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In the Matter of:

No. 17-I-738

BOBBIE JO JOHNSTON, CLP-GEN

(Certificate No. CLP.G03964-GEN)

Respondent

**INTERIM
CONSENT ORDER**

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 Bobbie Jo Johnston, CLP-GEN ("Ms. Johnston"), who since September 1999, has been licensed and engaged in practice as a laboratory generalist in and around Delhi, Louisiana. In September 2017, Ms. Johnston reported she was in treatment for alcohol use and subsequently entered into a confidential monitoring agreement. In January 2020, upon testing positive for alcohol, Ms Johnston underwent an evaluation at a Board approved facility. The evaluators opined that she was not safe to practice and recommended that she complete an inpatient relapse program. She is currently unable to comply with the recommendation. Ms. Johnston 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. Johnston, charging her with violation of the Louisiana Clinical Laboratory Practice Act and the Board's Rules and Regulations pertaining to Clinical Laboratory Personnel.¹

As evidenced by her subscription hereto, Ms. Johnston 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. Johnston, nonetheless, hereby consents to the indefinite suspension of her license to practice clinical laboratory science in this state, with reinstatement thereof subject to the terms and conditions of this Order. By her subscription hereto, Ms. Johnston 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. Johnston 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 charges that may be filed in this matter or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such charges.

¹ 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."

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 Bobbie Jo Johnston, to engage in the practice as a laboratory generalist in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. CLP.G03964-GEN, be and the same is hereby, effective as of the date hereof, **INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Bobbie Jo Johnston, CLP-GEN shall not practice clinical laboratory science in any form 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 documentation supporting that Ms. Johnston has successfully completed the recommended treatment, and that she is in compliance with any further treatment recommendations, (2) receipt of satisfactory documentation affirming that Ms. Johnston's treating physicians have determined that she is capable of returning to practice with skill and safety to patients; (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.

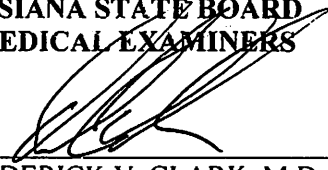
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order by Ms. Johnston shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Ms. Johnston's license to practice clinical laboratory science 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 27th day of September, 2020.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: _____


RODERICK V. CLARK, M.D.
President

**Acknowledgment And Consent
On The Following Page**

STATE OF Louisiana
PARISH/COUNTY OF Richland

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, BOBBIE JO JOHNSTON, CLP-GEN 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 5th day of August, 2020.

[Signature]
BOBBIE JO JOHNSTON, CLP-GEN

WITNESSES:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Delhi, Louisiana, this 5th day of Aug, 2020, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

[Signature]
Notary Public

Print name Gina D Jones
Notary No. 058024
Richland Parish, Louisiana
Bar/Notary No.: Commission is for Life

