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IN THE MATTER OF:

ANDRE TREMEASE MONROE, POLY TECH
Permit Applicant

No. 16-I-817
CONSENT ORDER FOR
ISSUANCE OF POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC
TECHNICIAN PERMIT WITH
OFFICIAL REPRIMAND

This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") on the application of Andre Tremease Monroe ("Ms. Monroe") for issuance of a polysomnographic technician permit. While it appears from information available as supplied by Ms. Monroe's application and otherwise that she is generally qualified for issuance of such permit, as acknowledged in her application, she reported that she has worked as a polysomnographic technician in this state without a permit or license.

On her own behalf, Ms. Monroe advised the Board that she did not know she needed a state permit or license in order to work as a sleep technician. After completing the necessary clinical experience hours, she passed the CPSGT examination in September 2015. Upon passing the exam, she worked as a sleep technician from October 2015 to April 2016 without a permit or license. She now understands that she cannot work as a sleep technician without a permit or license and has accepted her responsibility to understand and comply with all laws and regulations regarding licensure in this state.

As evidenced by her subscription to this Order, Ms. Monroe acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that such acknowledgment and information could provide the Board with sufficient cause to deny her application pursuant to the Law respecting polysomnographic health professionals.¹

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to the Investigating Officer ("I/O") for the Board. While it appears to the I/O that Ms. Monroe is a competent polysomnographic technician, the I/O's review and analysis of the matter confirms to her satisfaction that sufficient cause exists to charge Ms. Monroe with one or more violations of the Polysomnographic Practice Act ("the Law"), La. R.S. §37:2867 and §37:2870.

Recognizing her right to have notice of such allegations and charges asserted against her and to an administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time she would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on her own behalf in defense

¹La. Rev. Stat. §37:2867, 2870.

or in mitigation of the charges made and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et. seq.*, Ms. Monroe, nonetheless, hereby waives her right to notice of charges and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D) consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Ms. Monroe further acknowledges and waives any right to which she may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et. seq.*, or which otherwise may be afforded to her by law to contest her agreement to or the force and effect of this document in any court or other forum relating to the matters referred to herein. By her subscription hereto Ms. Monroe also hereby authorizes the I/O designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation and she waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Ms. Monroe expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the I/O shall be without prejudice to the I/O's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint against her or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such Complaint should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

Based upon the foregoing information, as well as the recommendation of the I/O, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:2863, will be effectively served by entry of the order set forth hereinafter by consent. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:2867 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that Andre Tremease Monroe is hereby **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** for the conduct asserted hereinabove.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a permit to practice as a polysomnographic technician in the state of Louisiana shall be issued to Andre Tremease Monroe.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within six months of the date of this Order Ms. Monroe shall pay the Board a fine in the amount of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars, which represents the permit fee for the past year, plus a penalty of an equal amount.

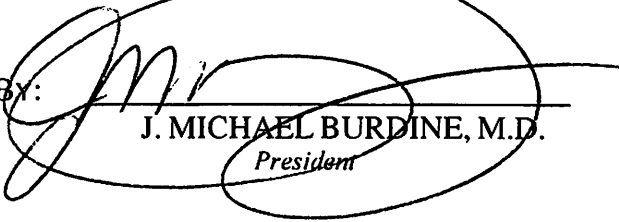
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with this Order by Ms. Monroe shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:2867.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

Signed in New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective this 10th day of Oct. 2016.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

By:



J. MICHAEL BURDINE, M.D.
President

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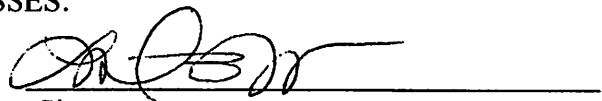
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, ANDRE TREMEASE MONROE, hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 6th day of October, 2016.

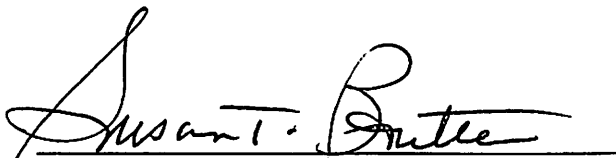

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Lafayette, Louisiana this 6th day of October, 2016, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.


Notary Public (Signature)

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Notary (Printed Name) & Bar/Notary No.

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