

# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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**In the Matter of:**

**No. 17-I-472**

**TIFFANY ANN HERNANDEZ, CLP-LAB**  
*(Certificate No. CLP.304149-LAB)*  
*Respondent*

**INTERIM  
CONSENT ORDER**

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This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") in connection with an ongoing investigation conducted by the Investigating Officer of the Board regarding Tiffany Ann Hernandez, CLP-LAB ("Ms. Hernandez"), who at all pertinent times has been licensed and engaged in practice as a Clinical Laboratory Assistant in and around New Orleans, Louisiana. The investigation began upon receipt of apparently reliable information that on June 6, 2017, Ms. Hernandez was arrested for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. In a meeting with Board staff to discuss the circumstances of the arrest, Ms. Hernandez denied drug use and believes the charges will be dropped. While this information would normally provide the basis for the Board to have a licensee undergo further drug evaluation, Ms. Hernandez is unable to do that and is agreeable to the interim suspension of her license.

Predicated upon the information outlined above, the Investigating Officer has determined that reasonable cause exists for recommending that a formal Administrative Complaint be filed against Ms. Hernandez, charging her with violation of the Louisiana Clinical Laboratory Practice Act and the Board's Rules and Regulations pertaining to Clinical Laboratory Personnel.<sup>1</sup>

As evidenced by her subscription hereto, Ms. Hernandez acknowledges the right to have written notification of any charges that may be asserted, as well as the right to have evidence of such charges asserted during an administrative hearing at which time she will be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence in defense 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.* While maintaining such rights Ms. Hernandez, nonetheless, hereby consents to the indefinite suspension of her license to practice as clinical laboratory assistant in this state, with reinstatement thereof subject to the terms and conditions of this Order. By her subscription hereto, Ms. Hernandez authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Interim Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully discuss with and disclose to the Board the nature and extent of such charges and she waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Ms. Hernandez expressly acknowledges that disclosure of such information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to prosecute the abovementioned charges and/or any additional administrative

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<sup>1</sup> La. Rev. Stat. §37:1326(A) provides that the board may take action against the license of a clinical laboratory scientist for "(2) Demonstrating incompetence in the performance of the practice of clinical laboratory science."

charges that may be filed in this matter or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such charges.

Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1326 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

**IT IS ORDERED** that the license of Tiffany Ann Hernandez, to engage in the practice as a clinical laboratory scientist-generalist in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. CLP.LAB 304149, be and the same is hereby, effective as of the date hereof, **INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Tiffany Ann Hernandez, CLP-LAB shall not practice in the State of Louisiana until and unless the Board issues and serves a written decision reinstating her license to practice following: (1) receipt of satisfactory documentation supporting that Ms. Hernandez has successfully completed a mental and physical examination, including substance abuse evaluation to rule out impairment, that she is in compliance with any treatment recommendations, and that her treating physicians have determined that she is capable of returning to practice with skill and safety to patients; **and** (2) receipt of satisfactory documentation of education or remediation or training sufficient to demonstrate to the Board that she is competent to return to practice as clinical laboratory assistant with skill and safety; **and** (3) a meeting at the Board office with the Director of Investigations or designee; **and** (4) the conclusion of the pending investigation by administrative hearing and final decision of the Board on any charges that may be filed in these proceedings including, but not limited to, those identified in this Order; or alternatively, by the Board's acceptance of a Consent Order or other disposition of the pending investigation.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order by Ms. Hernandez shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Ms. Hernandez's license to practice as a clinical laboratory assistant in the state of Louisiana or for such other action as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1326.

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

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

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BY:



CHRISTY L. VALENTINE, M.D.  
President

STATE OF Louisiana

PARISH/COUNTY OF ORLEANS

ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
AND CONSENT

I, TIFFANY ANN HERNANDEZ, CLP-LAB, hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

Tiffany Ann Hernandez  
Tiffany Ann Hernandez, CLP-LAB

WITNESSES:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at New Orleans Louisiana, this 8 day of August 2017, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

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Notary Public

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JENNIFER MARTIN STOLIER  
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