) – Johns Creek, Georgia

License to practice medicine and surgery revoked, and fined eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00). Based on the finding that a prior action by the Georgia Composite Medical Board, which issued a 5/14/21 Public Consent Order that reprimanded and restricted the doctor's license from prescribing schedule II or III controlled substances until completion of a mini residency, and ordered the doctor to pay a five thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) fine, individually and/or collectively constitute: any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment

of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand. Order effective 7/14/22. (Journal Entry—No Hearing Requested).

CALLE, Lider, R.C.P. App. – Paramus, New Jersey. (Non-Disciplinary)

Application for a license to practice as a respiratory care professional denied. Based on the submission of an application to practice as a respiratory care professional, and on the finding that the applicant failed to provide documentation that she has taken and passed both portions of the R.R.T. examination required for licensure. Order effective 7/14/22. (Journal Entry—No Hearing Requested).

FISCO, James, D.O., (#34.004435) – Springboro, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Application for a certificate to recommend the medical use of marijuana denied. Based on the submission of an application for a certificate to recommend the medical use of marijuana, and on the finding that the doctor had previous disciplinary action that was based, in whole or in part, on inappropriate prescribing, personally furnishing, dispensing, diverting, administering, supplying or selling a controlled substance or other dangerous drug. Order effective 7/14/22. (Journal Entry—No Hearing Requested).

JITAN, Raed A., M.D., (#35.084811) – Holmdel, New Jersey

License to practice medicine and surgery permanently revoked, and subject to an eight thousand (\$8,000.00) fine. Based on the finding that a prior action by the State of New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners which issued a Final Order Suspending License to Practice Medicine and Surgery, that suspended the doctor's license for eight years that was based upon the doctor's plea of guilty and conviction to a felony count of Invasion of Privacy in the Monmouth County Superior Court of New Jersey, individually and/or collectively constitute: any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand; and a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a felony. Order effective 7/14/22. (Journal Entry—No Hearing Requested).

MARIANO, Angela, L.M.T. App. – Youngstown, Ohio

Application to practice massage therapy denied. Based on the finding that the massage therapist's failure to submit to an examination as ordered by the Board was not due to circumstances beyond her control, and constitutes an admission that she is unable to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of mental illness or physical illness, including, but not limited to, physical deterioration that adversely affects cognitive,

motor, or perceptive skills, and an impairment in the ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice. Order effective 7/14/22. (Journal Entry—No Hearing Requested).

RAMANA, Chigurupati V., M.D., (#35.062273) – Gates Mills, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery indefinitely suspended for at least one year, and subject to a three thousand five hundred (\$3,500.00) fine, two years of probation, including conditions for reinstatement, implementation of a practice monitor when in Ohio, and a permanent limitation and restriction from performing venous stenting. Based on the finding that a prior action by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, which issued a 3/17/21 Order permanently restricting the doctor's license from engaging in venous stenting, individually and/or collectively constitute "any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand. Order effective 7/27/22. (Journal Entry—No Hearing Requested).

ZHANG, Yange, L.Ac., (#65.000292) – Lewis Center, Ohio

License to practice acupuncture permanently revoked and subject to a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000.00) fine. Based on the finding that in the routine course of his acupuncture practice, despite a concurrent licensee-patient relationship, Mr. Zhang touched a patient's breasts, her vagina, and a hug without clinical justification, and although not being licensed to practice medicine, Mr. Zhang's website included information stating he had surgical experience and listed his credentials as "M.D.," and had his patients refer to him as "doctor." Those actions individually and/or collectively constitute: violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provision of this chapter, or rules adopted by the Board, to wit: the Board's rule prohibiting sexual misconduct which also constitutes a departure from, or failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances whether or not actual injury to the patient is established; and the statutory prohibition stating an acupuncturist "shall not use other titles, initials, or abbreviations in conjunction with the person's practice of acupuncture, including the title "doctor." Order effective 7/14/22.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

JADCHERLA, Yamini, M.D., (#35.136900) – Columbus, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery suspended for an indefinite period of time, but not less than ninety days, and subject to general probationary requirements, and conditions for reinstatement. Based on the doctor's admission that when she failed to abstain from the use of

alcohol pursuant to the terms of her 6/12/19 Consent Agreement, that act and or omission constitutes impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice and violation of the conditions of limitation placed by the Board upon a license or certificate to practice. Agreement effective 7/13/22.

PAPACHRISTOU, Marios D., M.D., (#35.143985) – Warrendale, Pennsylvania

License to practice medicine and surgery reinstated, and subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least five years. Based on the doctor having completed all the requirements for reinstatement of license pursuant to the terms of the 12/8/21 Consent Agreement. Agreement effective 7/13/22.

RUSCHMEYER, Marika L., L.M.T., (#33.009780) – Cincinnati, Ohio

The 5/11/22 Consent agreement is terminated upon the instant superseding Consent Agreement becoming effective, and license to practice massage therapy is reinstated, and subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least two years. Based on the massage therapist having completed all the requirements for reinstatement of license pursuant to the terms of the 5/11/22 Consent agreement. Agreement effective 7/13/22.

VARGO, John J., D.O., (#34.004553) – North Jackson, Ohio

License to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery reinstated, and subject to general probationary requirements for at least two years, with the limitation on prescribing, ordering, administering, furnishing, or possessing opioids, stimulants, amphetamines or benzodiazepines as set forth in the 7/14/21 Consent Agreement to remain in effect. Based on the doctor having completed all the requirements for reinstatement of license pursuant to the terms of the 7/14/21 Consent Agreement. Agreement effective 7/13/22.

VOLUNTARY PERMANENT SURRENDERS, RETIREMENTS, REVOCATIONS, WITHDRAWALS

BOLD, Edward L., M.D., (#35.060315) – Concord, Ohio

Permanent surrender and retirement of license to practice allopathic medicine and surgery, authorized by the doctor, in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings in Case No. 22-CRF-0123, and pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(26), 4731.22(B)(20), 4731.22(B)(6), 4731.22(B)(5), and 4731.22(B)(13) Ohio Revised Code, as set forth in the 6/8/22 Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. Agreement effective 7/13/22.

BURICK, Joseph P., M.D., (#34.002729) – Barberton, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice allopathic medicine and surgery, authorized by doctor, in lieu of further investigation pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(6), 4731.22(B)(12), and 4731.22(B)(19) Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 7/13/22.

CAMPBELL, Jessica B., M.D., (#35.057773) – Zanesville, Ohio

Permanent surrender and retirement of license to practice medicine and surgery, authorized by the doctor, in lieu of further investigation regarding a possible violation of Section 4731.22(B)(19), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 7/13/22.

FRONISTA, Harry, M.D., (#35.027441) – Huber Heights, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice allopathic medicine and surgery, authorized by doctor, in lieu of further investigation pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(2), 4731.22(B)(6), and 4731.22(B)(19) Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 7/13/22.

GUSTILO-ASHBY, Arlan M., M.D., (#35.084685) – Centerville, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice allopathic medicine and surgery, authorized by doctor, in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, to wit: the Board's rule related to the prohibition against engaging in sexual misconduct with a patient. Agreement effective 7/13/22.

MCMILLION, Virgil W., D.O., (#34.015061) – Morgantown, West Virginia

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery, authorized by doctor, in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(22) of the Ohio Revised Code as set forth in the 5/11/22 Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. Agreement effective 7/13/22.

MARTINEZ, Angelo, L.M.T., (#33.023902) – Campbell, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice massage therapy, authorized by massage therapist, in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, to wit: the Board's rule related to offensive sexual contact with a client. Agreement effective 7/13/22.

SUNDARESAN, Michael K., R.C.P., (#RCP.12050) – Gahanna, Ohio

Withdraw of application for restoration of license and permanent revocation and surrender of license to practice as a respiratory care professional, authorized by respiratory care professional in lieu of further investigation into the possible violation of Section 4761.09(A)(14), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 7/13/22.

DISMISSALS

NAHON, Dahlia R., M.D. App - University Heights, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Dismissal of the non-disciplinary Notice issued on 1/12/22 due to the applicant having subsequently provided documentation that she now meets the requirements for licensure. Dismissal effective 7/13/22.

REINSTATEMENTS

BROWN, Joshua L., D.O., (#34.015688) – Newport, Kentucky

License to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery reinstated, subject to probationary terms and conditions as outlined in the 11/10/21 Board Order. Based on the doctor having completed all the requirements of reinstatement pursuant to the terms of the 11/10/21 Board Order. Agreement effective 7/13/22.

KAPON, Michelle, M.D., (#35.093877) – Poland, Ohio

License to practice allopathic medicine and surgery reinstated, subject to probationary terms and conditions as outlined in the 6/8/22 Board Order. Based on the doctor having completed all the requirements of reinstatement pursuant to the terms of the 6/8/22 Board Order. Agreement effective 7/13/22.

RUSSELL, Jennifer, R.C.P., (#RCP.10978) – Youngstown, Ohio

License to practice as a respiratory care professional reinstated. Based on the respiratory care professional having completed all the requirements of reinstatement pursuant to the terms of the 2/9/22 Board Order.

RELEASE FROM PROBATION

MARSH, James A., Jr., D.O., (#34.009757) – Milan, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 7/12/17 Step II Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 7/13/22. Release effective 7/15/22.

PEYTON, Jospeh, D.O., (#34.004485) – Sylvania, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 7/14/21 Board Order, granted by vote of the Board on 7/13/22. Release effective 7/16/22.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

BADIK, Michael D., D.O., (#34.009920) – Fostoria, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of controlled substance prescribing course and medical record course, granted by vote of the Board on 7/13/22.

BANNON, Joseph M., D.O., (#34.013357) – Saint Clairsville, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of domestic violence education program, granted by vote of the Board on 7/13/22.

BARROWS, Courtney E., D.O, (#34.140203) – Dover, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of NH PHP facilitated support meeting to count toward aftercare requirement, granted by vote of the Board on 7/13/22.

BUTLER, George R., III, M.D., (#35.141370) – Troy, Michigan

Doctor's request for approval of a reduction in 12-Step recovery meeting attendance to two per week with a minimum of ten per month, granted by vote of the Board on 7/13/22.

DORNAUER, Irene E., R.C.P., (#RCP.6359) – Strongsville, Ohio

Respiratory care professional's request for approval for drug test monitoring and 12-Step recovery meeting monitoring to be conducted through the Florida Professional Resources Network upon relocation, granted by vote of the Board on 7/13/22.

KAPON, Michelle, M.D., (#35.093877) – Poland, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of professional ethics course, granted by vote of the Board on 7/13/22.

MAGOLINE, Michael, M.D., (#35.071501) – Akron, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of medical ethics and boundaries course, granted by vote of the Board on 7/13/22.

RUSCHMEYER, Marika, M.T., (#33.009780) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Massage therapist's request for approval of professional ethics course, granted by vote of the Board on 7/13/22.

SCHROER, Kurt, D.O., (#34.014046) – Marshall, Missouri

Doctor's request for approval of medical ethics and boundaries course, granted by vote of the Board on 7/13/22.

SIMMONS, Luke, M.D., (#35.142610) – Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of a reduction in appearances from every three months to every six months, granted by vote of the Board on 7/13/22.

TATRO, Michael T., M.D., (#35.081291) – Lower Salem, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of new monitoring physician, granted by vote of the Board on 7/13/22.

VASHI, Christopher N., M.D., (#35.096249) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of: a reduction in appearances from every three months to every six months; discontinuance of chart review requirements; and a reduction in drug screens to a minimum of once per month, granted by vote of the Board on 7/13/22.

WILLIAMS, Dillon M.T., (#33.025907) – Edison, Ohio

Massage therapist's request for approval of personal and professional ethics course, granted by vote of the Board on 7/13/22.

COURT ACTIONS

Edel, Thomas B., M.D., (#35.058044) – Avon Lake, Ohio

Notice of Appeal filed on 6/17/22 in the Supreme Court of Ohio.

GERRITSEN, Ryan L., M.D., (#35.138042) – Bentleyville, Ohio

Decision and Entry Affirming the Board's Order, filed on 6/27/22, in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

HOFFMAN, Melissa L., R.C.P. (#RCP.8814) – Kalida, Ohio

Notice of Appeal filed on 6/17/22 in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

WHITE, Mark A., M.D., (#35.072866) – Columbus, Ohio

Notice of Appeal filed on 6/6/22 in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

Decision, Entry, and Order Granting, with Conditions, Doctor's Motion to Suspend Order, filed on 6/17/22, in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

Please note that revocation and suspension Orders are not always effective immediately. If you have questions about effective dates or conditions governing a doctor's practice before a Board Order takes effect, please contact the office.

Ohio law permits appeal of a Board Order to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. Due to this possibility and the potential for a stay that might delay the imposition of a Board action, you may wish to contact us periodically to verify a given practitioner's licensure status.

Most current citation letters, Board Orders, consent agreements and voluntary surrenders or retirements are available on the Medical Board's website under "Lookup a License." If you have questions or need additional details about Citations, Board Orders, or Court Actions, please contact the Case Control Office. If you have questions regarding a Consent Agreements, probationary modification or a probationary request, please contact the Compliance Office. Our offices may be reached at (614) 466-3934.