

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

630 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70130

www.lsbme.la.gov



**BEFORE THE  
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

Telephone: (504) 568-6820

FAX: (504) 568-8893

Writer's Direct Dial:

(504) \_\_\_\_\_

---

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**No. 2018-287**

**APPLICATION OF  
STEVEN WAYNE FURR, D.O.,  
FOR MEDICAL LICENSURE**

**CONSENT ORDER**

---

---

Steven Wayne Furr, D.O. ("Dr. Furr"), first applied for his medical license in 2018 and, after his application was closed, reapplied in 2021. On the oath and affirmation submitted with both applications, Dr. Furr self-reported that 1) he had previously undergone treatment for a substance abuse disorder within the preceding ten (10) years; and 2) he resigned from his residency in anesthesiology after developing a substance use disorder in his third year of residency.

The Board initiated an investigation of the captioned matter and assigned the investigation to the Director of Investigations (the "Investigating Officer"). Upon investigation, the Investigating Officer learned that Dr. Furr had enrolled in the Healthcare Professionals' Foundation of Louisiana's ("HPFL") Professionals' Health Program ("PHP") in order to address his self-reported substance abuse disorder, and that Dr. Furr has complied with his PHP requirements. The Investigating Officer also learned that Dr. Furr no longer sought to practice anesthesiology and, instead, wanted to practice in Urgent Care/Emergency Room settings. Accordingly, the Investigating Officer recommended that, in order to obtain approval of his licensure application, Dr. Furr either complete a residency in primary care or complete a Board-approved competency program to establish that he is fully competent to practice urgent care and emergency medicine in the State of Louisiana.

In April 2021, Dr. Furr underwent a KSTAR Assessment from a Board-approved examining agency to establish his competency to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana. Dr. Furr's evaluators found that he performed in the above-average to excellent range and performed at a level "consistent with successfully completing one year of postgraduate medical training in primary care as well as some additional training beyond that." Dr. Furr's evaluators recommended his license application be approved subject to various recommendations and suggestions.

As evidenced by his subscription hereto, Dr. Furr acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that proof of such information upon administrative evidentiary

hearing would establish sufficient cause to take action with respect to his medical license application pursuant to La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(5),<sup>1</sup>(12),<sup>2</sup> and (14).<sup>3</sup>

Recognizing his right to have notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be asserted against him in these proceedings, at which time Dr. Furr 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. 49:955–65, Dr. Furr, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. R.S. 49:955(D) consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Dr. Furr acknowledges that he hereby 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 may be afforded to him by any other law to contest or appeal his agreement to or the force and effect of the Board’s investigation or this Order in any court or other forum. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Furr 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 he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. R.S. 49:960. Dr. Furr 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 him or to the Board’s capacity to adjudicate such complaint should the Board decline to approve this Order.

Based upon the information provided, and upon the recommendation of the Investigating Officer, the Board hereby concludes that, consistent with its mandate under La. R.S. 37:1261, the interests of public health, safety, and welfare 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. R.S. 37:1285 and La. R.S. 49:955(D);

**IT IS ORDERED** that the license application of Steven Wayne Furr, D.O., to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana be and the same is hereby **APPROVED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the license of Steven Wayne Furr, D.O., to engage in the practice of medicine be and the same is hereby placed **ON PROBATION** for a period of one

---

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to La. R.S. 37:1285(A), “[t]he 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 pursuant to this Part for the following causes: . . . (5) Habitual or recurring abuse of drugs, including alcohol, which affect the central nervous system and which are capable of inducing physiological or psychological dependence.”

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to La. R.S. 37:1285(A), “[t]he 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 pursuant to this Part for the following causes: . . . (12) An inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill or safety due to mental illness or deficiency, including but not limited to deterioration through the aging process or the loss of motor skills or excessive use or abuse of drugs, including alcohol.”

<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to La. R.S. 37:1285(A), “[t]he 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 pursuant to this Part for the following causes: . . . (14) Medical incompetency, including but not limited to, incompetency manifested by continuing or recurring medical practice which fails to satisfy the prevailing and usually accepted standards of medical practice in this state.”

(1) year (the “probationary period”) commencing on the effective date of this Order, provided however, that Dr. Furr’s continuing exercise of any rights and privileges granted thereby, shall be conditioned upon and subject to his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions, and restrictions:

- (1) **Board Approved Practice Setting.** During the probationary period, before accepting any employment with any clinic, hospital, physician, or other entity providing healthcare services to patients, Dr. Furr shall obtain the Board’s or its designee’s written approval of his employment setting and shall provide any and all information that the Board or its designee may then require in connection with such approval. Dr. Furr shall not engage in the practice of medicine in advance of receiving written approval of such practice setting.
- (2) **Practice Monitoring.** Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Furr shall enter into a contract or arrangement with a Practice Monitor, who has been pre-approved in writing by the Board or its designee, to review Dr. Furr’s medical practice during the probationary period. The Practice Monitor shall work in conjunction with the Board or its designee to develop parameters for monitoring Dr. Furr’s practice, including a review of Dr. Furr’s patient records and charts. The Practice Monitor shall review no less than twelve (12) medical records quarterly and provide quarterly written reports to the Board or its designee attesting to whether Dr. Furr’s medical practice falls within established standards of care. Any and all fees, costs or expenses incurred by Dr. Furr in connection with this monitoring requirement shall be borne by Dr. Furr.
- (3) **Maintenance of Complete Abstinence.** During the probationary period, Dr. Furr shall maintain complete and total abstinence from the use of alcohol, controlled and any mood-altering substance except as may be prescribed by a treating physician for a *bona fide* medical condition. Dr. Furr shall personally inform the Board’s Probation and Compliance Officer, both orally and in writing, within forty-eight (48) hours of the prescription or administration of any controlled or mood-altering substance received by him from any physician for treatment of a *bona fide* medical condition. If the prescription is from another physician, he shall also inform his treating/monitoring physician in this same manner.
- (4) **HPFL PHP Agreement, Reports to Board.** Dr. Furr shall enroll in and continue to maintain a monitoring agreement with the HPFL PHP for not less than the duration of the probationary period. Dr Furr shall continue in, abide by and strictly adhere to all recommendations for ongoing treatment and monitoring which are contained in such agreement, as well as those recommended by his treating physicians and those prescribed by any other health care provider involved in his care to the extent that they continue to follow him. Dr. Furr shall, in addition, authorize and cause his treating and monitoring physicians and/or the PHP to submit to the Board or its designee, not less

frequently than quarterly, written reports and/or verbal reports, should the Board or its designee desire the latter, on his then-current treatment diagnosis, prognosis, course of treatment, his fitness and ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, and his compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Order and his monitoring agreement.

- (5) **Board Access to Treatment Records and Reports.** Dr. Furr shall, and does by his subscription hereto, authorize any physician or any institution at which he undergoes treatment for chemical abuse or dependency or any other condition from which he may suffer or be diagnosed, as well as any physician under whose care he may come at such an institution who has or may hereafter evaluate, diagnose, treat, or monitor him, to provide the Board with copies of all medical reports relating to Dr. Furr's history, examination, evaluation, diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis and to provide the Board with written and verbal reports relative thereto. Dr. Furr expressly waives any privilege that may otherwise be afforded the disclosure of such records pursuant to state or federal law and shall immediately execute any authorization or release that may be necessary to permit the Board access to such records.
- (6) **Continuing Medical Education.** During the probationary period, Dr. Furr shall obtain not less than fifty (50) credit hours through attendance at and participation in continuing medical education programs approved by the Board. On or before the anniversary of the Effective Date of this Order, he shall cause to be submitted to the Board written certification of the continuing medical education programs and credits completed during the preceding twelve (12) months.
- (7) **Notification of Order and Authorization.** Dr. Furr shall provide a copy of this Order to each hospital, clinic, facility or other employer or prospective employer at which or for whom he provides services as a physician in this state, and upon request of the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer, Dr. Furr shall immediately execute and provide, as may be necessary, authorization to obtain any and all peer review records or other employment records pertaining to Dr. Furr from any hospital, institution or other health care entity where Dr. Furr has or has had privileges.
- (8) **Cooperation with Board's Probation and Compliance Officer.** Dr. Furr shall immediately notify the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer of any change in his current home and professional addresses and telephone numbers and he shall direct all matters required pursuant to this Order to the attention of the Probation and Compliance Officer, with whom he shall cooperate on all matters and inquiries pertaining to his compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order, specifically including without limitation providing cooperation and assistance to the Board or its designee in obtaining any records under Sections 4-5 and 7 of this Consent Order.

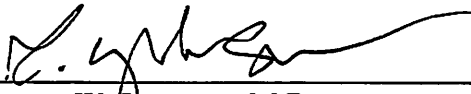
- (9) **Absence from the State/Practice/Effect on Probation.** Should Dr. Furr at any time be absent from the state of Louisiana, relocate to and/or take up residency in another state or country, or discontinue practicing as a physician for a period of thirty (30) days or more he will so advise the Board in writing. In such instance, the probation ordered herein and all terms, conditions and restrictions thereof shall be deemed interrupted and extended and shall not commence again until Dr. Furr notifies the Board in writing that he has resumed the practice of medicine in Louisiana.
- (10) **Probation Monitoring Fee.** For each year of the probationary period, Dr. Furr shall pay the Board an annual probation monitoring fee of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars. Payment of the initial fee shall be due not later than sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Order. All subsequent annual payments shall be due on or before the anniversary date of the initial fee payment.
- (11) **Effect of Violation/Sanction.** By his subscription hereto, Dr. Furr acknowledges that 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 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.
- (12) **Certification of Compliance with Probationary Terms.** At least sixty (60) days prior to the conclusion of the probationary period imposed herein, Dr. Furr shall provide the Board with an affidavit certifying that he has complied with each of the terms of probation imposed by this Order. The probationary period and all of its terms and conditions shall be, and shall be deemed to be, extended and continued in full force and effect pending Dr. Furr's compliance with the requirements of this provision.
- (13) **Effective Date.** This Consent Order shall be effective as of the date it is approved and accepted by the Board as shown by the signature of the Board's representative below.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any violation of or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms set forth by this Order by Dr. Furr shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such other action against Dr. Furr'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. 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 25 day of Oct, 2021.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:   
LESTER W. JOHNSON, M.D.  
*President*

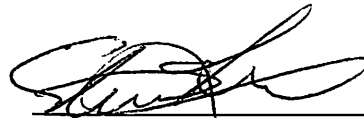
*Acknowledgment and Consent on Following Page*

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
AND CONSENT**

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF Caddo

I, STEVEN WAYNE FURR, D.O., 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 4 day of October, 2021.



STEVEN WAYNE FURR, D.O.

WITNESSES:

  
Signature

Jasau Mabini

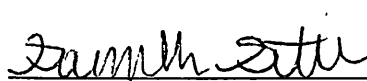
Typed Name

4830 Line Ave

Street Address

Shreveport La 71106

City/State/Zip Code



Signature

Savannah Stiles

Typed Name

4830 Line Ave

Street Address

Shreveport La 71106

City/State/Zip Code

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4 day of October, 2021, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.



Notary Public (Signature)

Name: William Lance Fouts

Notary/Bar No.: 138509

Commission expires: LA



WILLIAM LANCE FOUTS  
Notary Public  
Notary ID No. 138509  
Caddo Parish, Louisiana  
My Commission is for 11/6.