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In The Matter of	:	No. 20-I-673
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DEBORAH M. BOUDREAU, LRT	:	CONSENT ORDER
<i>(Certificate No. CRT.LT3280),</i>	:	FOR REPRIMAND
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<i>Respondent</i>	:	
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The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") following receipt of information indicating that Deborah M. Boudreaux, CRT ("Ms. Boudreaux"), a respiratory therapist licensed by the Board to engage in respiratory therapy in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. CRT.LT3280, was terminated from her employment for unprofessional behavior related to allegations of overly aggressively handling of the extubation of a combative patient.

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 Ms. Boudreaux, charging her with violations of the Louisiana Respiratory Therapy Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§ 37:3351 et seq. ("the Act"), pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. § 37:3358(A)(2).¹

While maintaining that she acted reasonably at all times, Ms. Boudreaux acknowledges the substantial accuracy of 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 her for violation of the Act, La. Rev. Stat. § 37:3358(A)(2), 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 her license to practice as a respiratory therapist in the state of Louisiana as the Board may determine appropriate.

¹ The board may deny, refuse to renew, suspend, revoke or impose probationary conditions on a license if the licensee or applicant for license has been found guilty of unprofessional conduct which has endangered or is likely to endanger the health, welfare, or safety of the public. Such unprofessional conduct shall include: ... (2) Violating the code of ethics adopted and published by the American Association for Respiratory Therapy.

Recognizing her right to have notice of any allegation or charge asserted against her, to administrative adjudication of such allegations or charges pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et. seq.* and to a subsequent final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, Ms. Boudreaux, nonetheless, hereby waives her right to formal charges and formal adjudication, and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D) consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. By her subscription hereto Ms. Boudreaux acknowledges that she hereby waives any right to which she may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et. seq.* or otherwise may be afforded to her by law to contest her agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this document in any court. Ms. Boudreaux, furthermore, 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 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. Ms. Boudreaux expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of the information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint against her or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such Complaint should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order. Based upon the information provided, 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 the Order set forth hereinafter by consent. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing, and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:3358 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that the license to practice respiratory therapy of Deborah M. Boudreaux, CRT is hereby **Officially Reprimanded** for the conduct described hereinabove.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within one hundred eighty (180) days from the effective date of this Order, Ms. Boudreaux shall participate in and successfully complete a course of study, pre-approved by the Board, which addresses ethics and professionalism.

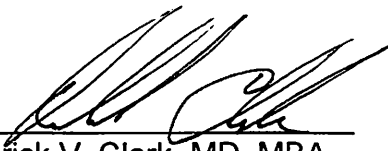
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within one (1) year from the effective date of this Order, Ms. Boudreaux shall pay to the Board a fine in the amount of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms or restrictions set forth by this Order by Ms. Boudreaux shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such further action against Ms. Boudreaux's license to practice respiratory therapy 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: 3358.

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 26th day July, 2021

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BY: 
Rodefick V. Clark, MD, MBA
President

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, DEBORAH M. BOUDREAUX, CRT 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 28 day of June, 2021.

Deborah M. Boudreaux
DEBORAH M. BOUDREAUX, CRT

WITNESSES:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of June, 2021, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

C. Wm. Bradley Jr.
Notary Public

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Printed Name/Notary or Bar Number