

**BEFORE THE
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**In the Matter of the Accusation
Against:**

Edward Daniel Betz, M.D.

**Physician's and Surgeon's
Certificate No. G 34138**

Respondent.

Case No. 800-2018-048985


DECISION

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on June 15, 2021.

IT IS SO ORDERED June 8, 2021.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA



**William Prasifka
Executive Director**

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11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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13 **EDWARD DANIEL BETZ, M.D.**
14 **4555 Sherman Oaks Ave.**
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF
LICENSE AND ORDER**

15 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**
16 **No. G 34138**

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Respondent.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

PARTIES

1. William Prasifka (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter by Matthew Rodriquez, Acting Attorney General of the State of California, via Joshua M. Templet, Deputy Attorney General.

2. Edward Daniel Betz, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney Benjamin J. Fenton, whose address is 1990 S. Bundy Drive, Suite 777, Los Angeles, CA 90025.

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1 3. On or about June 6, 1977, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate
2 No. G 34138 to Edward Daniel Betz, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's
3 Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation
4 No. 800-2018-048985 and will expire on May 31, 2021, unless renewed.

5 **JURISDICTION**

6 4. Accusation No. 800-2018-048985 (Accusation) was filed before the Board and is
7 currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required
8 documents were properly served on Respondent on March 12, 2021. Respondent timely filed his
9 Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of the Accusation is attached as **Exhibit A**
10 and incorporated by reference.

11 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

12 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the
13 charges and allegations in the Accusation. Respondent also has carefully read, fully discussed
14 with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.

15 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a
16 hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine
17 the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right
18 to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of
19 documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other
20 rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

21 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and
22 every right set forth above.

23 **CULPABILITY**

24 8. Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in the Accusation, if proven
25 at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Physician's and Surgeon's
26 Certificate.

27 9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of
28 further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual

1 basis for the charges in the Accusation and that those charges constitute cause for discipline.
2 Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest that cause for discipline exists based on those
3 charges.

4 10. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue
5 an order accepting the surrender of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate without further
6 process.

7 CONTINGENCY

8 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent understands
9 and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly
10 with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by
11 Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he
12 may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board
13 considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order,
14 the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this
15 paragraph; it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties; and the Board shall not
16 be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

17 12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile
18 copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures
19 thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

20 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that
21 the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

22 ORDER

23 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 34138, issued
24 to Respondent Edward Daniel Betz, M.D., is surrendered and accepted by the Board.

25 1. The surrender of Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate and the
26 acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline
27 against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part
28 of Respondent's license history with the Board.

1 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Edward Daniel Betz, M.D. the terms and
2 conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I
3 approve its form and content.

4 DATED: May 10, 2021


BENJAMIN J. FENTON
Attorney for Respondent

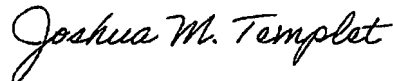
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7 **ENDORSEMENT**

8 The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted
9 for consideration by the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

10 DATED: May 10, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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12 Acting Attorney General of California
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14 Supervising Deputy Attorney General



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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 800-2018-048985

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16 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**
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20 **PARTIES**

21 1. William Prasifka (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity
22 as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs
23 (Board).

24 2. On June 6, 1977, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number
25 G 34138 to Edward Daniel Betz, M.D. (Respondent). The certificate was in full force and effect
26 at all times relevant to the charges herein and will expire on May 31, 2021, unless renewed.

27 3. On January 8, 2020, Respondent agreed to the entry of an interim order suspending
28 his physician's and surgeon's certificate. His license remains suspended.

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1 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

2 9. On March 4, 2019, Respondent underwent a voluntary psychiatric evaluation. The
3 evaluation included an interview, administration of the Montreal Cognitive Assessment, and a
4 review of medical records. The evaluating psychiatrist determined that Respondent suffers from a
5 mental illness that renders him unable to safely practice medicine.

6 **CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

7 **(Impairment of Ability to Practice Medicine Safely)**

8 10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 822 of the Code in that he
9 suffers from a mental illness that renders him unable to safely practice medicine.

10 **PRAYER**

11 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
12 and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:

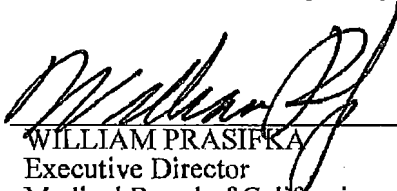
13 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number G 34138,
14 issued to Edward Daniel Betz, M.D.;

15 2. Revoking, suspending, or denying approval of Edward Daniel Betz, M.D.'s authority
16 to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

17 3. Ordering Edward Daniel Betz, M.D., if placed on probation, to pay the Board the
18 costs of probation monitoring; and

19 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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21 DATED: MAR 12 2021

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23 WILLIAM PRASIFKA
24 Executive Director
25 Medical Board of California
26 Department of Consumer Affairs
27 State of California
28 Complainant

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