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

In the Matter of the Accusation 'Against:

Robert August Wiemer Jr., M.D.

Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 34681

Respondent.

Case No. 800-2023-096319

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 August 9, 2024.

IT IS SO ORDERED August 2, 2024.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

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Reji Varghese

Executive Director

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12	ROBERT AUGUST WIEMER JR., M.D.		
13	468 Tennyson Drive Stephenville, TX 76401-7388	STIPULATED SURRENDER OF	
14	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No.	LICENSE AND ORDER	
15	A34681		
16	Respondent.		
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18	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the		
19	above-entitled proceedings that the following i		
20	PARTIES		
21	1. Reji Varghese (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of		
22	California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this		
23	matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by C. Hay-Mie Cho, Deputy		
24	Attorney General.		
25	2. ROBERT AUGUST WIEMER JR., M.D. (Respondent) is representing himself in this		
26	proceeding, and has chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.		
27	3. On or about November 13, 1979, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's		
28	Certificate No. A34681 to Respondent. That license expired on April 30, 2023, and has not been		

renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 800-2023-096319 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on April 4, 2024. Respondent did not file a Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2023-096319 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2023-096319. Respondent also has carefully read, 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 Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel, at his own expense; 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

- 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 800-2023-096319, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby surrenders his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A34681 for the Board's formal acceptance.
- 9. 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.

RESERVATION

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

CONTINGENCY

- 11. Business and Professions Code section 2224, subdivision (b), provides, in pertinent part, that the Medical Board "shall delegate to its executive director the authority to adopt a ... stipulation for surrender of a license."
- 12. Respondent understands that, by signing this stipulation, he enables the Executive Director of the Board to issue an order, on behalf of the Board, accepting the surrender of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A34681 without further notice to, or opportunity to be heard by, Respondent.
- 13. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Director on behalf of the Board. The parties agree that this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be submitted to the Executive Director for his consideration in the above-entitled matter and, further, that the Executive Director shall have a reasonable period of time in which to consider and act on this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order after receiving it. By signing this stipulation, Respondent fully understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind this stipulation prior to the time the Executive Director, on behalf of the Medical Board, considers and acts upon it.
- 14. The parties agree that this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be null and void and not binding upon the parties unless approved and adopted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, except for this paragraph, which shall remain in full force and effect. Respondent fully understands and agrees that in deciding whether or not to approve and adopt this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, the Executive Director and/or the Board may receive oral and written communications from its staff and/or the Attorney General's Office. Communications pursuant to this paragraph shall not disqualify the

Executive Director, the Board, any member thereof, and/or any other person from future participation in this or any other matter affecting or involving respondent. In the event that the Executive Director on behalf of the Board does not, in his discretion, approve and adopt this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, with the exception of this paragraph, it shall not become effective, shall be of no evidentiary value whatsoever, and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action by either party hereto. Respondent further agrees that should this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order be rejected for any reason by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, Respondent will assert no claim that the Executive Director, the Board, or any member thereof, was prejudiced by its/his/her review, discussion and/or consideration of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order or of any matter or matters related hereto.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

- 15. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties herein to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of the agreements of the parties in the above-entitled matter.
- 16. The parties agree that copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, including copies of the signatures of the parties, may be used in lieu of original documents and signatures and, further, that such copies shall have the same force and effect as originals.
- 17. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree the Executive Director of the Board may, without further notice to or opportunity to be heard by Respondent, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order on behalf of the Board:

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A34681, issued to Respondent ROBERT AUGUST WIEMER JR., 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 Accusation No. 800-2023-096319 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 \$8,895.75 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. 800-2023-096319 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.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. 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: 7 July 2024

ROBERT AUGUST WIEMER JR., M.D.

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: July 17, 2024 Respectfully submitted, ROB BONTA Attorney General of California MACHAELA M. MINGARDI Supervising Deputy Attorney General C. Hay-Mis Cho C. HAY-MIE CHO Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant SF2024300172 44212426.docx

Exhibit A

Accusation No. 800-2023-096319

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21	the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs		
22	(Board).		
23	2. On or about November 13, 1979, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's		
24	Certificate Number A34681 to Robert August Wiemer, Jr., M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's		
25	and Surgeon's Certificate expired on April 30, 2023, and has not been renewed.		
26	JURISDICTION		
27	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following		
28	laws. All section references are to the Business a	and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise	

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indicated.

- 4. Section 2004 of the Code provides that the Board shall have the responsibility for the enforcement of the disciplinary and criminal provisions of the Medical Practice Act.
- 5. Section 2227 of the Code provides that a licensee who is found guilty under the Medical Practice Act may have his or her license revoked, suspended for a period not to exceed one year, placed on probation and required to pay the costs of probation monitoring, or such other action taken in relation to discipline as the Board deems proper.
 - 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.
 - (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 no later than 30 calendar days after being notified by the board. This subdivision shall only apply to a certificate holder who is the subject of an investigation by the board.

- (h) Any action of the licensee, or another person acting on behalf of the licensee, intended to cause their patient or their patient's authorized representative to rescind consent to release the patient's medical records to the board or the Department of Consumer Affairs, Health Quality Investigation Unit.
- (i) Dissuading, intimidating, or tampering with a patient, witness, or any person in an attempt to prevent them from reporting or testifying about a licensee."
 - 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."
 - 8. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1360, states:

"For the purposes of denial, suspension or revocation of a license, certificate or permit pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the code, a crime 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 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 provision of state or federal law governing the applicant's or licensee's professional practice."

- 9. Section 802.1(a) of the Code states, in relevant part, as follows:
- (1) "A physician or surgeon ... shall report either of the following to the entity that issued his ... license:
 - "(A) The bringing of an indictment or information charging a felony against the licensee.

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- "(B) The conviction of the licensee, including ... plea of guilty or no contest, of any felony or misdemeanor.
- "(2) The report required by this subdivision shall be made in writing within 30 days of the date of the bringing of the indictment or information or of the conviction."

COST RECOVERY

10. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case, with failure of the licensee to comply subjecting the license to not being renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 11. On or about April 15, 2014, at the direction of his office assistant, Respondent completed and signed a prescription for oxycodone, a Schedule II controlled substance. Respondent postdated the prescription for April 24, 2014, and mailed or otherwise sent it to his office assistant to be distributed to a third party on April 24, 2014. The prescription was distributed to the third party on April 24, 2014, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 829 and 21 C.F.R. § 1306.05(a).
- 12. On or about June 16, 2021, based on the aforementioned facts in Paragraph 11, Respondent was indicted for Distributing or Dispensing a Controlled Substance in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 829 (Prescriptions).
- 13. On or about June 18, 2021, in a federal criminal proceeding entitled *United States v.* Robert A. Wiemer, Jr., S.D. Miss. Case No. 1:21-cr-00060-HSO-JSG, Respondent was convicted by pleading guilty to Distributing or Dispensing a Controlled Substance in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 829.
- 14. There was no report made by or on behalf of Respondent to the Board regarding his April 24, 2014, criminal information or his June 18, 2021, conviction. (Declaration of Sharlene Smith, ¶ 3.)

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct - Criminal Conviction)

- 15. The allegations set forth in Paragraphs 11 through 14 are incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein.
- 16. By reason of the facts stated in Paragraphs 11 through 14, above, Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2234 (unprofessional conduct) of the Code and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1360 (criminal conviction), because on or about June 18, 2021, in a federal criminal proceeding entitled *United States v. Robert A. Wiemer, Jr.*, S.D. Miss. Case No. 1:21-cr-00060-HSO-JSG, Respondent was convicted by pleading guilty to Distributing or Dispensing a Controlled Substance in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 829.
- 17. Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct under section 2234 of the Code, based on the fact that Respondent completed a prescription for a controlled substance, postdated the prescription, and distributed it to a third party.
- 18. Respondent's criminal conviction for Distributing or Dispensing a Controlled Substance is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a physician and surgeon, and constitutes unprofessional conduct and cause for discipline under section 2234 of the Code, and title 16, section 1360 of the California Code of Regulations.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Criminal Conviction)

- 19. The allegations set forth in Paragraphs 11 through 14 are incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein.
- 20. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2236 of the Code because he pleaded guilty to the federal crime of Distributing or Dispensing a Controlled Substance, and this conviction is substantially related to the qualification, functions, and duties of a physician and surgeon.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Report a Criminal Conviction)

21. The allegations set forth in Paragraphs 11 through 14 are incorporated by reference as

(ROBERT AUGUST WIEMER JR., M.D.) ACCUSATION NO. 800-2023-096319

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