



LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DANIEL ROBERT KNIGHT, M.D.
(Credential No. MD.017152)
Respondent

No. 2020-I-1100

CONSENT ORDER FOR ISSUANCE OF REDUCED FEE LICENSE

Daniel Robert Knight, M.D. ("Dr. Knight") is a physician who was licensed to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act ("the Act"), La. R.S. 37:1261 *et seq.*, as evidenced by Credential No. MD.017152, and was previously engaged in the practice of plastic surgery in and around Shreveport, Louisiana.

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") following receipt of information alleging that Dr. Knight had used cocaine prior to performing surgery. Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to Lawrence H. Cresswell, III, D.O., J.D., Director of Investigations for the Board (the "DOI" or "Investigating Officer"). The investigation did not confirm the specific allegations of the initial complaint, but during the pendency of the investigation, the Investigating Officer learned that, as of December 2021, Dr. Knight had closed his medical practice and applied for and was awarded Social Security disability benefits due to a disabling spinal condition.

Accordingly, Dr. Knight has elected to retire from the practice of medicine and has represented to the Investigating Officer that he no longer wishes to maintain an active license to practice medicine in this state. Dr. Knight has ceased to engage in the practice of medicine in any form in this state as a consequence of a physical disability and is therefore eligible for issuance of a reduced fee license.¹

As evidenced by his subscription hereto, Dr. Knight acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that proof of such information would provide the Investigating Officer with sufficient cause to pursue administrative proceedings against his license for violations of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), including La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(25),² and that

¹ See La. Admin. Code tit. 46, pt. XLV, § 418(B).

² La. R.S. 37:1285(A) ("(25) 'Inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill or safety to patients because of mental illness or deficiency; physical illness, including but not limited to deterioration through the aging process or loss of motor skills[.]'").

proof of such information upon administrative evidentiary hearing could establish sufficient cause to take action against his license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana.

In consideration of this finding, accordingly, and on the recommendation of the Investigating Officer, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this state pursuant to, La. R.S. 37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter by consent.³

Recognizing his right to notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be asserted against him in these proceedings, at which time Dr. Knight 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. 49:950 *et seq.*, Dr. Knight, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice of charges, formal adjudication and written decision pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975(D), and consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Moreover, by his subscription hereto, Dr. Knight also waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:950 *et seq.*, or which 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 or other forum or body relating to the matters referred to herein. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Knight also 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. Further, Dr. Knight 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 filing and adjudication of an Administrative Complaint against him, or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate any charges that may be filed in this matter 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. R.S. 37:1285 and La. R.S. 49:975(D);

IT IS ORDERED that Daniel Robert Knight, M.D. shall no longer hold an unrestricted license to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. MD.017152, and his license shall hereby permanently be **CONVERTED TO A REDUCED FEE BASIS** pursuant to La. Admin. Code, Title 46, Part XLV, § 418, *provided, however*, that such license and Dr. Knight's continuing exercise of rights and privileges thereunder shall be conditioned upon his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

- (1) **No Active Medical Practice in Louisiana.** Pursuant to La. Admin. Code, Title 46, Part XLV § 418(C), at no time following the Effective Date of this Order shall Dr. Knight engage or seek to engage in the active practice of medicine in this state, including but not

³ The Board has considered the guidelines for minimum and maximum disciplinary dispositions and the aggravating and mitigating circumstances apparent from the particular facts and circumstances of this matter. See La. Admin. Code tit. 46, pt. XLV, §§ 9714; 9716.

limited to the business of, or the actual engagement in, the diagnosing, treating, curing, or relieving of any bodily or mental disease, condition, infirmity, deformity, defect, ailment, or injury in any human being, other than himself, whether by the use of any drug, instrument or force, whether physical or psychic, or of what other nature, or any other agency or means; or the examining, either gratuitously or for compensation, of any person or material from any person for such purpose whether such drug, instrument, force, or other agency or means is applied to or used by the patient or by another person; or the attending of a woman in childbirth without the aid of a licensed physician or midwife. See La. R.S. 37:1262 (defining the "practice of medicine").

- (2) **No Prescribing Authority.** Pursuant to La. Admin. Code, Title 46, Part XLV § 418(B)(2) and (C), and if Dr. Knight has not done so already, he shall surrender his Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") registration and any and all other federal and state license or registration to prescribe, dispense, or administer any medications, including but not limited to, controlled substances and legend drugs, and at no time following the effective date of this Order shall Dr. Knight continue to hold, obtain, or seek to obtain state licensure or federal registration for the prescribing, dispensing or administration of any medications, and Dr. Knight shall not prescribe, dispense, or administer controlled substances or legend drugs to any person.
- (3) **Completion of Application.** Pursuant to Louisiana Administrative Code tit. 46, pt. XLV, § 418(B)(3), Dr. Knight shall complete any necessary application to the Board for such reduced licensure upon a form supplied by the Board. As part of such application, Dr. Knight shall consent to the revocation of such license issued pursuant to § 418(B)(3) upon a finding by the Board that, after the Effective Date of this Order, he engaged or sought to engage in the practice of medicine in this state in any manner whatsoever, or continued to hold, obtained, or sought to obtain any state licensure or federal registration to prescribe, dispense, or administer controlled substance, unless and until the Board, in its sole discretion, reinstates him to full licensure pursuant to § 418(C).

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 Dr. Knight shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such other action against Dr. Knight's license 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(A).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if, after issuance of such reduced-fee license, Dr. Knight seeks to return to the practice medicine in this state, he must fully comply with the terms of this Order and with the procedures outlined in La. Admin. Code, Title 46, Part XLV § 418(C), which requires application to and approval by the Board. In considering any such application the Board, in its sole discretion, may grant in whole or in part, defer, or deny, and for any such re-licensure or re-admission the Board may provide any and all terms, conditions and requirements that the Board, in its sole discretion, may order at that time.

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

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 22ND day of January, 2023.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: _____


TERRIE R. THOMAS, M.D.

President

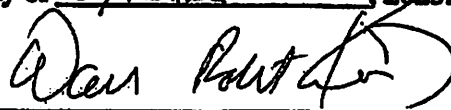
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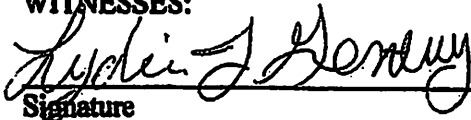
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I, DANIEL ROBERT KNIGHT, III, M.D., hereby acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to seek the advice and guidance of legal counsel with respect to this Consent Order and that all of its terms and conditions have been fully explained to me and/or 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 22 day of September, 2023.



DANIEL ROBERT KNIGHT, M.D.

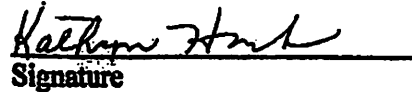
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this
22 day of September, 2023, in the
presence of the two stated witnesses.


Notary Public (Signature)

