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IN THE MATTER OF:

MAYOR ABUMERE OKOLOISE, M.D.
(Certificate No. MD.204961)
Respondent

No. 17-I-526

**CONSENT ORDER
FOR PUBLIC
REPRIMAND**

The above-entitled matter was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") following the receipt of apparently reliable information that Mayor Abumere Okoloise, M.D. ("Dr. Okoloise"), a physician who at all times pertinent has been licensed and engaged in the practice of medicine in and around Slidell, Louisiana, had failed to comply with the Board's Rules for the treatment of non-cancer related chronic or intractable pain.¹

Predicated upon the foregoing information, the Investigating Officer assigned by the Board with respect to this matter determined reasonable cause existed such that a formal Administrative Complaint could be filed against Dr. Okoloise charging him with violations of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285 (A) (6) and (30).²

As evidenced by his subscription to this Order, Dr. Okoloise acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the forgoing information and that such acknowledgment and the reported information would provide the Investigating Officer("I/O") assigned to this matter by the Board with probable cause to pursue administrative proceedings against him for violation of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285 (A) (6), and (30), respectively, and further, that proof of such information upon administrative evidentiary hearing could establish grounds under the Act for the suspension, revocation, or imposition of such other terms, conditions, or restrictions on his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana as the Board may determine appropriate.

Recognizing his right to written notification of any charges that may be asserted against him as a result of this investigation, as well as the right to administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time he would 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.

¹ La. Admin Code 46:XLV §§6915-6923.

² "The Board may take action against the license of a physician as a result of La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A: ...(6) Prescribing, dispensing, or administering legally controlled substances or any dependency-inducing medication without legitimate medical justification therefor or in other than a legal or legitimate manner. ... and "(30) Violation of any rules and regulations of the board, or any provisions of this Part."

§§49:951 et seq., Dr. Okoloise, nonetheless, hereby waives his rights to notice, formal adjudication and written decision and, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Furthermore, Dr. Okoloise acknowledges that he hereby waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 et seq., or to which he otherwise may be afforded by any law to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this document in any court or other forum. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Okoloise also hereby authorizes the I/O 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 he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Dr. Okoloise expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of such information to the Board by the I/O shall be without prejudice to the I/O's authority to proceed with the filing and adjudication of any administrative charges that may subsequently be filed in this matter against him, or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such complaint should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

Based upon the information provided, the Board has concluded that the public interest would be properly protected and served by allowing Dr. Okoloise to maintain his license. In consideration of this finding, accordingly, and on the recommendation of the Investigating Officer, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to insure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of this Order set forth hereinafter by consent. Accordingly, in consideration of the forgoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Mayor Abumere Okoloise, M.D. to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. MD.204961, be issued a **PUBLIC REPRIMAND**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Okoloise's license to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana shall be subject to his acceptance of the following terms:

(1) **Personal Appearance before the Board.** Dr. Okoloise shall personally appear before the Board or its designee to permit the Board to consider his intentions to be in compliance with the terms contained in this order.

(2) **Course on Professionalism and Medical Ethics.** Within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Okoloise shall attend and successfully complete a course (or courses) on professionalism and medical ethics. The course shall be approved in advance by the Board. On or before the expiration of six (6) months from the effective date of this Order Dr. Okoloise shall cause to be submitted to the Board written certification of satisfaction of the requirements of this provision.

(3) **Course on Proper Prescribing.** Within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Okoloise shall attend and successfully complete a course (or courses) on the proper prescribing of controlled substances. The course shall be approved in advance by the Board. On or before the expiration of six (6) months

from the effective date of this Order Dr. Okoloise shall cause to be submitted to the Board written certification of satisfaction of the requirements of this provision.

(4) Course on Proper Medical Record Keeping. Within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Okoloise shall attend and successfully complete a course (or courses) on medical record keeping. The course shall be approved in advance by the Board. On or before the expiration of six (6) months from the effective date of this Order Dr. Okoloise shall cause to be submitted to the Board written certification of satisfaction of the requirements of this provision.

(5) Payment of Fine. Within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Okoloise shall pay to the Board a fine in the amount of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars.

(6) Effective Date. This Consent Order shall be effective the date it is approved and accepted by the Board as shown by the signature of its representative below.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation of the terms set forth by this Order by Dr. Okoloise shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such other action against Dr. Okoloise'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(A).

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

Signed at New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective on this 15th day of January, 2021.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BY:



RODERICK V. CLARK, M.D.
President

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*Acknowledgement and Consent on
the Following Page*

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, MAYOR ABUMERE OKOLOISE, 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 2nd day of December, 2020.

[Signature]
MAYOR ABUMERE OKOLOISE, M.D.

WITNESSES:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of December, 2020 in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

[Signature and Seal]
Notary Public (Signature and Seal)

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Printed Name/Notary or Bar Number

