

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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No. 2024-I-403

IN THE MATTER OF:

CONSENT ORDER

CASEY DASTE REED, M.D. (Credential No. MD.205753), Respondent

Casey Daste Reed, M.D. ("Dr. Reed") is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana as evidenced by Credential No. MD.205753, who at all relevant times was engaged in the practice of anesthesiology in and around New Orleans, Louisiana.

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Investigating Officer of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") upon receipt of information alleging that Dr. Reed, who has a prior history of alcohol dependence, may have had a return to use.

Specifically, the Healthcare Professionals Foundation of Louisiana ("HPFL") informed the Board that Dr. Reed may have had a return to use after she abnormal behavior while performing an epidural on a patient. Although Dr. Reed represented her symptoms were attributable to an illness, hospital staff reported Dr. Reed's behavior as a concern for possible impairment, and the hospital's chief medical officer requested Dr. Reed undergo a urine toxicology screen. The screen was positive for legal substances that Dr. Reed occasionally used to help her sleep, but she was referred to HPFL because she previously had executed an HPFL monitoring agreement that expired in September 2023. Dr. Reed disclosed to the HPFL not only the substances she used on occasion for sleep but also that she had increased her alcohol intake since her previous HPFL contract ended to include drinking on weekends and some weeknights.

Based on this information, the HPFL requested that Dr. Reed undergo an evaluation at a Board-approved facility. Dr. Reed underwent the requested evaluation from June 3–6, 2024, and her evaluators determined that her pattern of alcohol use was evidence of relapse. Dr. Reed's evaluators further recommended that she undergo inpatient treatment at a Board-approved facility.

Dr. Reed thereafter voluntarily attended the recommended inpatient treatment from June 10, 2024, through July 24, 2024. Upon completion of the program, Dr. Reed's treatment providers determined that she was safe to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety provided that she comply with her evaluators' recommendations and execute a new monitoring agreement with the HPFL. Dr. Reed has executed an appropriate HPFL monitoring agreement that includes the recommendations of her treatment providers.

Based on the above, and provided that she complies with all of the terms and conditions in her HPFL monitoring agreement and otherwise outlined below, the Board finds sufficient support for the conclusion that Dr. Reed is capable of practicing medicine with skill and safety to patients.

As evidenced by her subscription hereto, Dr. Reed acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that the reported information would provide the Investigating Officer with probable cause to pursue administrative proceedings against her for violations of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(25), and that such information, if proven upon administrative evidentiary hearing, would establish sufficient cause to take action against her 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 against the unprofessional, unqualified, and unsafe practice of medicine, La. R.S. 37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter by consent.

Recognizing her right to notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be asserted against her in these proceedings, at which time Dr. Reed 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. 49:975 et sea., Dr. Reed, nonetheless. hereby waives her right to notice and formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Dr. Reed acknowledges that she hereby waives any right to which she may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:950 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 Consent Order in any court or other forum. By her subscription hereto, Dr. Reed 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 she waives any objection to such disclosures under La. R.S. 49:977.2. Dr. Reed 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 Consent 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 the license of Casey Daste Reed, M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Credential No. MD.205753, be and the same is hereby, *OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED* for the above-described conduct.

¹ The Board may take action against a medical licensee for "(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; and/or, excessive use or abuse of drugs, including alcohol[.]" La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(25).

² 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Reed shall, within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of this Order, pay to the Board a fine in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$2,500.00).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Reed shall complete the free online course "Laws and Rules for Louisiana Physicians," which may be accessed through the following link, https://www.lsbme.la.gov/content/board-orientations-online-courses. Upon completion of the course, Dr. Reed shall complete the verification process and obtain a certificate of completion that will be submitted to the Board or its designee by the course provider.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Reed shall continue to maintain a monitoring agreement with the HPFL for a period of no less than five (5) years from the Effective Date of this Consent Order. Dr. Reed agrees that the HPFL shall report any violation of her agreement to the Board or its designee. The Board may take disciplinary action against Dr. Reed based on any future violation of her HPFL agreement, as if such violation was enumerated among the causes provided in La. R.S. 37:1285.

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. Reed shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such other action against Dr. Reed'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 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, and shall likewise be available on the Board's website, https://www.lsbme.la.gov/, under "Disciplinary Actions", and shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank ("NPDB").

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 29th day of munu, , 2024.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

RODERICK V. CLARK, M.D., M.B.A.

President

(Acknowledgment and Consent on Following Page)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF St. Tamman

I, CASEY DASTE REED, 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 / May of Movember, 2024.

WITNESSES
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Notary Public (Signature)

Name: Morgan Domingue
Notary/Bar No.: 166686

Commission expires: M deuth

