



LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

No. 2022-I-554

IN THE MATTER OF:

CONSENT ORDER

PATRICK W. SLATER, M.D.
(Credential No. MD.08819R),
Respondent

Patrick W. Slater, M.D. ("Dr. Slater") is a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), La. R.S. 37:1261-92, as evidenced by Credential No. MD.08819R. The above-captioned matter was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") upon receipt of reliable information that the Texas Medical Board had suspended Dr. Slater's Texas medical license.¹ At all times pertinent to the above-captioned investigation, Dr. Slater practiced medicine in and around Austin, Texas.

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. In the course of this investigation, the Investigating Officer confirmed that on August 17, 2022, the Texas Medical Board entered an "Order of Temporary Suspension (Without Notice of Hearing)" of Dr. Slater's Texas medical license, noting that Dr. Slater "appeared to be physically and mentally impaired during a surgical procedure."² On December 16, 2022, the Texas Medical Board conducted a hearing on the matter and continued the suspension of Dr. Slater's Texas medical license.³

Dr. Slater thereafter underwent an evaluation at a Board-approved facility between February 20-23, 2023. Dr. Slater represented to his evaluators that he entered inpatient treatment on July 26, 2022, which he completed in mid-August. Dr. Slater further represented that he entered into an agreement with the Texas Physician Health Program ("Texas PHP") in August 2022 and, pursuant to that agreement, completed a twelve-week virtual intensive outpatient program between September and December 2022. Dr. Slater's evaluators determined that he was fit to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety provided that he continues to be monitored by and remains in good standing with the Texas PHP. The Texas Medical Board thereafter lifted the

¹ See Order of Temporary Suspension (Without Notice of Hearing), *In the Matter of The License of Patrick William Slater, M.D.*, Texas Medical Board (August 17, 2022).

² *Id.* at 1.

³ See Order of Temporary Suspension (With Notice of Hearing), *In the Matter of The License of Patrick William Slater, M.D.*, Texas Medical Board (December 16, 2022).

temporary suspension of Dr. Slater's Texas medical license and permitted him to return to the practice of medicine under PHP monitoring.⁴

Dr. Slater has cooperated with the investigation, including by entering inpatient treatment, executing and complying with a monitoring agreement with the Texas PHP, and meeting with the Investigating Officer. During his meeting with the Investigating Officer, Dr. Slater represented that he was not actively practicing medicine in Louisiana at this time, but that he may do so in the future.

As evidenced by his subscription hereto, Dr. Slater 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 license to practice medicine in this state pursuant to La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(29).⁵

Recognizing his right to have notice of any allegation or charge asserted against him, to administrative adjudication of such allegation or charge pursuant to La. R.S. 49:950 *et. seq.* and to a subsequent final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, Dr. Slater, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to formal charges and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. By his subscription hereto Dr. Slater acknowledges that he hereby waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Practice Act, La. R.S. 49:950 *et. seq.* or otherwise may be afforded to him by law to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this document in any court. Dr. Slater, 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 he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. R.S. 49:977.2. Dr. Slater 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 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, 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. 49:975(D);

IT IS ORDERED that Patrick W. Slater, M.D., is hereby **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** for the conduct described above.

⁴ See Agreed Order, *In the Matter of The License of Patrick William Slater, M.D.*, Texas Medical Board (June 9, 2023) (Dr. Slater entered into a 5-year PHP monitoring agreement to be terminated August 2027).

⁵ Pursuant to La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(29), "[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:...(29) The refusal of a licensing authority of another state to issue or renew a license, permit, or certificate to practice medicine in that state or the revocation, suspension, or other restriction imposed on a license, permit, or certificate issued by such licensing authority which prevents or restricts practice in that state, or the surrender of a license, permit, or certificate issued by another state when criminal or administrative charges are pending or threatened against the holder of such license, permit, or certificate."

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Slater shall continue to maintain his monitoring agreement with the Texas PHP. Should Dr. Slater practice medicine in Louisiana, he shall further contact the Healthcare Professionals' Foundation of Louisiana ("HPFL") and cooperate with HPFL as to information sharing or transfer of his monitoring agreement.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within one (1) year of the effective date of this order, Dr. Slater shall pay to the Board a fine in the amount of Two Thousand (\$2,000) Dollars.

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. Slater shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such other action against Dr. Slater'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 11th day of December, 2023.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: _____


TERRIE R. THOMAS, M.D.
President

Acknowledgment and Consent on Following Page

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

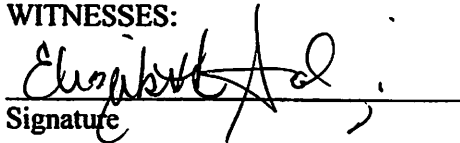
STATE OF Texas

COUNTY OF Travis

I, PATRICK W. SLATER, 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 9 day of November, 2023.


PATRICK W. SLATER, M.D.

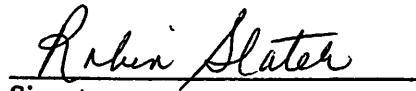
WITNESSES:


Signature

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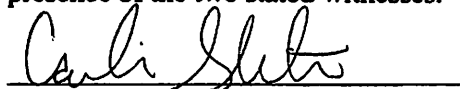

Signature

Robin Slater
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of November, 2023, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.


Notary Public (Signature)

Name: Caroline Slater
Notary/Bar No.: 132657855
Commission expires: 9/3/2024

