



LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

No. 2022-I-721

IN THE MATTER OF:

STEPHANIE FEEHAN CAVE, M.D.
(Credential No. MD.017236),
Respondent

CONSENT ORDER FOR REPRIMAND

Stephanie Feehan Cave, M.D. ("Dr. Cave") is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board"), pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), La. R.S. 37:1261 *et seq.*, as evidenced by Credential No. MD.017236. At all relevant times, Dr. Cave has been engaged in the practice of medicine in and around Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Dr. Cave has not been the subject of prior discipline by the Board.

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed to the Director of Investigations for the Board (the "DOI" or "Investigating Officer") upon receipt of apparently reliable information indicating that Dr. Cave prescribed controlled substances to an employee but then administered the controlled substances to patients in her clinic. Dr. Cave provided a written response to the allegations, in which she acknowledged that she had prescribed Xanax to one of her employees but administered the prescribed Xanax to certain patients during IV treatments to prevent a potential delirium tremor. Dr. Cave represented that she wrote the prescription because at that time her office was unable to order the Xanax from its usual supplier. Dr. Cave further represented that the Xanax was kept in a locked cabinet and any unused tablets were discarded after the expiration date. Dr. Cave also provided a log of the patients who were administered the prescribed Xanax.

Dr. Cave has cooperated with the investigation, including by providing a written response to the complaint, responding to multiple document requests from investigations staff, and twice meeting with the Investigating Officer regarding this matter. Dr. Cave has accepted responsibility for her actions in this matter and has undertaken corrective measures.

As evidenced by her subscription hereto, Dr. Cave acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that the reported information would provide the Investigating Officer with sufficient cause to pursue administrative proceedings against her for violations of the

Act pursuant to La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(6)¹, 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.²

Recognizing her right to notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be asserted against her in these proceedings, at which time Dr. Cave 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. Cave, 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. Cave 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. Cave 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. Cave 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 medical license of Stephanie Feehan Cave, M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Credential No. MD.017236, be and the same is hereby, **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** for the above-described conduct.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Cave shall, within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of this Order, pay to the Board a fine in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars and No/100 Dollars (\$3,000.00).

¹ La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(6) ("The board may refuse to issue, or may suspend or revoke any license or permit, or impose probationary or other restrictions on any license, permit, or certificate issued pursuant to this Part or Part I-D of this Chapter for the following causes . . . (6) Prescribing, dispensing, or administering legally controlled substances or any dependency-inducing medication without legitimate medical justification therefor or in other than a legal or legitimate manner.").

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 within one-hundred eighty (180) days from the effective date of this Order, Dr. Cave shall participate in and successfully complete six (6) hours of a Board-approved continuing medical education (“CME”) course on proper prescribing. Dr. Cave shall submit proof of her successful completion of such courses to the Board or its designee within the same time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Cave 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. Cave 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 any violation of or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms set forth by this Order by Dr. Cave shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such other action against Dr. Cave’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 24th day of February, 2025.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:



RODERICK V. CLARK, M.D., MBA
President

(Acknowledgment and Consent on Following Page)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF Orleans

I, STEPHANIE FEEHAN CAVE, 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 17th day of January, 2025.

Handwritten signature of Stephanie Feehan Cave, M.D. with typed name STEPHANIE FEEHAN CAVE, M.D. and initials MD.

WITNESSES:

Witness 1: Handwritten signature, typed name GWYN KUFFINO, street address 1100 Poydras St, city/state/zip code NO LA 70163.

Witness 2: Handwritten signature, typed name Jessica Smith, street address 1100 Poydras Street, city/state/zip code New Orleans, LA 70163.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of January, 2025, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Notary Public (Signature) Brian Capitelli

Name: Brian Capitelli, Notary/Bar No.: 273198, Commission expires: 2 death