

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Marcus Theodore Voth, M.D.

Physician's & Surgeon's
Certificate No. A 81140

Respondent.

Case No. 800-2021-076921

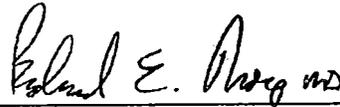
DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary 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 November 22, 2024.

IT IS SO ORDERED: October 24, 2024.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA



Richard E. Thorp, M.D, Chair
Panel B

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9 **MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**
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13 **MARCUS THEODORE VOTH, M.D.**
14 **Riverside Community Hospital**
15 **4445 Magnolia Avenue**
16 **Riverside, CA 92501**

17 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A**
18 **81140,**

19 Respondent.

Case No. 800-2021-076921

OAH No. 2024040926

20 **STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND**
21 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

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

24 **PARTIES**

25 1. Reji Varghese (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of
26 California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this
27 matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Catherine B. Kim, Deputy
28 Attorney General.

2. Respondent Marcus Theodore Voth, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this
proceeding by attorney Kevin D. Cauley, Esq., whose address is: 35 North Lake Avenue, Suite
710, Pasadena, CA 91101-4185.

1 (a)(4). This Public Reprimand is issued in connection with Respondent's conduct on March 31,
2 2021, when Respondent operated a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and was
3 convicted on July 19, 2023, for violating California Vehicle Code section 23103, subsection (a), a
4 misdemeanor, as set forth in Accusation No. 800-2021-076921 (Exhibit A).

5 2. PROFESSIONALISM PROGRAM (ETHICS COURSE).

6 Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a
7 professionalism program, that meets the requirements of Title 16, California Code of Regulations
8 (CCR) section 1358.1. Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete that program.
9 Respondent shall provide any information and documents that the program may deem pertinent.
10 Respondent shall successfully complete the classroom component of the program not later than
11 six (6) months after Respondent's initial enrollment, and the longitudinal component of the
12 program not later than the time specified by the program, but no later than one (1) year after
13 attending the classroom component. The professionalism program shall be at Respondent's
14 expense and shall be in addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for
15 renewal of licensure.

16 A professionalism program taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the
17 Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board
18 or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the program would have
19 been approved by the Board or its designee had the program been taken after the effective date of
20 this Decision.

21 Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its
22 designee not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the program or not later
23 than 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

24 Failure to successfully complete the educational program(s) or course(s) outlined above
25 shall constitute unprofessional conduct and is grounds for further disciplinary action.

26 3. INVESTIGATION/ENFORCEMENT COST RECOVERY.

27 Respondent is hereby ordered to reimburse the Board its costs of investigation and
28 enforcement, in the amount of \$18,603.25 (eighteen thousand six hundred three dollars and

1 twenty-five cents). Costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of California. Failure to pay
2 such costs shall be considered a violation of probation.

3 Payment must be made in full within 30 calendar days of the effective date of the Order, or
4 by a payment plan approved by the Medical Board of California. Any and all requests for a
5 payment plan shall be submitted in writing by Respondent to the Board. Failure to comply with
6 the payment plan shall be considered a violation of probation.

7 The filing of bankruptcy by Respondent shall not relieve Respondent of the responsibility
8 to repay investigation and enforcement costs.

9 4. VIOLATION OF THE ORDER.

10 Any failure by Respondent to comply with the terms and conditions of the Disciplinary
11 Order shall constitute unprofessional conduct and is grounds for further disciplinary action.

12 5. FUTURE ADMISSIONS CLAUSE.

13 If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or petition for
14 reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing action agency in the State of
15 California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2021-076921 shall
16 be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of
17 Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict license. Respondent further agrees that
18 if an Accusation is ever filed against him before the Board, all of the charges and allegations
19 contained in the Accusation No. 800-2021-076921 shall be deemed true, correct, and fully
20 admitted by Respondent for purposes of any such proceeding or any other licensing proceeding
21 involving Respondent, before the Board.

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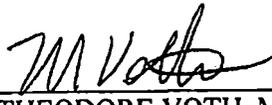
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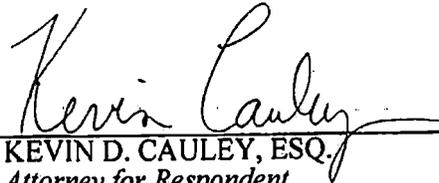
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ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Kevin D. Cauley, Esq. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

DATED: 9/25/24 
MARCUS THEODORE VOTH, M.D.
Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Marcus Theodore Voth, M.D. the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: September 25, 2024 
KEVIN D. CAULEY, ESQ.
Attorney for Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California.

DATED: _____ Respectfully submitted,
ROB BONTA
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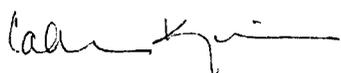
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16 **No. A 81140,**

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19 **PARTIES**

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

23 2. On or about November 15, 2002, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's
24 Certificate Number A 81140 to Marcus Theodore Voth, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and
25 Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought
26 herein and will expire on November 30, 2024, unless renewed.

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JURISDICTION

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

5 4. Section 2004 of the Code states:

6 The board shall have the responsibility for the following:

7 (a) The enforcement of the disciplinary and criminal provisions of the Medical
8 Practice Act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 5. Section 2220 of the Code states:

20 Except as otherwise provided by law, the board may take action against all
21 persons guilty of violating this chapter. The board shall enforce and administer this
22 article as to physician and surgeon certificate holders, including those who hold
23 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:

24 (a) Investigating complaints from the public, from other licensees, from health
25 care facilities, or from the board that a physician and surgeon may be guilty of
unprofessional conduct. The board shall investigate the circumstances underlying a
26 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
27 shall otherwise provide timely disposition of the reports received pursuant to Section
805 and Section 805.01.

28 (b) Investigating the circumstances of practice of any physician and surgeon
where there have been any judgments, settlements, or arbitration awards requiring the

1 physician and surgeon or his or her professional liability insurer to pay an amount in
2 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.

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

5 6. Section 2227 of the Code states:

6 (a) A licensee whose matter has been heard by an administrative law judge of
7 the Medical Quality Hearing Panel as designated in Section 11371 of the Government
8 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:

9 (1) Have his or her license revoked upon order of the board.

10 (2) Have his or her right to practice suspended for a period not to exceed one
11 year upon order of the board.

12 (3) Be placed on probation and be required to pay the costs of probation
monitoring upon order of the board.

13 (4) Be publicly reprimanded by the board. The public reprimand may include a
14 requirement that the licensee complete relevant educational courses approved by the
board.

15 (5) Have any other action taken in relation to discipline as part of an order of
16 probation, as the board or an administrative law judge may deem proper.

17 (b) Any matter heard pursuant to subdivision (a), except for warning letters,
18 medical review or advisory conferences, professional competency examinations,
19 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.

20 STATUTORY PROVISIONS

21 7. Section 2234 of the Code, states:

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

24 (a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or
25 abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter.

26 (b) Gross negligence.

27 (c) Repeated negligent acts. To be repeated, there must be two or more
28 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 (1) An initial negligent diagnosis followed by an act or omission medically
2 appropriate for that negligent diagnosis of the patient shall constitute a single
3 negligent act.

4 (2) When the standard of care requires a change in the diagnosis, act, or
5 omission that constitutes the negligent act described in paragraph (1), including, but
6 not limited to, a reevaluation of the diagnosis or a change in treatment, and the
7 licensee's conduct departs from the applicable standard of care, each departure
8 constitutes a separate and distinct breach of the standard of care.

9 (d) Incompetence.

10 (e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption that is
11 substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and
12 surgeon.

13 (f) Any action or conduct that would have warranted the denial of a certificate.

14 (g) The failure by a certificate holder, in the absence of good cause, to attend
15 and participate in an interview by the board. This subdivision shall only apply to a
16 certificate holder who is the subject of an investigation by the board.

17 8. Section 2236 of the Code states:

18 (a) The conviction of any offense substantially related to the qualifications,
19 functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon constitutes unprofessional conduct
20 within the meaning of this chapter [Chapter 5, the Medical Practice Act]. The record
21 of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction
22 occurred.

23 (b) The district attorney, city attorney, or other prosecuting agency shall notify
24 the Medical Board of the pendency of an action against a licensee charging a felony
25 or misdemeanor immediately upon obtaining information that the defendant is a
26 licensee. The notice shall identify the licensee and describe the crimes charged and
27 the facts alleged. The prosecuting agency shall also notify the clerk of the court in
28 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.

9. Section 2239 of the Code states:

(a) The use or prescribing for or administering to himself or herself, of any
controlled substance; or the use of any of the dangerous drugs specified in Section
4022, or of alcoholic beverages, to the extent, or in such a manner as to be dangerous
or injurious to the licensee, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that

1 such use impairs the ability of the licensee to practice medicine safely or more than
2 one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or
3 self-administration of any of the substances referred to in this section, or any
4 combination thereof, constitutes unprofessional conduct. The record of the
5 conviction is conclusive evidence of such unprofessional conduct.

6 (b) A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo
7 contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section. The
8 Medical Board may order discipline of the licensee in accordance with Section 2227
9 or the Medical Board may order the denial of the license when the time for appeal has
10 elapsed or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order
11 granting probation is made suspending imposition of sentence, irrespective of a
12 subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing
13 such person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or
14 setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, complaint,
15 information, or indictment.

16 10. Section 490 of the Code states:

17 (a) In addition to any other action that a board is permitted to take against a
18 licensee, a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has
19 been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications,
20 functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.

21 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board may exercise any
22 authority to discipline a licensee for conviction of a crime that is independent of the
23 authority granted under subdivision (a) only if the crime is substantially related to the
24 qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the
25 licensee's license was issued.

26 (c) A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of
27 guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is
28 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.

REGULATORY PROVISIONS

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

1 degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a person holding a license to
2 perform the functions authorized by the license in a manner consistent with the public
3 health, safety or welfare. Such crimes, professional misconduct, or acts shall include
4 but not be limited to the following: Violating or attempting to violate, directly or
5 indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any
6 provision of state or federal law governing the applicant's or licensee's professional
7 practice.

8 (b) In making the substantial relationship determination required under subdivision (a) for a
9 crime, the board shall consider the following criteria:

- 10 (1) The nature and gravity of the crime;
- 11 (2) The number of years elapsed since the date of the crime; and
- 12 (3) The nature and duties of the profession.

13 COST RECOVERY

14 12. Section 125.3 of the Code states:

15 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, in any order issued in resolution of a
16 disciplinary proceeding before any board within the department or before the
17 Osteopathic Medical Board, upon request of the entity bringing the proceeding, the
18 administrative law judge may direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or
19 violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the
20 investigation and enforcement of the case.

21 (b) In the case of a disciplined licensee that is a corporation or a partnership, the
22 order may be made against the licensed corporate entity or licensed partnership.

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

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

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

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

(g) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the board shall not renew or

1 THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

2 (Unprofessional Conduct)

3 18. Respondent Marcus Theodore Voth, M.D. is subject to disciplinary action under
4 section 2234 of the Code in that Respondent has engaged in unprofessional conduct. The
5 circumstances are as follows:

6 19. The allegations of the First and Second Causes for Discipline are incorporated herein
7 by reference as if fully set forth.

8 PRAYER

9 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
10 and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

11 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number A 81140,
12 issued to Respondent Marcus Theodore Voth, M.D.;

13 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent Marcus Theodore Voth,
14 M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

15 3. Ordering Respondent Marcus Theodore Voth, M.D., to pay the Board the costs of the
16 investigation and enforcement of this case, and if placed on probation, the costs of probation
17 monitoring; and

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

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20 DATED: MAR 11 2024



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