

**State Medical Board of Ohio**  
**Formal Action Report – January 11, 2023**

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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 January 11, 2023.

**PRE-HEARING SUSPENSION**

**KORBA, John L., M.D., (#35.145901) – Bowling Green, Kentucky**

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, license to practice allopathic medicine and surgery summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that doctor is in violation of Section 4731.22(B)(22), Ohio Revised Code, and that their continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 1/11/23. (See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

**WASKY, Raymond P., R.C.P., (#RCP.8751) – Kettering, Ohio**

Pursuant to Section 4761.09(H), Ohio Revised Code, license to practice as a respiratory care professional summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that respiratory care professional is in violation of Section 4761.09(A)(18), Ohio Revised Code, and that their continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 12/14/22. (See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

**CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS**

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

Based on the respiratory care professional's prior disciplinary 6/9/22 Order, and on allegations that they failed to comply with the terms and conditions of that Order when they failed to submit quarterly declarations, appear for personal appearances, submit to toxicology screenings, to call-in or log-in to a Board approved drug testing facility, to ensure screening reports were provided to the Board quarterly, to make arrangements with a designated testing facility, and maintain participation in a rehabilitation program, those acts and/or omissions, individually and/or collectively, constitute: violation of the conditions of limitation placed by the board upon a license or permit. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing 1/12/23.

**KHODAVERDIAN, Reza, M.D.** Applicant – Laguna Hills, California

Based on the submission of an application for a license to practice medicine and surgery, and on allegations that a prior disciplinary action by the Medical Board of California, which issued a Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, individually and/or collectively, constitutes: 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 1/12/23.

**KORBA, John L., M.D., (#35.145901)** – Bowling Green, Kentucky

Based on allegations that a prior disciplinary action by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, which issued an 8/30/22 Complaint and an Emergency Order of Suspension, those alleged acts and/or omissions, 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 Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing mailed 1/12/23.

**WASKY, Raymond P., R.C.P., (#RCP.8751)** – Kettering, Ohio

Based on allegations when the respiratory care professional relapsed and failed to subsequently complete all the recommended and required treatment and monitoring, those alleged acts and/or omissions, 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. Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing mailed 1/12/23.

### **NON – DISCIPLINARY CITATIONS**

**DOW, Leondre, M.T., (#33.018856)** – Fairborn, Ohio

Proposed approval of application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy, contingent on passage of the MBLEx within six months of date of mailing of Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. Based on the submission of an application for restoration of license, and on allegations that the massage therapist has not actively practice massage therapy in over two years. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 1/12/23.

**EPPERT**, Kendrix O., M.T. Applicant – Lebanon, Ohio

Proposed denial of application to practice massage therapy, based upon the submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on allegations that the massage therapist has not taken and passed an examination acceptable to the Board, to wit: the Massage & Bodywork Licensing Examination. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 1/23/23.

**HYSELL**, Ashley N., R.C.P. Applicant – Belington, West Virginia

Proposed denial of application to practice as a respiratory care professional, based upon the submission of an application to practice respiratory care, and on allegations that the applicant has not passed an examination acceptable to the Board, to wit: the C.S.E. portion of the R.R.T examination. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 1/23/23.

### **FINAL ORDERS**

**HUTTON**, Beverly, M.T. Applicant - Cedarville, Ohio

Application for a license to practice massage therapy granted, and reprimanded. Based on the submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on the finding that Ms. Hutton's admission to having previously stolen from a client while working as a home health aid, individually and/or collectively constitute the commission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed, to wit: theft. Order effective 1/12/23.

**HYMAN**, Daniel A., D.O. Applicant – Hudson, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Application for a license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery denied. Based on the submission of an application to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery, and on the finding that the applicant has not completed the requisite twelve months of graduate medical education through the first-year level of graduate medical education or its equivalent. Order effective 1/12/23. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

**KALRA**, Ankur, M.D., (#35.130806) – Zionsville, Indiana (Non-Disciplinary)

Application to participate in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission denied. Based upon the doctor's submission of an application for expedited licensure to participate in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission, and on the finding that Ohio is not the doctor's state of principal license. Order effective 1/12/23. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

**LAPIDES**, David A., M.D., (#35.140673) – Fort Myers, Florida

License to practice allopathic medicine and surgery permanently revoked, and subject to the payment of an eighteen thousand dollar (\$18,000.00) fine. Based on the finding that their plea of

guilty in the Circuit Court for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia to two counts of felony distribution of child pornography, individually and/or collectively constitute 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, regardless of where committed. Order effective 1/12/23.

**NEIDICH, Kim A., M.T.** Applicant – Batavia, Ohio

(Non-Disciplinary)

Application for a license to practice massage therapy denied. Based on the submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on the finding that the applicant has not taken and passed an examination approved by the Board, to wit: the MBLEx. Order effective 1/12/23. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

**NGUYEN, Tam Thien, M.T., (#33.014047)** – Zanesville, Ohio

(Non-Disciplinary)

Conditional approval of restoration of license to practice massage therapy, provided the applicant takes and passes the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx) within six months. Based on the submission of an application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy, and on the finding that the applicant has not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Order effective 1/12/23. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

**PEARSON, Daniel J., M.D., (#35.129849)** – Beavercreek, Ohio

License to practice allopathic medicine and surgery reprimanded, and subject to payment of a three thousand five hundred dollar (\$3,500.00) fine and completion of medical ethics course. Based on the finding that when his military clinical privileges were revoked due to six allegations of professional misconduct and two allegations of failure to practice within accepted and prevailing standards of care, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute revocation, suspension, restriction, reduction, or termination of clinical privileges by the United States department of defense or department of veterans affairs or the termination or suspension of a certificate of registration to prescribe drugs by the drug enforcement administration of the United States department of justice.” Order effective 2/1/23.

**PROMMERSBERGER, James E., D.P.M., (#36.002619)** – Boardman, Ohio

License to practice podiatric medicine and surgery permanently revoked, and subject to payment of an eighteen thousand dollar (\$18,000.00) fine. Based on the finding that the doctor’s conviction in the Court of Common Pleas Criminal Division, Mahoning County Ohio to 29 counts of Illegal Processing of Drug Documents, nine counts of Illegal Processing of Drug Documents, thirty counts of Trafficking in Drugs, nine counts of Trafficking in Drugs, one count of Medicaid Fraud, and one count of Grand Theft, those acts and/or omissions 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. Order effective 1/12/23.

**ROBERSON, Lindsey, R.C.P.** Applicant – West Chester, Ohio (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 she has not successfully completed both portions of the Registered Respiratory Therapist (R.R.T) examination administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care, Inc. (NBRC), or its successor organization. Order effective 1/12/23. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

**WOOD, Jocelyn B., D.O.** Applicant – Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Non-Disciplinary)

Application for a license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery denied. Based on the submission of an application to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery, and on the finding that the doctor exceeded the maximum number of attempts for any step or level established by the National Board of Medical Examiners, or the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, to wit: the applicant must not exceed six attempts. Order effective 1/12/23. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

**YANG, Yali, M.T.** Applicant – Columbus, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Application for a license to practice massage therapy denied. Based on the submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on the finding that the applicant has not taken and passed an examination approved by the Board, to wit: the MBLEx. Order effective 1/12/23. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

### **CONSENT AGREEMENTS**

**AMIN, Assad F., M.D., (#35.134447)** – New Albany, Ohio

License to practice allopathic medicine and surgery reinstated, and subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least five years. Based on doctor's admission that they have fulfilled the conditions for reinstatement as established in the 9/14/22 Step I Consent Agreement. Agreement effective 1/11/23.

**BAHR, Marshall, M.D., (#35.144086)** – Salem, Ohio

Summary suspension of license to practice allopathic medicine and surgery terminated, and license immediately suspended for an indefinite period of time, but not less than one hundred eighty (180) days, and subject to general probationary requirements, conditions for reinstatement of license including entering into a subsequent consent agreement, and payment of a five thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) fine. Based on the doctor's admission that a prior action by the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine, which issued a 5/24/22 Order adopting a Consent Agreement; and on the doctor's failure to disclose in his application his previous history with substance abuse disorder including investigation by his former training program along with criminal charges, those acts and/or omissions, 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; 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 the commission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed; and the making a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in the solicitation of or advertising for patients; in relation to the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, or a limited branch of medicine; or in securing or attempting to secure any license or certificate to practice issued by the board. Agreement effective 1/11/23.

**CONNER, Chad E., M.D., (#35.092796) – Spring Valley, Ohio**

License to practice allopathic medicine and surgery reprimanded, and subject to payment of a three thousand dollar (\$3,000.00) fine, and probationary terms, conditions and limitations, including completion of educational courses. Based on the doctor's admission that when the Commander of the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center issued a non-judicial punishment against the doctor for accessing the protected health information of himself, his former commander, former spouse and daughter outside the scope of his job function, those acts and/or omissions, individually and/or collectively constitute: violation of any provision of a code of ethics of the American medical association, the American osteopathic association, the American podiatric medical association, or any other national professional organizations that the board specifies by rule, to wit: Section III of the American Medical Association Code of Medical Ethics which states in part that "a physician shall respect the law," and Section IV, which states "a physician shall respect the rights of patients, colleagues, and other health professionals and shall safeguard patient confidences and privacy within the constraints of the law." Agreement effective 1/11/23.

**HARD, Wesley F., M.D., (#35.047888) – Columbus, Ohio**

Doctor's license subject to general probationary terms, conditions and limitations, including monitoring and treatment for at least two years. Based on the doctor's admission that the results of a Board-ordered psychiatric evaluation stating that the doctor is capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care contingent upon certain treatment and monitoring conditions, those acts and/or omissions, individually and/or collectively constitute: an inability 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. Agreement effective 1/11/23.

**VOLUNTARY PERMANENT SURRENDERS, RETIREMENTS, REVOCATIONS, WITHDRAWALS**

**CALLES-ESCANDON**, Jorge, M.D., (#35.099231) – Cleveland, Ohio

Permanent surrender and retirement of license to practice allopathic medicine and surgery, authorized by doctor in lieu of further investigation pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(6), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 1/11/22.

**BLANKENSHIP**, Eric T., M.T. Applicant – Taylor Mill, Kentucky

Permanent withdrawal of application for a license to practice massage therapy, authorized by the massage therapist in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, 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: engaging in sexual misconduct with a patient, 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 a patient is established. Agreement effective 1/11/22.

**NELSON**, Jaymes RhiNeco, M.T., (#33.023721) – Cincinnati, 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 prohibition against sexual misconduct with a patient, 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 a patient is established, related to sexual misconduct in the course of practice. Agreement effective 1/11/22.

**PARKER**, Charlene R., M.T., (#33.014750) – Akron, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice massage therapy, authorized by massage therapist in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(20), and 4731.22(B)(6), Ohio Revised Code to wit: the Board's prohibition against sexual misconduct with a patient, 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 a patient is established," related to sexual misconduct in the course of practice, to wit, promoting prostitution. Agreement effective 1/11/23.

**SHAH**, Bharat C., M.D., (#35.058483) – Westlake, 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. 21-CRF-0207, and pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(10) to wit: Gross Sexual Imposition; 4731.22(B)(20) to wit: the Board's prohibition against sexual misconduct with a patient; and 4731.22(B)(6) Ohio

Revised Code, and as set forth in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued by the Board on 11/10/21. Agreement effective 1/11/23.

**YOUNGMAN, James D., M.D., (#35.037953) – Columbus, Ohio**

Permanent surrender and retirement of license to practice allopathic medicine and surgery, authorized by doctor in lieu of further investigation pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(19), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 1/11/23.

### **PROBATIONARY RELEASE**

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

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 6/8/22 Board Order, granted by vote of the Board on 1/11/23.

### **PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS**

**KRISTOF, Kimberlee, M.T., (#33.009659) – Curtice, Ohio**

Massage therapists request for approval of medical ethics course, granted by vote of the Board on 1/11/23.

**WARREN, Jared A., D.O., (#58.031816) – Shaker Heights, Ohio**

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician, granted by vote of the Board on 1/11/23.

**WOOD, William R., M.D., (#35.078813) – Dayton, Ohio**

Doctor's request for approval of physician-patient boundaries course, granted by vote of the Board on 1/11/23.

### **COURT ACTIONS**

**OPPONG, Bernard K., D.O., (#34.005401) – Blacklick, Ohio**

Decision and Judgment Entry affirming the Board's order, and Notice of Final Appealable Order, filed 1/10/23 in the Court of Common Pleas, Franklin County, Ohio.

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.