

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

In the Matter of the Accusation  
Against:

MARNA LOU GEISLER, M.D.

Physician's and Surgeon's  
Certificate No. G 46927

Respondent.

Case No. 800-2023-098449

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 April 2, 2024. IT

IS SO ORDERED March 26, 2024.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA



Reji Varghese,  
Executive Director

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**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF  
LICENSE AND ORDER**

14 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**  
15 **No. G 46927,**

16 Respondent.

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

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Reji Varghese (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of  
21 California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this  
22 matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Marsha E. Barr-Fernandez,  
23 Deputy Attorney General.

24 2. Marna Lou Geisler, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney  
25 Tom McAndrews, whose address is: 1230 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 450, Manhattan Beach, CA  
26 90266-2436.

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

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

7 **RESERVATION**

8 11. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this  
9 proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Medical Board of California or other  
10 professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or  
11 civil proceeding.

12 **CONTINGENCY**

13 12. Business and Professions Code section 2224, subdivision (b), provides, in pertinent  
14 part, that the Medical Board "shall delegate to its executive director the authority to adopt a ...  
15 stipulation for surrender of a license."

16 13. Respondent understands that, by signing this stipulation, she enables the Executive  
17 Director of the Board to issue an order, on behalf of the Board, accepting the surrender of her  
18 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 46927 without further notice to, or opportunity to be  
19 heard by, Respondent.

20 14. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be subject to the  
21 approval of the Executive Director on behalf of the Board. The parties agree that this Stipulated  
22 Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be submitted to the Executive Director for his  
23 consideration in the above-entitled matter and, further, that the Executive Director shall have a  
24 reasonable period of time in which to consider and act on this Stipulated Surrender of License and  
25 Disciplinary Order after receiving it. By signing this stipulation, Respondent fully understands  
26 and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind this stipulation prior to the  
27 time the Executive Director, on behalf of the Medical Board, considers and acts upon it.

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**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 46927, issued to Respondent Marna Lou Geisler, 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 her pocket license and, if one was issued, her 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 Accusation No. 800-2023-098449 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

5. Respondent shall pay the agency its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$20,436.25 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

6. 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 Accusation No. 800-2023-098449 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, Tom McAndrews. 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: 1/31/2024 *Marna Timmer*  
MARNA LOU GEISLER, M.D.  
*Respondent*

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Marna Lou Geisler, 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: February 2, 2024 *[Signature]*  
TOM MCANDREWS  
*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: February 2, 2024 Respectfully submitted,  
ROB BONTA  
Attorney General of California  
JUDITH T. ALVARADO  
Supervising Deputy Attorney General

*Marsha E. Barr-Fernandez*  
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**Exhibit A**

**Accusation No. 800-2023-098449**



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**A C C U S A T I O N**

14 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**  
15 **No. G 46927,**

16 Respondent.

17 **PARTIES**

18 1. Reji Varghese (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity as  
19 the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs  
20 (Board).

21 2. On or about February 1, 1982, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate  
22 Number G 46927 to Marna Lou Geisler, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's  
23 Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will  
24 expire on May 31, 2025, unless renewed.

25 **JURISDICTION**

26 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following  
27 laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise  
28 indicated.

1           4.    Section 2004 of the Code states:

2                    The board shall have the responsibility for the following:

3                    (a) The enforcement of the disciplinary and criminal provisions of the Medical  
4                    Practice Act.

5                    (b) The administration and hearing of disciplinary actions.

6                    (c) Carrying out disciplinary actions appropriate to findings made by a panel or  
an administrative law judge.

7                    (d) Suspending, revoking, or otherwise limiting certificates after the conclusion  
8                    of disciplinary actions.

9                    (e) Reviewing the quality of medical practice carried out by physician and  
surgeon certificate holders under the jurisdiction of the board.

10                   (f) Approving undergraduate and graduate medical education programs.

11                   (g) Approving clinical clerkship and special programs and hospitals for the  
12                    programs in subdivision (f).

13                   (h) Issuing licenses and certificates under the board's jurisdiction.

14                   (i) Administering the board's continuing medical education program.

15           5.    Section 2220 of the Code states:

16                    Except as otherwise provided by law, the board may take action against all  
17                    persons guilty of violating this chapter. The board shall enforce and administer this  
18                    article as to physician and surgeon certificate holders, including those who hold  
19                    certificates that do not permit them to practice medicine, such as, but not limited to,  
retired, inactive, or disabled status certificate holders, and the board shall have all the  
powers granted in this chapter for these purposes including, but not limited to:

20                    (a) Investigating complaints from the public, from other licensees, from health  
21                    care facilities, or from the board that a physician and surgeon may be guilty of  
22                    unprofessional conduct. The board shall investigate the circumstances underlying a  
23                    report received pursuant to Section 805 or 805.01 within 30 days to determine if an  
interim suspension order or temporary restraining order should be issued. The board  
shall otherwise provide timely disposition of the reports received pursuant to Section  
805 and Section 805.01.

24                    (b) Investigating the circumstances of practice of any physician and surgeon  
25                    where there have been any judgments, settlements, or arbitration awards requiring the  
26                    physician and surgeon or his or her professional liability insurer to pay an amount in  
damages in excess of a cumulative total of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) with  
respect to any claim that injury or damage was proximately caused by the physician's  
and surgeon's error, negligence, or omission.

27                    (c) Investigating the nature and causes of injuries from cases which shall be  
28                    reported of a high number of judgments, settlements, or arbitration awards against a  
physician and surgeon.

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6. 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.

7. Section 2228 of the Code states:

The authority of the board or the California Board of Podiatric Medicine to discipline a licensee by placing him or her on probation includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) Requiring the licensee to obtain additional professional training and to pass an examination upon the completion of the training. The examination may be written or oral, or both, and may be a practical or clinical examination, or both, at the option of the board or the administrative law judge.

(b) Requiring the licensee to submit to a complete diagnostic examination by one or more physicians and surgeons appointed by the board. If an examination is ordered, the board shall receive and consider any other report of a complete diagnostic examination given by one or more physicians and surgeons of the licensee's choice.

(c) Restricting or limiting the extent, scope, or type of practice of the licensee, including requiring notice to applicable patients that the licensee is unable to perform the indicated treatment, where appropriate.

(d) Providing the option of alternative community service in cases other than violations relating to quality of care.

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1 (c) A certified copy of the actual costs, or a good faith estimate of costs where  
2 actual costs are not available, signed by the entity bringing the proceeding or its  
3 designated representative shall be prima facie evidence of reasonable costs of  
4 investigation and prosecution of the case. The costs shall include the amount of  
5 investigative and enforcement costs up to the date of the hearing, including, but not  
6 limited to, charges imposed by the Attorney General.

7 (d) The administrative law judge shall make a proposed finding of the amount  
8 of reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case when requested  
9 pursuant to subdivision (a). The finding of the administrative law judge with regard  
10 to costs shall not be reviewable by the board to increase the cost award. The board  
11 may reduce or eliminate the cost award, or remand to the administrative law judge if  
12 the proposed decision fails to make a finding on costs requested pursuant to  
13 subdivision (a).

14 (e) If an order for recovery of costs is made and timely payment is not made as  
15 directed in the board's decision, the board may enforce the order for repayment in any  
16 appropriate court. This right of enforcement shall be in addition to any other rights  
17 the board may have as to any licensee to pay costs.

18 (f) In any action for recovery of costs, proof of the board's decision shall be  
19 conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the terms for payment.

20 (g) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the board shall not renew or  
21 reinstate the license of any licensee who has failed to pay all of the costs ordered  
22 under this section.

23 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the board may, in its discretion,  
24 conditionally renew or reinstate for a maximum of one year the license of any  
25 licensee who demonstrates financial hardship and who enters into a formal agreement  
26 with the board to reimburse the board within that one-year period for the unpaid  
27 costs.

28 (h) All costs recovered under this section shall be considered a reimbursement  
for costs incurred and shall be deposited in the fund of the board recovering the costs  
to be available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

(i) Nothing in this section shall preclude a board from including the recovery of  
the costs of investigation and enforcement of a case in any stipulated settlement.

(j) This section does not apply to any board if a specific statutory provision in  
that board's licensing act provides for recovery of costs in an administrative  
disciplinary proceeding.

### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

12. On or about May 26, 2023 and June 5, 2023, the Board received complaints that  
Respondent appeared to have a mental and/or physical illness which may be affecting her ability  
to practice medicine safely. The Board initiated an investigation of Respondent based upon the  
complaints.

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- 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent Marna Lou Geisler, M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;
- 3. Ordering Respondent Marna Lou Geisler, M.D., to pay the Board the costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, and if placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring; and,
- 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: JAN 17 2024

JENNA JONES FOR  
REJI VARGHESE  
Executive Director  
Medical Board of California  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
*Complainant*

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