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In The Matter Of :
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CANDACE PERODIN, CLS :
(Certificate No. CLS.307474), :
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Respondent. :
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No. 20-I-104
**INTERIM CONSENT ORDER
FOR SUSPENSION
OF
CLINICAL LABORATORY
SPECIALIST LICENSE**

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") following the receipt of apparently reliable information which indicated that Candace Perodin ("Ms. Perodin"), a clinical laboratory specialist that is, and was at all times material to the facts and matters alleged herein, licensed by the Board as a clinical laboratory specialist pursuant to the Louisiana Clinical Laboratory Personnel Law, (the "Law"), La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1311-1329 and engaged as a clinical laboratory specialist in and around Lafayette, Louisiana, tested positive for certain controlled substances for which she did not have a prescription, and other illicit substances.

While not admitting to any violation of the Law, Ms. Perodin, nonetheless, acknowledges that the foregoing information could provide the Investigating Officer for the Board with probable cause to pursue formal administrative proceedings against her for violations of the Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1326(1)¹ constituting sufficient cause for the revocation, suspension or such other action against her license to practice as a clinical laboratory specialist in the state of Louisiana as the Board may determine appropriate.

Recognizing her right to notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be asserted against her in these proceedings, at which time Ms. Perodin would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on her 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. Rev. Stat. §49:955-965, Ms. Perodin, nonetheless, hereby waives her

¹ La. Rev. Stat. §37:1326A provides The board, upon the recommendation of the committee, may deny, suspend, probate, restrict, or revoke the issuance or renewal of a license or certificate, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, upon a preponderance of evidence showing any of the following when such activity is not authorized by the provisions of this Part: (2) Demonstrating incompetence in the performance of the practice of clinical laboratory science.

right to notice and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Ms. Perodin acknowledges that she hereby waives any right to which she may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et seq.*, or which may be afforded to her by any other law to contest or appeal her agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this Order in any court or other forum. By her subscription hereto, Ms. Perodin 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 she waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Ms. Perodin 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 her or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such complaint should the Board decline to approve this Order. 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), and the Consent Order heretofore entered herein;

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Candace Perodin, CLS to practice as a clinical laboratory specialist in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. CLS.307474, is hereby placed on **INDEFINITE SUSPENSION**, *however*, that such licensure and Ms. Perodin's continuing exercise of rights and privileges granted thereby, shall be conditioned upon and subject to her acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

- (1) **No Reinstatement Until Evaluation and Treatment.** Ms. Perodin shall not petition or make request of the Board for reinstatement of her license or re-licensure until such time as she has completed a mental, physical and substance abuse evaluation to rule out impairment, and any and all treatment recommended by the evaluators or treating professionals. Thereafter, any petition or request for reinstatement or re-licensure by Ms. Perodin shall be granted within the sole discretion of the Board with such terms, conditions and restrictions that the Board shall deem appropriate.
- (2) **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.

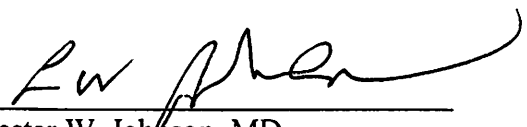
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order by Ms. Perodin shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such other action against Ms. Perodin's license to practice as a clinical laboratory

specialist 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. §37:1326(A).

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

Signed at New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective on this 25 day of Oct, 2021.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

By: 
Lester W. Johnson, MD
President

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Acknowledgment and Consent on Following Page.

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

STATE OF Louisiana
PARISH/COUNTY OF LAFayette

I, **CANDACE PERODIN, CLS.** 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 19 day of August, 2021.

Candace Perodin

CANDACE PERODIN, CLS.

WITNESSES:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of August, 2021 in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Harry J. "ADOFO" Harmon

Notary Public (Signature)

Printed Name & Notary or Bar Number

