

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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

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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**KELLIE LYNN BURLETTE,  
CLS-PHL, CLS-LA  
(Credential Nos. 312848 &  
324719), Respondent**

**No. 2021-I-313**

**INTERIM  
CONSENT ORDER**

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The above-captioned proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") regarding Kellie Lynn Burlette ("Ms. Burlette"), a CLP (Clinical Laboratory Personnel) engaged in the practice of clinical laboratory science ("CLS") who has been licensed by the Board as a CLS-Phlebotomist since May 2019 and as a CLS-Laboratory Assistant since October 2020 pursuant to the Louisiana Clinical Laboratory Personnel Law, La. R.S. 37:1311–29. The investigation was initiated upon receipt of apparently reliable information that Ms. Burlette was arrested in March 2021 on alcohol/drug related charges.

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to Lawrence H. Cresswell, III, D.O., J.D., Director of Investigations (the "Investigating Officer") for the Board. Upon investigation, Ms. Burlette confirmed her arrest but denied using drugs or alcohol on the night of her arrest. Ms. Burlette initially agreed to submit to drug testing to demonstrate that she is safe to practice clinical laboratory science, but ultimately informed the Board that she was financially unable to submit to drug testing at this time. Ms. Burlette agrees to an interim suspension of her license until such time as she can demonstrate her competence in the performance of the practice of clinical laboratory science through the required evaluations.

As evidenced by her subscription hereto, Ms. Burlette 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 her phlebotomy and lab assistant licenses pursuant to La. R.S. 37:1326(A)(2).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> La. R.S. 37:1326(A)(2) ("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.").

Recognizing her right to have notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be asserted against her in these proceedings, at which time Ms. Burlette 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. R.S. 49:955–65, Ms. Burlette, while maintaining such rights, nonetheless hereby consents to the indefinite suspension of her licenses to practice of clinical laboratory science in this state, with reinstatement thereof subject to the terms and conditions of this Order. By her subscription hereto, Ms. Burlette 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. R.S. 49:960. Ms. Burlette 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.

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. 37:1326 and La. R.S. 49:955(D);

**IT IS ORDERED** that the license of Kellie Lynn Burlette, CLS-PHL, to engage in the practice of clinical laboratory science-phlebotomy in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by License No. 312848, be and the same is hereby **INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the license of Kellie Lynn Burlette, CLS-LA, to engage in the practice of clinical laboratory science-laboratory assistant in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by License No. 324719, be and the same is hereby **INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Kellie Lynn Burlette, CLS-PHL, CLS-LA, 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 licenses to practice following: (1) a meeting at the Board office with the Director of Investigations or his designee; (2) receipt of satisfactory documentation that Ms. Burlette has successfully completed all recommendations by the Director of Investigations or his designee to demonstrate to the Board that she is competent to return to the practice of clinical laboratory science with skill and safety; and (3) 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 this 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 Ms. Burlette shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such other action against Ms. Burlette's license to practice clinical laboratory science 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. 37:1326.

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

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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 Jefferson

I, KELLIE LYNN BURLETTE, CLS-PHL, CLS-LA, 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 6 day of September, 2022

[Signature]  
KELLIE LYNN BURLETTE,  
CLS-PHL, CLS-LA

WITNESSES:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
06 day of Sept, 2022, in the  
presence of the two stated witnesses.

[Signature]  
Notary Public (Signature)

Name: Liv-Randik Guillot  
Notary Bar No.: 157419  
Commission expires: is for life

