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9 **BEFORE THE**  
10 **PODIATRIC MEDICAL BOARD**  
11 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
12 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

13 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 500-2019-000822

14 **ADERONKE MOJEREADE OJO, D.P.M.,**  
15 **2258 Bayberry Circle**  
16 **Pittsburg, CA 94565**

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

17 **Doctor of Podiatric Medicine License No.**  
18 **No. E 4601**

Respondent.

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Brian Naslund (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity as  
21 the Executive Officer of the Podiatric Medical Board, Department of Consumer Affairs.

22 2. On or about December 9, 2004, the Podiatric Medical Board issued Doctor of  
23 Podiatric Medicine License No. E 4601 to Aderonke Mojereade Ojo, D.P.M. (Respondent). The  
24 Doctor of Podiatric Medicine License No. E 4601 was in full force and effect at all times relevant  
25 to the charges brought herein and will expire on December 31, 2022, unless renewed. The license  
26 is SUSPENDED pursuant to an Interim Suspension Order issued on June 30, 2021.

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1 **JURISDICTION**

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

5 4. Section 2222 of the Code states the California Board of Podiatric Medicine shall  
6 enforce and administer this article as to doctors of podiatric medicine. Any acts of unprofessional  
7 conduct or other violations proscribed by this chapter are applicable to licensed doctors of  
8 podiatric medicine and wherever the Medical Quality Hearing Panel established under Section  
9 11371 of the Government Code is vested with the authority to enforce and carry out this chapter  
10 as to licensed physicians and surgeons, the Medical Quality Hearing Panel also possesses that  
11 same authority as to licensed doctors of podiatric medicine.

12 The California Board of Podiatric Medicine may order the denial of an application or issue  
13 a certificate subject to conditions as set forth in Section 2221, or order the revocation, suspension,  
14 or other restriction of, or the modification of that penalty, and the reinstatement of any certificate  
15 of a doctor of podiatric medicine within its authority as granted by this chapter and in conjunction  
16 with the administrative hearing procedures established pursuant to Sections 11371, 11372, 11373,  
17 and 11529 of the Government Code. For these purposes, the California Board of Podiatric  
18 Medicine shall exercise the powers granted and be governed by the procedures set forth in this  
19 chapter.

20 5. Section 2497 of the Code states:

21 "(a) The board may order the denial of an application for, or the suspension of, or the  
22 revocation of, or the imposition of probationary conditions upon, a certificate to practice podiatric  
23 medicine for any of the causes set forth in Article 12 (commencing with Section 2220) in  
24 accordance with Section 2222.

25 "(b) The board may hear all matters, including but not limited to, any contested case or may  
26 assign any such matters to an administrative law judge. The proceedings shall be held in  
27 accordance with Section 2230. If a contested case is heard by the board itself, the administrative  
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1 law judge who presided at the hearing shall be present during the board's consideration of the case  
2 and shall assist and advise the board."

3 6. Section 820 of the Code states:

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

11 7. Section 822 of the Code states:

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

15 "(a) Revoking the licentiate's certificate or license.

16 "(b) Suspending the licentiate's right to practice.

17 "(c) Placing the licentiate on probation.

18 "(d) Taking such other action in relation to the licentiate as the licensing agency in its  
19 discretion deems proper.

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

24 8. Section 2228.5 of the Code states:

25 "(a) On and after July 1, 2019, except as otherwise provided in subdivision (c), the board  
26 shall require a licensee to provide a separate disclosure that includes the licensee's probation  
27 status, the length of the probation, the probation end date, all practice restrictions placed on the  
28 licensee by the board, the board's telephone number, and an explanation of how the patient can

1 find further information on the licensee's probation on the licensee's profile page on the board's  
2 online license information Internet Web site, to a patient or the patient's guardian or health care  
3 surrogate before the patient's first visit following the probationary order while the licensee is on  
4 probation pursuant to a probationary order made on and after July 1, 2019.

5       “(b) A licensee required to provide a disclosure pursuant to subdivision (a) shall obtain  
6 from the patient, or the patient's guardian or health care surrogate, a separate, signed copy of that  
7 disclosure.

8       “(c) A licensee shall not be required to provide a disclosure pursuant to subdivision (a) if  
9 any of the following applies:

10           “(1) The patient is unconscious or otherwise unable to comprehend the disclosure and  
11 sign the copy of the disclosure pursuant to subdivision (b) and a guardian or health care surrogate  
12 is unavailable to comprehend the disclosure and sign the copy.

13           “(2) The visit occurs in an emergency room or an urgent care facility or the visit is  
14 unscheduled, including consultations in inpatient facilities.

15           “(3) The licensee who will be treating the patient during the visit is not known to the  
16 patient until immediately prior to the start of the visit.

17           “(4) The licensee does not have a direct treatment relationship with the patient.

18       “(d) On and after July 1, 2019, the board shall provide the following information, with  
19 respect to licensees on probation and licensees practicing under probationary licenses, in plain  
20 view on the licensee's profile page on the board's online license information Internet Web site.

21           “(1) For probation imposed pursuant to a stipulated settlement, the causes alleged in  
22 the operative accusation along with a designation identifying those causes by which the licensee  
23 has expressly admitted guilt and a statement that acceptance of the settlement is not an admission  
24 of guilt.

25           “(2) For probation imposed by an adjudicated decision of the board, the causes for  
26 probation stated in the final probationary order.

27           “(3) For a licensee granted a probationary license, the causes by which the  
28 probationary license was imposed.



1 hardship and who enters into a formal agreement with the board to reimburse the board within  
2 that one-year period for those unpaid costs.

3 “(f) All costs recovered under this section shall be deposited in the Board of Podiatric  
4 Medicine Fund as a reimbursement in either the fiscal year in which the costs are actually  
5 recovered or the previous fiscal year, as the board may direct.”

### 6 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

7 10. The Board received information that Respondent suffered from a mental illness that  
8 might impair her ability to safely practice medicine. During a Board investigation, medical and  
9 psychiatric records were obtained which revealed that Respondent had been hospitalized and  
10 treated for both significant mental and/or physical illness several times between 2017 and 2019.

11 11. Respondent agreed to undergo a mental evaluation on April 8, 2021. The examining  
12 psychiatrist diagnosed Respondent with Schizoaffective Disorder, bipolar type, which is a mental  
13 illness or condition that impairs Respondent’s ability to safely practice medicine. The evaluator  
14 noted that Respondent had been actively psychotic for some time, had no insight that she has a  
15 psychiatric illness, and was therefore unlikely to adhere to effective treatment. Respondent also  
16 has a physical illness, and she is minimally compliant with her medical treatment, which also  
17 impairs Respondent’s ability to safely and competently practice medicine. The examining  
18 psychiatrist opined that Respondent is not able to practice medicine safely because of her  
19 involuntary mental health holds, her thought disorders, and mental illness and, until Respondent  
20 successfully completes a course of therapy and treatment, her continued practice presents a risk of  
21 harm to herself, her patients, and to the public.

### 22 **CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

23 (Impaired Ability to Safely and Competently Practice Medicine)

24 12. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 822 and/or 2222  
25 and/or 2497 of the Code in that, due to a mental and/or physical illness, as outlined above in  
26 paragraphs 10 and 11, Respondent is unable and/or is impaired in her ability to safely and  
27 competently practice podiatric medicine due to her physical and/or her mental illness.

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PRAYER

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

1. Revoking or suspending Doctor of Podiatric Medicine License No. E 4601, issued to Aderonke Mojereade Ojo, D.P.M.;
2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Aderonke Mojereade Ojo, D.P.M.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;
3. Ordering Aderonke Mojereade Ojo, D.P.M. to pay the Podiatric Medical Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2497.5;
4. Ordering Aderonke Mojereade Ojo, D.P.M., if placed on probation, to pay the Board the costs of probation monitoring;
5. Ordering Aderonke Mojereade Ojo, D.P.M., if placed on probation to disclose the terms and conditions of probation in compliance with Business and Profession Code section 2228.5; and,
6. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: JUL 20 2021



BRIAN NASLUND  
Executive Officer  
Podiatric Medical Board  
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State of California  
*Complainant*

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