

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



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11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

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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**

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 Matthew Rodriguez, Acting Attorney General of the State of California, via Joshua M.  
25 Templet, Deputy Attorney General.

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

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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 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           2.    Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a physician and surgeon in  
2 California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

3           3.    Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board his pocket license and, if one was  
4 issued, his wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

5           4.    If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in  
6 the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must  
7 comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked or  
8 surrendered license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations  
9 contained in the Accusation shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent  
10 when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

11          5.    If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or  
12 petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of  
13 California, all of the charges and allegations contained in the Accusation shall be deemed to be  
14 true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other  
15 proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

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17    **ACCEPTANCE**

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

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24   DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Edward Daniel Betz*

EDWARD DANIEL BETZ, M.D.  
*Respondent*

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I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Edward Daniel Betz, 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: May 10, 2021



BENJAMIN J. FENTON  
*Attorney for Respondent*

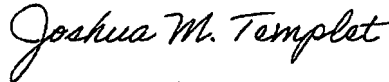
**ENDORSEMENT**

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: May 10, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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**Exhibit A**

**Accusation No. 800-2018-048985**

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

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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.



1 **JURISDICTION**

2 4. 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 5. Section 2004 of the Code provides that the Board shall have the responsibility for the  
6 enforcement of the disciplinary provisions of the Medical Practice Act.

7 6. Section 2227 of the Code provides that a licensee who is found guilty under the  
8 Medical Practice Act may have his or her license revoked, suspended for a period not to exceed  
9 one year, placed on probation and required to pay the costs of probation monitoring, or such other  
10 action taken in relation to discipline as the Board deems proper.

11 **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

12 7. Section 820 of the Code states:

13 Whenever it appears that any person holding a license, certificate or permit under this  
14 division or under any initiative act referred to in this division may be unable to  
15 practice his or her profession safely because the licentiate's ability to practice is  
16 impaired due to mental illness, or physical illness affecting competency, the licensing  
17 agency may order the licentiate to be examined by one or more physicians and  
18 surgeons or psychologists designated by the agency. The report of the examiners shall  
19 be made available to the licentiate and may be received as direct evidence in  
20 proceedings conducted pursuant to Section 822.

21 8. Section 822 of the Code states:

22 If a licensing agency determines that its licentiate's ability to practice his or her  
23 profession safely is impaired because the licentiate is mentally ill, or physically ill  
24 affecting competency, the licensing agency may take action by any one of the  
25 following methods:

- 26 (a) Revoking the licentiate's certificate or license.
- 27 (b) Suspending the licentiate's right to practice.
- 28 (c) Placing the licentiate on probation.
- (d) Taking such other action in relation to the licentiate as the licensing agency in its  
discretion deems proper.

The licensing agency shall not reinstate a revoked or suspended certificate or license  
until it has received competent evidence of the absence or control of the condition  
which caused its action and until it is satisfied that with due regard for the public  
health and safety the person's right to practice his or her profession may be safely  
reinstated.

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)**

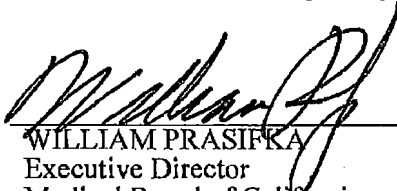
8 10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 822 of the Code in that he  
9 suffers from a mental illness that renders him unable to safely practice medicine.

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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