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BEFORE THE  
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD  
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No. 2019-A-013

IN THE MATTER OF:

CONSENT ORDER

**ALIREZA MINAGAR, M.D.**  
*(Credential No. MD.14412R),*  
*Respondent*

At all times material hereto Alireza Minagar, M.D. ("Dr. Minagar") has been a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana, pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act ("the Act"), La. R.S 37:1261-92, as evidenced by Credential No. MD.14412R. Dr. Minagar has had an active, unrestricted license since 2001.

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") following the receipt of information from Dr. Minagar's employer, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center ("LSU HSC") Shreveport, in a letter dated January 11, 2018, which alleged that it had received reports that Dr. Minagar had engaged in instances of sexual misconduct and boundary violations with five (5) female patients in unrelated instances over a 14-year period. During the course of the Board's investigation of these reported allegations, two (2) additional female patients came forward with unrelated allegations against Dr. Minagar. Dr. Minagar has been on administrative leave from LSU HSC Shreveport since January 4, 2018, and he has voluntarily refrained from practice since that date and during the Board's investigation.

During the course of the investigation, Dr. Minagar voluntarily underwent an evaluation at a Board-approved facility experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of conditions associated with professional boundary violations. The evaluators were of the opinion that Dr. Minagar is psychologically fit and capable of making the clinical and moral decisions necessary to practice medicine, but was at moderate risk of boundary transgressions with future patients. The evaluators recommended that if the Board were of the opinion that Dr. Minagar more likely than not committed the alleged ethical violations and the Board chose diversion into rehabilitation, then at the very least, the following conditions be imposed: participation in a standard of care, formal program of rehabilitative treatment (with a program approved by the Board) for professional sexual misconduct with all of the standard elements of treatment, education, coaching, follow up, implementation of a boundary protection and accountability plan, maintenance polygraph interviews, 100% chaperoning with logs for all female patient contacts, and onsite monitoring within a larger protocol of physician health monitoring over a period of at least five (5) years. The evaluators did not opine that chaperoning, logs, or monitoring would be necessary for male patients.

In 2019, Dr. Minagar voluntarily completed a Board-approved Continuing Medical Education (“CME”) course in Medical Ethics, Boundaries and Professionalism, obtaining 15.75 credit hours.

Dr. Minagar, while denying the facts as alleged, denies violation of any federal or state law or regulation, including any of the Board’s rules, and for purposes of this Consent Order only, acknowledges the foregoing information and that proof of such information could provide the Investigating Officer for the Board with probable cause to pursue formal administrative proceedings against him for violations of the Medical Practice Act, La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(13) (“Unprofessional conduct, including but not limited to, conduct manifested as sexual misconduct, disruptive behavior, . . .”) and La. R.S. 37:1285A(15) (“Immoral conduct as exercising the privileges provided for by license or permit issued under this Part.”), constituting sufficient cause for the revocation, suspension or such other action against his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana as the Board may determine appropriate.

Recognizing his right to have notice and administrative adjudication of charges in this matter, at which time he would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on his 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. R.S. 49:951, *et seq.*, Dr. Minagar nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. R.S. 49:955(D), consents to the entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Minagar also acknowledges that he waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:951 *et seq.*, or which otherwise may be afforded to him by law, to contest this agreement to or the force and effect of this document in any court or other forum relating to the matters referred to herein. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Minagar also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose and to discuss with the Board the nature and result of the investigation and waives any objection to such disclosures under La. R.S. 49:960. Dr. Minagar expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer’s authority to pursue formal administrative charges against him or to the Board’s capacity to adjudicate such charges fairly should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. R.S. 37:1285 and La. R.S. 49:955(D);

**IT IS ORDERED** that the license of Alireza Minagar, M.D. is **SUSPENDED** for a period of five (5) years from the date of his voluntary cessation of practice, *i.e.*, January 4, 2018. During the period of suspension, Dr. Minagar shall not engage in the practice of medicine, as defined by La. R.S. 37:1262(3). Dr. Minagar acknowledges that upon expiration of this period of suspension, the Board may impose additional requirements as a condition of reinstatement of his license before resuming practice as limited by this Order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the license of Alireza Minagar, M.D. to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Credential No. 14412R, may, in the

discretion of the Board, be reinstated upon the successful completion of the suspension period to the satisfaction of the Board. Should the Board in its discretion permit the reinstatement of Dr. Minagar's license, Dr. Minagar's license thereafter shall be placed on **PERMANENT PROBATION**, and the continuing exercise of any right and privileges under said license shall be conditioned upon his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

1. **Personal Appearance before the Board.** Dr. Minagar shall, upon request, personally appear before the Board or its designee to state under oath his intent to comply with the terms of this Order.
2. **Courses on Medical Ethics, Professionalism, and Boundaries.** Within one-hundred eighty (180) days of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Minagar shall attend and successfully complete one (1) in-person CME course on each of the following topics: Medical Ethics, Professionalism, and Boundaries, for a total of three (3) CME courses. The Director of Investigations shall approve these courses in advance. Dr. Minagar shall also cause written certification of the satisfaction of the requirements of this paragraph to be submitted to the Board within such 180-day period. Following these initial courses, Dr. Minagar shall attend at least one such, in-person pre-approved course on either Medical Ethics, Professionalism or Boundaries annually and shall submit written certification to the Board of his attendance.
3. **Additional Conditions Precedent to Initiation of Probation.** Within 60 days prior to the end of the suspension period, Dr. Minagar shall do the following:
  - (a) submit an Affidavit to the Board or its designee attesting to having refrained from the practice of medicine during the period of suspension;
  - (b) provide to the Board or its designee the certificates of completion of the required CME credit hours during the period of suspension; and
  - (c) identify for the Board or its designee any proposed return to the practice of medicine, as limited by Section 4 of this Order, including the location of the practice and the identity of a Louisiana-licensed physician at the practice location, if available, or a supervising official who agrees to provide quarterly reports to the Board of Dr. Minagar's compliance with the terms of probation.
4. **Terms of Employment During Probation.** During any ensuing period of probation, the following terms shall apply:
  - (a) **Board Approval to Work.** Dr. Minagar shall not begin practicing unless and until he receives an Order from the Board terminating the suspension and initiating the probation;

- (b) **Board Approval of Practice Setting.** Dr. Minagar's practice of medicine shall be limited solely to a setting and/or telemedicine practice preapproved in writing by the Board. Dr. Minagar shall, before accepting any employment with any clinic, hospital, or other entity providing healthcare services in person or by telemedicine, obtain the Board's written approval of his employment and shall provide any and all information that the Board or its designee may then require in connection with the Board's consideration of such approval.
- (c) **Restriction to Male Practice.** In addition to only engaging in the practice of medicine in a medical setting preapproved in writing by the Board as set forth in section 4(b) of this Order, Dr. Minagar's practice in such setting shall be limited solely to the treatment of male patients. Unless otherwise modified by the Board, acting in its sole discretion, the restrictions contained in this provision shall remain in effect so long as Dr. Minagar holds any form of license or permit to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana.
- (d) **Notification to Employers.** Dr. Minagar shall provide a complete copy of this Order to each facility where he practices, including those facilities whose patients are treated via telemedicine.
- (e) **Quarterly Compliance Reports.** Dr. Minagar shall cause another Louisiana-licensed physician working at the same facility as Dr. Minagar, if available, or a supervising official to provide quarterly reports attesting to Dr. Minagar's having practiced only as required by this Section 4 of this Order.
5. **Permanence of Probation.** Dr. Minagar knowingly and voluntarily agrees that any probation on his license ordered upon reinstatement, along with the terms listed herein, shall be permanent.
6. **Approved Outpatient Therapy.** During the permanent probation of Dr. Minagar's license, Dr. Minagar shall participate at least twice monthly in outpatient therapy with a board-approved therapist for education on professional boundary issues. Such pre-approved therapist shall provide written reports to the Board on an annual basis to confirm compliance with this condition.
7. **Absence from the State/Practice/Effect on Probation.** Should Dr. Minagar at any time during the probation period be absent from the state of Louisiana, relocate to and/or take up residency in another state or country, or discontinue practicing as a physician, for a period of thirty (30) days or more, he will so advise the Board in writing. In such instance, the probationary status of his license shall remain in place for the entire period of absence from the State or practice discontinuance. The requirements of Section 6 of this Order shall also remain in effect and may be met by the use of virtual visits during any period of absence.
8. **Cooperation with the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer.** While on probation, Dr. Minagar shall immediately notify the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer in

writing of any change in his current home address and of the address of any facility where he will be practicing. Dr. Minagar shall cooperate with the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer on all matters and inquiries pertaining to his compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order.

9. **Probation Monitoring Fee.** For each year of the probation, Dr. Minagar shall pay the Board an annual probation monitoring fee of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars. Payment of the initial fee shall be due no later than sixty (60) days after the effective date of the initiation of probation. All subsequent annual payments shall be due on or before the anniversary date of the initial fee payment.
10. **Effect of Violation/Sanction.** By his subscription hereto, Dr. Minagar acknowledges that upon his receipt of written notification that the Board has received reliable information indicating his failure to comply with the requirements set forth by this Order in any respect shall, without the need for formal hearing or for providing him with any right to which he may otherwise be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:951 et seq., or which otherwise may be afforded to him by law, constitute his irrevocable consent to the immediate or continued suspension of his license to practice medicine in this state pending a hearing before the Board and the conclusion of the administrative proceeding by issuance of a final decision following administrative adjudication of such charges.
11. **Payment of Fine.** Within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the effective date of this Consent Order, Dr. Minagar will pay to the Board a fine in the amount of Five Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any violation of or failure of strict compliance with this Order by Dr. Minagar shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such action against Dr. Minagar's license to practice medicine in this state as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violation were enumerated among the causes provided in La. R.S. 37:1285.

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

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD  
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By:   
RODERICK V. CLARK, MD, MBA  
President

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
AND CONSENT**

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF CADDO

I, Alireza Minagar, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

  
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Alireza Minagar, M.D.

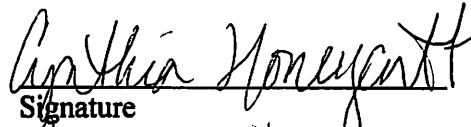
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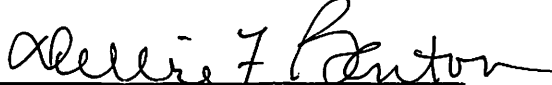
  
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

  
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Notary Public (Signature)

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**DEBBIE F. BENTON, Notary Public**  
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