



# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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## BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

No. 2023-I-432

### IN THE MATTER OF:

### CONSENT ORDER

**GISELA KATHLEEN WILLIAMS, M.D.**  
*(Credential No. 332314)*  
*Respondent*

Gisela Kathleen Williams, M.D. ("Dr. Williams") is a physician who is licensed to practice medicine in this state by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board"), as evidenced by Credential No. 332314. At all relevant times, Dr. Williams was engaged in the practice of family medicine in and around Natchitoches, Louisiana.

This matter was opened based on the receipt of apparently reliable information indicating that a settlement for a medical malpractice action was entered on Dr. Williams's behalf in November 2022. Dr. Williams submitted a license renewal application on or about April 6, 2023, but did not disclose that settlement on the application as required on the verified Oath and Affirmation. The Board also received information indicating another settlement for a medical malpractice action was entered on Dr. Williams's behalf in April 2023.

Investigation of these matters was assigned to the Board's Director of Investigations (the "Investigating Officer" or "DOI"). The Board initiated a formal investigation based on Dr. Williams's failure to respond to repeated requests for a response to the initial notice of preliminary review. The investigation independently revealed that, although Dr. Williams's Louisiana medical license expired on March 31, 2024, she was actively engaged in the practice of medicine while her Louisiana medical license was expired. Dr. Williams submitted a license renewal application on May 2, 2024.

Dr. Williams provided a written response discussing the substance of the malpractice actions that were settled on her behalf and the failure to report and respond. Dr. Williams explained that the failure to report these settlements on her April 2023 license renewal was due to an oversight and miscommunication regarding the timing of the malpractice settlements being finalized. Dr. Williams acknowledged that she engaged in the practice of medicine while her Louisiana medical license was expired for a brief period when she failed to timely renew her Louisiana medical license, again due to an oversight on the timing of the license expiration and

renewal requirements. Dr. Williams also explained the failure to provide timely responses to the Board's requests and communications was due to her moving and other communication issues.

As evidenced by her subscription hereto, Dr. Williams 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 license to practice medicine in this state pursuant to 37:1285(A)(4)<sup>1</sup>, (13)<sup>2</sup>, and (30).<sup>3</sup>

Recognizing her right to notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be asserted against her in these proceedings, at which time Dr. Williams 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 seq.*, Dr. Williams, 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. Williams 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 Order in any court or other forum. By her subscription hereto, Dr. Williams 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. 49:977.2. Dr. Williams 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. 37:1285, La. R.S. 49:975(D);

**IT IS ORDERED** that the license of Gisela Kathleen Williams, M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Credential No. 332314, be and the

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<sup>1</sup> La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(4) ("Providing false testimony before the board or providing false sworn information to the board[.]").

<sup>2</sup> La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(13) ("Unprofessional conduct, including but not limited to, . . . failing to cooperate with the board[.]; *see also* La. Admin. Code tit. 46, pt. XLV, § 7603(A)(3) ("*Failing to Cooperate with the Board*—physicians shall cooperate with and assist the board to carry out its duties. A physician shall, among other matters: a. respond or provide information or items requested, respond to a subpoena, or complete an evaluation within the time designated by the board or its staff[.]").

<sup>3</sup> La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(30) ("Violation of any rules and regulations of the board, or any provisions of this Part."); *see also* La. R.S. 37:1271(A) ("No person shall practice medicine as defined herein until he possesses a duly recorded license issued under this Part or a permit or registration as provided for herein."); La. Admin. Code tit. 46, pt. XLV, § 415(A) ("Every license or permit issued by the board under this Chapter, the expiration date of which is not stated thereon or provided by these rules, shall annually expire and thereby become null, void, and to no effect the following year on the first day of the month in which the licensee was born.").

same is hereby **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED**.

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

**IT IS FUTHER ORDERED** that Dr. Williams be and is hereby assessed a portion of the costs, including attorney's fees, incurred by the Board in this matter and Dr. Williams shall, within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the effective date of this Order, pay to the Board One-Thousand Six-Hundred Seventeen and 50/100 dollars (\$1,617.50) in satisfaction of this assessment of costs.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Williams 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. Williams 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.

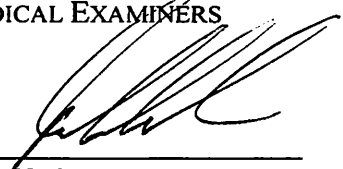
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Consent Order shall be effective as of the date it is approved and accepted by the Board as shown by the signature of the Board's representative below.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any violation of or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms set forth by this Consent Order by Dr. Williams shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such other action against Dr. Williams'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, 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:   
RODERICK V. CLARK, MD, MBA  
President

*Acknowledgment and Consent on Following Page*

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
AND CONSENT**

STATE OF Louisiana

COUNTY/PARISH OF Bossier

I, GISELA KATHLEEN WILLIAMS, 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 16 day of December, 2024.

  
GISELA KATHLEEN WILLIAMS, M.D.

WITNESSES:

  
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Signature

Joshua Foster  
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16 day of December, 2024, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

  
Notary Public (Signature)

Name: Keith D. Cockerham

Notary/Bar No.: 0197358

Commission expires: For Life

Keith D. Cockerham, Notary Public  
Bossier Parish, Louisiana  
My Commission is For Life  
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