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

In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation Against:

Moustafa Moataz Aboshady, M.D.

Case No. 800-2018-041583

Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 128437

Respondent.

# 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 16, 2022.

IT IS SO ORDERED June 9, 2022.

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA** 

William Prasifica,

Executive Director

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10	MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA		
11	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
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13	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 800-2018-041583	
14	MOUSTAFA MOATAZ ABOSHADY, M.D.	OAH No. 2021100198	
15	30 Goldenrod Lake Forest, California 92630	STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER	
16	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate A 128437,		
17	Respondent.		
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19	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-		
20	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:		
21	PARTIES		
22	1. William Prasifka (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of		
23	California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this		
24	matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Wendy Widlus, Deputy		
25	Attorney General.		
26	2. Moustafa Moataz Aboshady, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by		
27	attorney Sara E. Hersh of Nelson Hardiman, LLP, 1100 Glendon Avenue. Suite 1400, Los		
28	Angeles, California 90024.		
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3. On January 13, 2014, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 128437 to Moustafa Moataz Aboshady, M.D. (Respondent). That license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein. It expired on January 31, 2020, and is now in a delinquent status as a result of Respondent's failure to pay the renewal fee.

# JURISDICTION

4. A First Amended Accusation No. 800-2018-041583 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The First Amended Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on February 24, 2022. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the First Amended Accusation. A copy of First Amended Accusation No. 800-2018-041583 is attached as Exhibit A and is incorporated by reference.

# **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in First Amended Accusation No. 800-2018-041583. Respondent also has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the First Amended Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

# **CULPABILITY**

Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in First Amended
 Accusation No. 800-2018-041583, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline

upon his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.

- 9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in First Amended Accusation No. 800-2018-041583 and that those charges constitute cause for discipline. Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest that cause for discipline exists based on those charges.
- 10. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate without further process.

# **CONTINGENCY**

- 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

# **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 128437, issued to Respondent Moustafa Moataz Aboshady, M.D., is surrendered and accepted by the Board.

- 1. The surrender of Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board.
- 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a physician and surgeon in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board his pocket license and, if one was issued, his wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 4. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked or surrendered license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in First Amended Accusation No. 800-2018-041583 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition. Respondent may file an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement at or after three years from the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- 5. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in First Amended Accusation, No. 800-2018-041583 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any/Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

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# ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney Sara E. Hersh. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

DATED: 9(161222 MOUSTAI MOATAZ ABOSHADY, M.D. Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Moustafa Moataz Aboshady, M.D. the terms and conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and

Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: 4/20/29

SARA E, HERSH Attorney for Respondent

# **ENDORSEMENT**

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

DATED: \_\_April 21, 2022\_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted,

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# Exhibit A

First Amended Accusation No. 800-2018-041583

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16	30 Goldenrod Lake Forest, California 92630-8375	FIRST AMENDED ACCUATION	
17	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate A 128437,		
18	Respondent.		
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20	<u>PARTIES</u>		
21	1. William Prasifka (Complainant) brings this First Amended Accusation solely in his		
22	official capacity as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California (Board).		
23	2. On January 13, 2014, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number		
24	A 128437 to Moustafa Moataz Aboshady, M.D. (Respondent). That license was in full force and		
25	effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein. It expired on January 31, 2020, and is		
26	now in a delinquent status as a result of Respondent's failure to pay the renewal fee.		
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# **JURISDICTION**

- 3. This First Amended Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.
  - 4. Section 2004 of the Code states:

The board shall have the responsibility for the following:

- (a) The enforcement of the disciplinary and criminal provisions of the Medical Practice Act.
  - (b) The administration and hearing of disciplinary actions.
- (c) Carrying out disciplinary actions appropriate to findings made by a panel or an administrative law judge.
- (d) Suspending, revoking, or otherwise limiting certificates after the conclusion of disciplinary actions.
- (e) Reviewing the quality of medical practice carried out by physician and surgeon certificate holders under the jurisdiction of the board.
  - (f) Approving undergraduate and graduate medical education programs.
- (g) Approving clinical clerkship and special programs and hospitals for the programs in subdivision (f).
  - (h) Issuing licenses and certificates under the board's jurisdiction.
  - (i) Administering the board's continuing medical education program.
- 5. Section 2227 of the Code states:
- (a) A licensee whose matter has been heard by an administrative law judge of the Medical Quality Hearing Panel as designated in Section 11371 of the Government Code, or whose default has been entered, and who is found guilty, or who has entered into a stipulation for disciplinary action with the board, may, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter:
  - (1) Have his or her license revoked upon order of the board.
- (2) Have his or her right to practice suspended for a period not to exceed one year upon order of the board.
- (3) Be placed on probation and be required to pay the costs of probation monitoring upon order of the board.
- (4) Be publicly reprimanded by the board. The public reprimand may include a requirement that the licensee complete relevant educational courses approved by the

board.

- (5) Have any other action taken in relation to discipline as part of an order of probation, as the board or an administrative law judge may deem proper.
- (b) Any matter heard pursuant to subdivision (a), except for warning letters, medical review or advisory conferences, professional competency examinations, continuing education activities, and cost reimbursement associated therewith that are agreed to with the board and successfully completed by the licensee, or other matters made confidential or privileged by existing law, is deemed public, and shall be made available to the public by the board pursuant to Section 803.1.
- 6. Section 2234 of the Code, states:

The board shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter.
  - (b) Gross negligence.
- (c) Repeated negligent acts. To be repeated, there must be two or more negligent acts or omissions. An initial negligent act or omission followed by a separate and distinct departure from the applicable standard of care shall constitute repeated negligent acts.
- (1) An initial negligent diagnosis followed by an act or omission medically appropriate for that negligent diagnosis of the patient shall constitute a single negligent act.
- (2) When the standard of care requires a change in the diagnosis, act, or omission that constitutes the negligent act described in paragraph (1), including, but not limited to, a reevaluation of the diagnosis or a change in treatment, and the licensee's conduct departs from the applicable standard of care, each departure constitutes a separate and distinct breach of the standard of care.
  - (d) Incompetence.
- (e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon.
  - (f) Any action or conduct that would have warranted the denial of a certificate.
- (g) The failure by a certificate holder, in the absence of good cause, to attend and participate in an interview by the board. This subdivision shall only apply to a certificate holder who is the subject of an investigation by the board.
- 7. Section 2236 of the Code states:
- (a) The conviction of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon constitutes unprofessional conduct

within the meaning of this chapter [Chapter 5, the Medical Practice Act]. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred.

- (b) The district attorney, city attorney, or other prosecuting agency shall notify the Medical Board of the pendency of an action against a licensee charging a felony or misdemeanor immediately upon obtaining information that the defendant is a licensee. The notice shall identify the licensee and describe the crimes charged and the facts alleged. The prosecuting agency shall also notify the clerk of the court in which the action is pending that the defendant is a licensee, and the clerk shall record prominently in the file that the defendant holds a license as a physician and surgeon.
- (c) The clerk of the court in which a licensee is convicted of a crime shall, within 48 hours after the conviction, transmit a certified copy of the record of conviction to the board. The division may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of a crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon.
- (d) A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction after a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section and Section 2236.1. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction occurred.

# 8. Section 2261 of the Code states:

Knowingly making or signing any certificate or other document directly or indirectly related to the practice of medicine or podiatry which falsely represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts, constitutes unprofessional conduct.

### 9. Section 490 of the Code states:

- (a) In addition to any other action that a board is permitted to take against a licensee, a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board may exercise any authority to discipline a licensee for conviction of a crime that is independent of the authority granted under subdivision (a) only if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the licensee's license was issued.
- (c) A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.
- (d) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the application of this section has been made unclear by the holding in *Petropoulos* v. *Department of Real Estate* (2006) 142 Cal.App.4th 554, and that the holding in that case has placed a significant

number of statutes and regulations in question, resulting in potential harm to the consumers of California from licensees who have been convicted of crimes. Therefore, the Legislature finds and declares that this section establishes an independent basis for a board to impose discipline upon a licensee, and that the amendments to this section made by Chapter 33 of the Statutes of 2008 do not constitute a change to, but rather are declaratory of, existing law.

## 10. Section 493 of the Code states:

- (a) Notwithstanding any other law, in a proceeding conducted by a board within the department pursuant to law to deny an application for a license or to suspend or revoke a license or otherwise take disciplinary action against a person who holds a license, upon the ground that the applicant or the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee in question, the record of conviction of the crime shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction occurred, but only of that fact.
- (b) (1) Criteria for determining whether a crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession the board regulates shall include all of the following:
  - (A) The nature and gravity of the offense.
  - (B) The number of years elapsed since the date of the offense.
  - (C) The nature and duties of the profession.
- (2) A board shall not categorically bar an applicant based solely on the type of conviction without considering evidence of rehabilitation.
- (c) As used in this section, "license" includes "certificate," "permit," "authority," and "registration."
- (d) This section does not in any way modify or otherwise affect the existing authority of the following entities in regard to licensure:
  - (1) The State Athletic Commission.
  - (2) The Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education.
  - (3) The California Horse Racing Board.
- (e) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2020.
- 11. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1360, states:
- (a) For the purposes of denial, suspension or revocation of a license pursuant to Section 141 or Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the code, a crime, professional misconduct, or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a person holding a license if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a person holding a license to perform the functions authorized by the license in a manner consistent with the public health, safety or welfare. Such crimes, professional misconduct, or acts shall include but not be limited to the following: Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any

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- C. NEPA also purported to test the urine specimens of patients to monitor compliance with prescription regimes and determine consumption of other non-prescribed drugs, such as cocaine, methodone, amphetamines, and marijuana.
- D. Between 2010 and 2013, NEPA improperly billed for two types of medical services: extensive medical services that Dr. Mashali and his physician assistants supposedly performed during face-to-face interactions with patients and the testing of urine samples.
- E. To support the false billing practices, Respondent coordinated with other NEPA employees to add fraudulent documentation of non-existent medical services into patients' electronic medical files as though services had been rendered. Respondent also created false urine drug tests results.

# FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of Substantially Related Crime)

- 16. By reason of the facts set forth in paragraphs 13, 14, and 15, Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Section 2236, subdivision (a), and Section 490 of the Code, as well as California Code of Regulations, title 16, Section 1360, in that Respondent has been convicted of crimes substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a physician and surgeon.
- 17. By reason of the facts set forth in paragraphs 13, 14, and 15, Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Section 2261 of the Code, in that Respondent knowingly made or signed any certificate or other document directly or indirectly related to the practice of medicine which falsely represented the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts.
- 18. Respondent's acts and/or omissions as set forth in paragraphs 13, 14, and 15, whether proven individually, jointly, or in any combination thereof, constitute knowingly making or signing any certificate or other document directly or indirectly related to the practice of medicine which falsely represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts pursuant to Section 2261 of the Code.

# SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of Substantially Related Crime)

- 19. By reason of the facts set forth in paragraphs 13, 14, and 15, Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Section 2236, subdivision (a), and Section 490 of the Code, as well as California Code of Regulations, title 16, Section 1360, in that Respondent has been convicted of crimes substantially related to the qualifications, function or duties of a physician and surgeon.
- 20. Respondent's acts and/or omissions as set forth in paragraphs 13, 14, and 15, whether proven individually, jointly, or in any combination thereof, constitute convictions of crimes substantially related to the qualifications, function or duties of a physician and surgeon pursuant to Section 2236, subdivision (a), and Section 490 of the Code, as well as California Code of Regulations, title 16, Section 1360.

# THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Making False Statements)

- 21. By reason of the facts set forth in paragraphs 13, 14, and 15, Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Section 2261 of the Code, in that Respondent knowingly made or signed any certificate or other document directly or indirectly related to the practice of medicine which falsely represented the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts.
- 22. Respondent's acts and/or omissions as set forth in paragraphs 13, 14, and 15, whether proven individually, jointly, or in any combination thereof, constitute knowingly making or signing any certificate or other document directly or indirectly related to the practice of medicine which falsely represents the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts pursuant to Section 2261 of the Code.

# FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

23. By reason of the facts set forth in paragraphs 13, 14, and 15, Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Section 2234, subdivision (a) of the Code, in that Respondent knowingly made or signed any certificate or other document directly or indirectly related to the practice of medicine or podiatry which falsely represented the existence or nonexistence of a state of facts and has been convicted of crimes substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon.

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