

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

**In the Matter of the Accusation
Against:**

Robert Paul Hansen, M.D.

**Physician's and Surgeon's
Certificate No. G 53037**

Respondent.

Case No.: 800-2021-079204

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 October 14, 2022.

IT IS SO ORDERED: September 14, 2022.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA



**Laurie Rose Lubiano, J.D., Chair
Panel A**

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14 **ROBERT PAUL HANSEN, M.D.**
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16 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**
17 **No. G 53037,**

18 Respondent.

Case No. 800-2021-079204

OAH No. 2022020267

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

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

22 **PARTIES**

23 1. William Prasifka (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of
24 California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this
25 matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Marianne A. Pansa, Deputy
26 Attorney General.

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1 CULPABILITY

2 9. Respondent does not contest that, at an administrative hearing, complainant could
3 establish a prima facie case with respect to the charges and allegations contained in Accusation
4 No. 800-2021-079204 and that he has thereby subjected his license to disciplinary action.

5 10. Respondent agrees that his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate is subject to
6 discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the
7 Disciplinary Order below.

8 CONTINGENCY

9 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Medical Board of California.
10 Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Medical
11 Board of California may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and
12 settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the
13 stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek
14 to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails
15 to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
16 Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal
17 action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having
18 considered this matter.

19 12. Respondent agrees that if he ever petitions for early termination or modification of
20 probation, or if an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation is filed against him before the
21 Board, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2021-079204 shall be
22 deemed true, correct and fully admitted by respondent for purposes of any such proceeding or any
23 other licensing proceeding involving Respondent in the State of California.

24 13. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile
25 copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile
26 signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

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1 3. NOTICE OF EMPLOYER OR SUPERVISOR INFORMATION. Within seven (7)
2 days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall provide to the Board the names,
3 physical addresses, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers of any and all employers and
4 supervisors. Respondent shall also provide specific, written consent for the Board, Respondent’s
5 worksite monitor, and Respondent’s employers and supervisors to communicate regarding
6 Respondent’s work status, performance, and monitoring.

7 For purposes of this section, “supervisors” shall include the Chief of Staff and Health or
8 Well Being Committee Chair, or equivalent, if applicable, when the Respondent has medical staff
9 privileges.

10 4. BIOLOGICAL FLUID TESTING. Respondent shall immediately submit to
11 biological fluid testing, at Respondent’s expense, upon request of the Board or its designee.
12 “Biological fluid testing” may include, but is not limited to, urine, blood, breathalyzer, hair
13 follicle testing, or similar drug screening approved by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall
14 make daily contact with the Board or its designee to determine whether biological fluid testing is
15 required. Respondent shall be tested on the date of the notification as directed by the Board or its
16 designee. The Board may order a Respondent to undergo a biological fluid test on any day, at
17 any time, including weekends and holidays. Except when testing on a specific date as ordered by
18 the Board or its designee, the scheduling of biological fluid testing shall be done on a random
19 basis. The cost of biological fluid testing shall be borne by the Respondent.

20 During the first year of probation, Respondent shall be subject to 52 to 104 random tests.
21 During the second year of probation and for the duration of the probationary term, up to five (5)
22 years, Respondent shall be subject to 36 to 104 random tests per year. Only if there has been no
23 positive biological fluid tests in the previous five (5) consecutive years of probation, may testing
24 be reduced to one (1) time per month. Nothing precludes the Board from increasing the number
25 of random tests to the first-year level of frequency for any reason.

26 Prior to practicing medicine, Respondent shall contract with a laboratory or service,
27 approved in advance by the Board or its designee, that will conduct random, unannounced,
28 observed, biological fluid testing and meets all of the following standards:

- 1 (a) Its specimen collectors are either certified by the Drug and Alcohol Testing Industry
2 Association or have completed the training required to serve as a collector for the United
3 States Department of Transportation.
- 4 (b) Its specimen collectors conform to the current United States Department of
5 Transportation Specimen Collection Guidelines.
- 6 (c) Its testing locations comply with the Urine Specimen Collection Guidelines published
7 by the United States Department of Transportation without regard to the type of test
8 administered.
- 9 (d) Its specimen collectors observe the collection of testing specimens.
- 10 (e) Its laboratories are certified and accredited by the United States Department of Health
11 and Human Services.
- 12 (f) Its testing locations shall submit a specimen to a laboratory within one (1) business day
13 of receipt and all specimens collected shall be handled pursuant to chain of custody
14 procedures. The laboratory shall process and analyze the specimens and provide legally
15 defensible test results to the Board within seven (7) business days of receipt of the
16 specimen. The Board will be notified of non-negative results within one (1) business day
17 and will be notified of negative test results within seven (7) business days.
- 18 (g) Its testing locations possess all the materials, equipment, and technical expertise
19 necessary in order to test Respondent on any day of the week.
- 20 (h) Its testing locations are able to scientifically test for urine, blood, and hair specimens
21 for the detection of alcohol and illegal and controlled substances.
- 22 (i) It maintains testing sites located throughout California.
- 23 (j) It maintains an automated 24-hour toll-free telephone system and/or a secure on-line
24 computer database that allows the Respondent to check in daily for testing.
- 25 (k) It maintains a secure, HIPAA-compliant website or computer system that allows staff
26 access to drug test results and compliance reporting information that is available 24 hours a
27 day.
- 28 (l) It employs or contracts with toxicologists that are licensed physicians and have

1 knowledge of substance abuse disorders and the appropriate medical training to interpret
2 and evaluate laboratory biological fluid test results, medical histories, and any other
3 information relevant to biomedical information.

4 (m) It will not consider a toxicology screen to be negative if a positive result is obtained
5 while practicing, even if the Respondent holds a valid prescription for the substance.

6 Prior to changing testing locations for any reason, including during vacation or other travel,
7 alternative testing locations must be approved by the Board and meet the requirements above.

8 The contract shall require that the laboratory directly notify the Board or its designee of
9 non-negative results within one (1) business day and negative test results within seven (7)
10 business days of the results becoming available. Respondent shall maintain this laboratory or
11 service contract during the period of probation.

12 A certified copy of any laboratory test result may be received in evidence in any
13 proceedings between the Board and Respondent.

14 If a biological fluid test result indicates Respondent has used, consumed, ingested, or
15 administered to himself or herself a prohibited substance, the Board shall order Respondent to
16 cease practice and instruct Respondent to leave any place of work where Respondent is practicing
17 medicine or providing medical services. The Board shall immediately notify all of Respondent's
18 employers, supervisors and work monitors, if any, that Respondent may not practice medicine or
19 provide medical services while the cease-practice order is in effect.

20 A biological fluid test will not be considered negative if a positive result is obtained while
21 practicing, even if the practitioner holds a valid prescription for the substance. If no prohibited
22 substance use exists, the Board shall lift the cease-practice order within one (1) business day.

23 After the issuance of a cease-practice order, the Board shall determine whether the positive
24 biological fluid test is in fact evidence of prohibited substance use by consulting with the
25 specimen collector and the laboratory, communicating with the licensee, his or her treating
26 physician(s), other health care provider, or group facilitator, as applicable.

27 For purposes of this condition, the terms "biological fluid testing" and "testing" mean the
28 acquisition and chemical analysis of a Respondent's urine, blood, breath, or hair.

1 For purposes of this condition, the term “prohibited substance” means an illegal drug, a
2 lawful drug not prescribed or ordered by an appropriately licensed health care provider for use by
3 Respondent and approved by the Board, alcohol, or any other substance the Respondent has been
4 instructed by the Board not to use, consume, ingest, or administer to himself or herself.

5 If the Board confirms that a positive biological fluid test is evidence of use of a prohibited
6 substance, Respondent has committed a major violation, as defined in section 1361.52(a), and the
7 Board shall impose any or all of the consequences set forth in section 1361.52(b), in addition to
8 any other terms or conditions the Board determines are necessary for public protection or to
9 enhance Respondent’s rehabilitation.

10 5. VIOLATION OF PROBATION CONDITION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSING
11 LICENSEES. Failure to fully comply with any term or condition of probation is a violation of
12 probation.

13 A. If Respondent commits a major violation of probation as defined by section
14 1361.52, subdivision (a), of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, the Board shall take
15 one or more of the following actions:

16 (1) Issue an immediate cease-practice order and order Respondent to undergo a clinical
17 diagnostic evaluation to be conducted in accordance with section 1361.5, subdivision (c)(1), of
18 Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, at Respondent’s expense. The cease-practice
19 order issued by the Board or its designee shall state that Respondent must test negative for at least
20 a month of continuous biological fluid testing before being allowed to resume practice. For
21 purposes of determining the length of time a Respondent must test negative while undergoing
22 continuous biological fluid testing following issuance of a cease-practice order, a month is
23 defined as thirty calendar (30) days. Respondent may not resume the practice of medicine until
24 notified in writing by the Board or its designee that he or she may do so.

25 (2) Increase the frequency of biological fluid testing.

26 (3) Refer Respondent for further disciplinary action, such as suspension, revocation, or
27 other action as determined by the Board or its designee.

28 B. If Respondent commits a minor violation of probation as defined by section

1 1361.52, subdivision (c), of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, the Board shall take
2 one or more of the following actions:

3 (1) Issue a cease-practice order;

4 (2) Order practice limitations;

5 (3) Order or increase supervision of Respondent;

6 (4) Order increased documentation;

7 (5) Issue a citation and fine, or a warning letter;

8 (6) Order Respondent to undergo a clinical diagnostic evaluation to be conducted in
9 accordance with section 1361.5, subdivision (c)(1), of Title 16 of the California Code of
10 Regulations, at Respondent's expense;

11 (7) Take any other action as determined by the Board or its designee.

12 C. Nothing in this Decision shall be considered a limitation on the Board's authority
13 to revoke Respondent's probation if he or she has violated any term or condition of probation. If
14 Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and the
15 opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was
16 stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to Revoke Probation, or an Interim Suspension Order is filed
17 against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter
18 is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.

19 6. NOTIFICATION. Within seven (7) days of the effective date of this Decision, the
20 Respondent shall provide a true copy of this Decision and Accusation to the Chief of Staff or the
21 Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to
22 Respondent, at any other facility where Respondent engages in the practice of medicine,
23 including all physician and locum tenens registries or other similar agencies, and to the Chief
24 Executive Officer at every insurance carrier which extends malpractice insurance coverage to
25 Respondent. Respondent shall submit proof of compliance to the Board or its designee within 15
26 calendar days.

27 This condition shall apply to any change(s) in hospitals, other facilities or insurance carrier.

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1 7. OBEY ALL LAWS. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all rules
2 governing the practice of medicine in California and remain in full compliance with any court
3 ordered criminal probation, payments, and other orders.

4 8. INVESTIGATION/ENFORCEMENT COST RECOVERY. Respondent is hereby
5 ordered to reimburse the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement, including, but not
6 limited to, expert review, amended accusations, legal reviews, joint investigations, and subpoena
7 enforcement, as applicable, in the amount of \$8,000.00 (eight thousand dollars). Costs shall be
8 payable to the Medical Board of California. Failure to pay such costs shall be considered a
9 violation of probation.

10 Any and all requests for a payment plan shall be submitted in writing by respondent to the
11 Board.

12 The filing of bankruptcy by respondent shall not relieve respondent of the responsibility to
13 repay investigation and enforcement costs, including expert review costs (if applicable).

14 9. QUARTERLY DECLARATIONS. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations
15 under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been
16 compliance with all the conditions of probation.

17 Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations not later than 10 calendar days after the end
18 of the preceding quarter.

19 10. GENERAL PROBATION REQUIREMENTS.

20 Compliance with Probation Unit

21 Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation unit.

22 Address Changes

23 Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Board informed of Respondent's business and
24 residence addresses, email address (if available), and telephone number. Changes of such
25 addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Board or its designee. Under no
26 circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by Business
27 and Professions Code section 2021, subdivision (b).

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1 Place of Practice

2 Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine in Respondent's or patient's place
3 of residence, unless the patient resides in a skilled nursing facility or other similar licensed
4 facility.

5 License Renewal

6 Respondent shall maintain a current and renewed California physician's and surgeon's
7 license.

8 Travel or Residence Outside California

9 Respondent shall immediately inform the Board or its designee, in writing, of travel to any
10 areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than thirty
11 (30) calendar days.

12 In the event Respondent should leave the State of California to reside or to practice
13 Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing 30 calendar days prior to the dates of
14 departure and return.

15 11. INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE. Respondent shall be
16 available in person upon request for interviews either at Respondent's place of business or at the
17 probation unit office, with or without prior notice throughout the term of probation.

18 12. NON-PRACTICE WHILE ON PROBATION. Respondent shall notify the Board or
19 its designee in writing within 15 calendar days of any periods of non-practice lasting more than
20 30 calendar days and within 15 calendar days of Respondent's return to practice. Non-practice is
21 defined as any period of time Respondent is not practicing medicine as defined in Business and
22 Professions Code sections 2051 and 2052 for at least 40 hours in a calendar month in direct
23 patient care, clinical activity or teaching, or other activity as approved by the Board. If
24 Respondent resides in California and is considered to be in non-practice, Respondent shall
25 comply with all terms and conditions of probation. All time spent in an intensive training
26 program which has been approved by the Board or its designee shall not be considered non-
27 practice and does not relieve Respondent from complying with all the terms and conditions of
28 probation. Practicing medicine in another state of the United States or Federal jurisdiction while

1 on probation with the medical licensing authority of that state or jurisdiction shall not be
2 considered non-practice. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a
3 period of non-practice.

4 In the event Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation exceeds 18 calendar
5 months, Respondent shall successfully complete the Federation of State Medical Boards's Special
6 Purpose Examination, or, at the Board's discretion, a clinical competence assessment program
7 that meets the criteria of Condition 18 of the current version of the Board's "Manual of Model
8 Disciplinary Orders and Disciplinary Guidelines" prior to resuming the practice of medicine.

9 Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation shall not exceed two (2) years.

10 Periods of non-practice will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term.

11 Periods of non-practice for a Respondent residing outside of California will relieve
12 Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the probationary terms and conditions with the
13 exception of this condition and the following terms and conditions of probation: Obey All Laws;
14 General Probation Requirements; Quarterly Declarations; Abstain from the Use of Alcohol and/or
15 Controlled Substances; and Biological Fluid Testing..

16 13. COMPLETION OF PROBATION. Respondent shall comply with all financial
17 obligations (e.g., restitution, probation costs) not later than 120 calendar days prior to the
18 completion of probation. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's certificate shall
19 be fully restored.

20 14. VIOLATION OF PROBATION. Failure to fully comply with any term or condition
21 of probation is a violation of probation. If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the
22 Board, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and
23 carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to Revoke Probation,
24 or an Interim Suspension Order is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have
25 continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until
26 the matter is final.

27 15. LICENSE SURRENDER. Following the effective date of this Decision, if
28 Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement or health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy

1 the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request to surrender his or her license.
 2 The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion in
 3 determining whether or not to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate
 4 and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, Respondent
 5 shall within 15 calendar days deliver Respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the Board or its
 6 designee and Respondent shall no longer practice medicine. Respondent will no longer be subject
 7 to the terms and conditions of probation. If Respondent re-applies for a medical license, the
 8 application shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked certificate.


9 16. PROBATION MONITORING COSTS. Respondent shall pay the costs associated
 10 with probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the Board, which
 11 may be adjusted on an annual basis. Such costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of
 12 California and delivered to the Board or its designee no later than January 31 of each calendar
 13 year.

14 18. FUTURE ADMISSIONS CLAUSE. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply
 15 for a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health
 16 care licensing action agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained
 17 in Accusation No. 800-2021-079204 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by
 18 Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or
 19 restrict license.

20 ACCEPTANCE

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

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 27 DATED: 6-28-22



 ROBERT PAUL HANSEN, M.D.
 Respondent

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I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Robert Paul Hansen, 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: 6-28-22


JEFFREY HAMMERSCHMIDT
Attorney for Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

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

DATED: June 29, 2022

Respectfully submitted,
ROB BONTA
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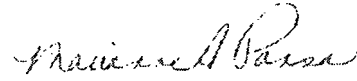

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Exhibit A

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A C C U S A T I O N

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19 **PARTIES**

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

23 2. On or about July 16, 1984, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate
24 Number G 53037 to Robert Paul Hansen, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's
25 Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will
26 expire on January 31, 2022, unless renewed.

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1 JURISDICTION

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 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
9 into a stipulation for disciplinary action with the board, may, in accordance with the
10 provisions of this chapter:

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

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

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

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

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

21 (b) Any matter heard pursuant to subdivision (a), except for warning letters, medical
22 review or advisory conferences, professional competency examinations, continuing
23 education activities, and cost reimbursement associated therewith that are agreed to with the
24 board and successfully completed by the licensee, or other matters made confidential or
25 privileged by existing law, is deemed public, and shall be made available to the public by
26 the board pursuant to Section 803.1.

27 STATUTORY PROVISIONS

28 5. 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.

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6. 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.

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(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.

7. Section 2239 of the Code states:

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

(b) A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section. The Medical Board may order discipline of the licensee in accordance with Section 2227 or the Medical Board may order the denial of the license 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 imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing such person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, complaint, information, or indictment.

REGULATORY PROVISIONS

8. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1360, states:

(a) 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, certificate or permit under the Medical Practice Act if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a person holding a license, certificate or permit to perform the functions authorized by the license, certificate or permit 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 the Medical Practice Act.

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1 COST RECOVERY

2 9. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the
3 administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of
4 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
5 enforcement of the case¹, with failure of the licensee to comply subjecting the license to not being
6 renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be
7 included in a stipulated settlement.

8 FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

9 10. On or about February 21, 2020, at approximately 1:50 p.m., a witness observed
10 Respondent's vehicle (a 2014 Dodge Ram truck) driving very slowly and swerving all over the
11 roadway using both lanes, nearly driving off the left and right sides of the roadway, in the vicinity
12 of the intersection of Watts Valley Road and Maxon Road in Fresno County, California. At one
13 point, Respondent was observed pulling into a turnout facing the wrong direction.

14 11. Soon thereafter, emergency personnel were dispatched to a traffic collision involving
15 Respondent. Respondent's vehicle was found near a T-intersection, resting on a metal guardrail.
16 The vehicle sustained moderate damage, including but not limited to, dents and scratches to the
17 front bumper and a broken right tail light. Damage to the guardrail was also noted. A witness
18 observed a significant amount of smoke caused by Respondent's spinning rear tires. The witness
19 shut off Respondent's engine after realizing Respondent was unresponsive and passed out.

20 12. An officer of the California Highway Patrol (CHP-1) was dispatched and arrived at
21 the scene at approximately 2:27 p.m. The officer observed Respondent being extricated from the
22 driver's seat of his damaged vehicle by the emergency responders. Respondent was conscious
23 but in a disoriented state. CHP-1 observed objective signs of alcohol intoxication, including the
24 strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from Respondent's breath and person, and that
25 Respondent's eyes appeared red and watery.

26 13. Respondent was unable to provide a statement or perform any field sobriety tests.

27 ¹ As of November 18, 2021, Section 125.3 of the Code has been amended to remove subsection (k), which
28 precluded the Board from collecting costs. The Board may collect investigation, prosecution, and other costs incurred
for a disciplinary proceeding against a licensee beginning January 1, 2022.

1 physician and surgeon. The circumstances are set forth in paragraphs 10 through 19, above, and
2 are incorporated here by reference as if fully set forth herein.

3 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

4 **(Use of Alcohol in a Dangerous Manner)**

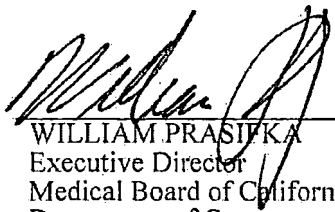
5 21. Respondent Robert Paul Hansen, M.D., is subject to disciplinary action under section
6 2227, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (a), and section 2239 of the Code, in that
7 Respondent used alcoholic beverages to the extent, or in such a manner as to be dangerous to
8 himself or to a person, or to the public, or to the extent that such use impairs the ability to practice
9 medicine safely. The circumstances are set forth in paragraphs 10 through 19, above, and are
10 incorporated here by reference as if fully set forth herein.

11 **PRAYER**

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

- 14 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number G 53037,
15 issued to Respondent, Robert Paul Hansen, M.D.;
- 16 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent, Robert Paul Hansen,
17 M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;
- 18 3. Ordering Respondent, Robert Paul Hansen, M.D., to pay the Board the costs of the
19 investigation and enforcement of this case incurred on or after January 1, 2022, and if placed on
20 probation, the costs of probation monitoring; and
- 21 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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23 DATED: JAN 25 2022



WILLIAM PRASIFKA
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