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In The Matter of :
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DONNA A. WALKER, M.D. :
(Certificate No. MD.020699), :
Respondent :
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No. 2018-I-788
CONSENT ORDER
FOR REPRIMAND

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") regarding Donna A. Walker, M.D. ("Dr. Walker"), a physician that is, and was, at all times material to the facts and matters alleged herein, licensed by the Board as a physician to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, (the "Act"), La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1261-92. The investigation was initiated as a result of Dr. Walker's repeated failures to respond to the Board's request for information and request to schedule a meeting with the Director of Investigations, Lawrence H. Cresswell, III, DO, JD. Specifically, the Board's Investigator sent correspondence to Dr. Walker on the following dates: January 8 and 30; February 5, 18, and 28; April 16, 24, and 30; and July 2, 2019.¹

Dr. Walker has now, however, cooperated with the Board, participated in an in-person meeting with the Director of Investigations, and acknowledged that the foregoing information could provide the Investigating Officer for the Board with probable cause to pursue formal administrative proceedings against her for violations of the Act, La. R.S. §§37:1285(A)(13) and (30) and the Board's rules La. Adm. C. 46:XLV.7603A3.a.², constituting sufficient cause for the revocation, suspension or such other action against her license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana as the Board may determine appropriate.

Recognizing her right to notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be asserted against her in these proceedings, at which time Dr. Walker would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on her own behalf 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. §49:955-965, Dr. Walker, nonetheless, hereby waives her right to notice and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D) and consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Dr. Walker

¹ It took Dr. Walker almost nine (9) months from the date the information was first requested to send the information to the Board and over nine (9) months before a meeting between Dr. Walker and the DOI took place.

² Pursuant to La. R.S. §37:1285A, "The board may refuse to issue, or may suspend or revoke any license or permit, or impose probationary or other restrictions on any license or permit issued under this Part for the following causes: "(13) Unprofessional conduct, including but not limited to. . . failure to cooperate with the Board;" and "(30) Violation of any rules and regulations of the board, or any provisions of this part." Pursuant to the Board's rules, La. Adm. C. 46:XLV.7603A., unprofessional conduct includes: '3. Failing to Cooperate with the Board—Physicians shall cooperate with and assist the board to carry out its duties. A physician shall, among other matters: a. respond or provide information or items requested, respond to a subpoena . . . within the time designated by the board or its staff'

acknowledges that she hereby 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 may be afforded to her by any other law to contest or appeal her agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this Order in any court or other forum. By her subscription hereto, Dr. Walker also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this 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. Dr. Walker expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of such information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to proceed with the adjudication of an administrative complaint against her or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such complaint should the Board decline to approve this Order. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285, La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), and the Consent Order for Reprimand heretofore entered herein;

IT IS ORDERED that Donna A. Walker, M.D. is hereby **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** for her conduct.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Walker shall, within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of this Order, pay to the Board a fine in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars and No/100 (\$500.00) Dollars.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Walker shall, within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the date of this Order, attend an ethics course. The course shall be approved in advance by the Board.

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 Dr. Walker shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such other action against Dr. Walker's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285.

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 on this 17th day of February, 2020.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

By:


Roderick Vince Clark, M.D.

President

Acknowledgment and Consent on Following Page.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CADDO

I, Donna A. Walker, M.D., hereby acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to seek the advice and guidance of legal counsel with respect to this Consent Order and that all of its terms and conditions have been fully explained to me and/or that I fully understand them. I further acknowledge that I approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order without duress and of my own free will and accord, this 22nd day of JANUARY, 2020.

Donna A. Walker MD
Donna A. Walker, M.D.

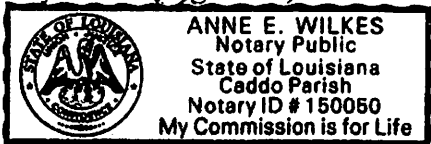
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of JANUARY, 2019²⁰
in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

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