

## June 2022 Public Board Actions List

Georgia Composite Medical Board  
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The Board issued **seven** public orders in **June 2022**. To view each Board order, click on the licensee's name below.

1. **Ronald S. Batin, MD**  
92373  
Physician  
Consent Agreement for Licensure

2. **Gary Berliner, MD**  
41262  
Physician  
Public Consent Order

3. **William F. Bloom, MD**  
12676  
Physician  
Voluntary Surrender

4. **Tiffanni Forbes, MD**  
51936  
Physician  
Public Consent Order

5. **Barry Moore, MD**  
84557  
Physician  
Public Consent Order

6. **William J. Paneral, PA-C**  
4211  
Physician Assistant  
Public Consent Order

**7. Lee Sullivan Rippy, MD**

33884

Physician

Voluntary Surrender

**BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE  
MEDICAL BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**RONALD SEAN BATIN, M.D.**

**Applicant.**

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**DOCKET NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

JUN 03 2022

DOCKET NUMBER:

20220087

**CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR LICENSURE**

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1 and 34, the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board"), in its discretion, has considered the application for licensure of Ronald Sean Batin, M.D. ("Applicant") to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia. In conjunction therewith, the Board hereby enters its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as follows:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1.

On or about October 18, 2021, Applicant submitted an application for licensure to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia.

2.

On or about December 18, 2018, Applicant entered into a Stipulated Settlement with the Medical Board of California, Case No. 800-2016-027807, based on a felony conviction in California. Applicant's license to practice medicine in California was revoked, with that revocation stayed and Applicant was put on probation for three years under various terms and conditions. Applicant successfully completed his probationary term and his license had been returned to current status without restriction.

3.

Applicant waives any further findings of fact with respect to this matter.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The discipline in California of Applicant's license to practice medicine is grounds for denial of licensure or licensure with discipline under O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended. Applicant hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

### **ORDER**

Beginning on the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Applicant's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia shall be issued, subject to the following terms:

1.

In addition to, and in conjunction with any other sanction contained herein, this Consent Agreement and dissemination thereof, shall serve as a **public reprimand** of Applicant by the Board.

2.

The effective date of this Consent Agreement is the date the Consent Agreement is docketed. Applicant should receive a docketed copy of the Consent Agreement from the Board at Applicant's address of record within 10 business days of the docket date. If Applicant has not received a docketed copy of the Consent Agreement, it is Applicant's responsibility to obtain a docketed copy of the Consent Agreement from the Board.

3.

Applicant acknowledges that Applicant has read this Consent Agreement and understands its contents. Applicant understands that Applicant has the right to a hearing in this matter, and freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right by entering into this Consent Agreement. Applicant understands that this Consent Agreement will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Board. Applicant further understands and agrees that a representative of


the Department of Law may be present during presentation of this Consent Agreement to the Board and that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Agreement. Applicant further understands that this Consent Agreement, once approved, shall constitute a public record that may be disseminated as a disciplinary action of the Board and will be reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank. However, if the Consent Agreement is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding or prejudice the right of the Board to adjudicate this matter. Applicant consents to the terms and conditions contained herein.

Approved this 3 day of June, 2022.



BY:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

  
DESPINA DALTON, M.D.  
Chairperson

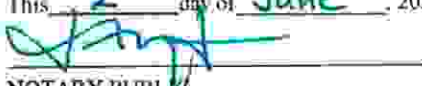
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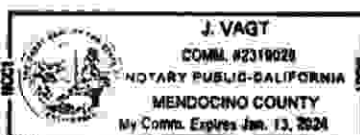
  
DANIEL R. DORSEY  
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

  
RONALD SEAN BATIN, M.D.  
Applicant

[As to Applicant's signature:]  
Sworn to and subscribed before me.  
This 2 day of June, 2022.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires:



# JURAT

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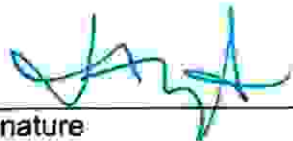
State of California

County of Mendocino

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 2 day of June,

20 22 by Ronald Sean Batin

proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

  
Signature (Seal)

## OPTIONAL INFORMATION

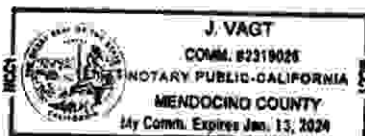
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Additional information \_\_\_\_\_



## INSTRUCTIONS

The wording of all Jurats completed in California after January 1, 2015 must be in the form as set forth within this Jurat. There are no exceptions. If a Jurat to be completed does not follow this form, the notary must correct the verbiage by using a jurat stamp containing the correct wording or attaching a separate jurat form such as this one which does contain the proper wording. In addition, the notary must require an oath or affirmation from the document signer regarding the truthfulness of the contents of the document. The document must be signed AFTER the oath or affirmation. If the document was previously signed, it must be re-signed in front of the notary public during the jurat process.

- State and county information must be the state and county where the document signer(s) personally appeared before the notary public.
- Date of notarization must be the date the signer(s) personally appeared which must also be the same date the jurat process is completed.
- Print the name(s) of the document signer(s) who personally appear at the time of notarization.
- Signature of the notary public must match the signature on file with the office of the county clerk.
- The notary seal impression must be clear and photographically reproducible. Impression must not cover text or lines. If seal impression smudges, re-seal if a sufficient area permits, otherwise complete a different jurat form.
  - ❖ Additional information is not required but could help to ensure this Jurat is not misused or attached to a different document.
  - ❖ Indicate title or type of attached document, number of pages and date.
- Securely attach this document to the signed document with a staple.



**BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE  
MEDICAL BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF:                     )  
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GARY BERLINER, M.D.                 )  
    License No.: 41262                )  
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                    Respondent.         )

JUN 03 2022  
DOCKET NO.: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOCKET NUMBER: 20220086

**PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER**

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and Gary Berliner, M.D. ("Respondent"), the following disposition of this disciplinary matter is entered into pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13(a)(4), as amended.

**FINDING OF FACT**

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia and was licensed at all times relevant to the matters stated herein.

2.

On or about June 22, 2021, in response to a complaint, Special Agent Michael Poblet, employed by the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency, went to Respondent's clinic located at 2395 Thompson Road, Dawsonville, Georgia 30534, to conduct a Dispensing Practitioner Inspection.

3.

While conducting the inspection multiple regulatory violations were observed, specifically:

- Dispensed drugs did not have corresponding prescription orders;

- Controlled substances dispensed did not contain all FDA required labeling;
- Prescription labels did not include: name of the patient, date, serial number, or expiration date;
- Drugs counted in anticipation were not labeled.

4.

Respondent was unaware of the necessity of notifying the Board in writing of his intent to act as a dispensing physician.

5.

Respondent's aforementioned practices and procedures did not conform to the minimum standards of prevailing medical practice and was a violation of regulations of the State of Georgia and the Board's rules.

6.

Respondent has been licensed for twenty-nine (29) years and has no history of discipline with the Board. Respondent was very cooperative during the inspection/investigation and demonstrated a willingness to comply with all applicable rule and regulations.

7.

Respondent admits the above findings of fact and hereby waives any further findings of fact with respect to the above-styled matter.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1.

Respondent's conduct constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of discipline upon his license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia under O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1



and 34, as amended. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

### **ORDER**

The Board, having considered all the facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, to the following terms:

1.

Within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall submit to the Georgia Board a fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be paid in full by cashier' s check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Said fine shall be sent to the Georgia Composite Medical Board, located at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303, to the attention of the Executive Director. Failure to pay the entire amount within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Consent Order shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent' s license, upon substantiation thereof.

2.

Within six (6) months of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall provide to the Board evidence that he has completed the following continuing medical education (CME):

- a. Respondent shall successfully complete, at his own expense, the Mini-Residency entitled "Appropriate Prescribing of Controlled Substances" sponsored by the Mercer College of Pharmacy, or a similar course pre-approved by the Board;

- b. Respondent shall successfully complete, at his own expense, ten (10) hours of CME on dispensing.

This coursework shall be in addition to CME requirements required of all Georgia physicians for renewal of their license. Failure to provide written evidence of successful completion of the CME shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, upon substantiation thereof.

3.

Respondent's dispensing privileges shall be suspended for a period of forty-five (45) days. During this time, Respondent shall refrain from any dispensing practice. Violation of this provision shall be grounds for the imposition of further discipline by the Board. After forty-five (45) days from the docket date, Respondent can petition the Board to have his dispensing privileges reinstated upon showing proof of successful completion of the aforementioned CME. At the time of Respondent's petition to reinstate his dispensing privileges, Respondent must have written notice of his intent to act as a dispensing physician on file with the Board.

4.

This Consent Order shall constitute a PUBLIC REPRIMAND of Respondent and may be disseminated by the Board as a public disciplinary action.

5.

Respondent also understands that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 34A, the contents of this order shall be placed on Respondent's Physician Profile. Furthermore, by executing this Consent Order, Respondent hereby agrees to permit the Board to update the Physician's Profile reflecting this Consent Order.

6.

Respondent acknowledges that he has read and understands the contents of this Consent Order. Respondent understands that he has the right to a hearing in this matter, and Respondent freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right by entering into this Consent Order. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Respondent further understands and agrees that a representative of the State Department of Law may be present during the presentation of this Consent Order and that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order, once approved, shall constitute a public record that may be disseminated as a disciplinary action of the Board. If this Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the ability of the Board to adjudicate this matter. Respondent consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

[signatures on following page]



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

DESPINA DALTON, M.D.  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

DANIEL R. DORSEY  
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

GARY BERLINER, M.D.  
Respondent

AS TO THE SIGNATURE OF  
GARY BERLINER, M.D.:

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this, 17 day of May, 2022.

Sept. 14, 2025  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires:



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD  
STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE  
MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

WILLIAM F. BLOOM, M.D.,  
License No. 12676,  
Respondent.

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\* Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

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JUN 03 2022

DOCKET NUMBER:

20220085

**VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

I, William F. Bloom, M.D., holder of License No. 12676 to practice medicine in the State of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended, hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily surrender said license to the Georgia Composite Medical Board. I hereby acknowledge that this surrender shall be considered to be and have the same effect as a revocation of my license, and I knowingly forfeit and relinquish all right, title and privilege of practicing medicine in the State of Georgia, unless and until such time as my license may be reinstated, in the sole discretion of the Board.

GCMB

MAY 31 2022

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the contents of this Voluntary Surrender.

I understand that I have a right to a hearing in this matter, and I hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily waive such right. I also understand that should the Board entertain any request for reinstatement, the Board shall have access to any investigative file in this matter. I further understand that upon applying for reinstatement, it shall be incumbent upon me to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that I am able to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, and that the Board may investigate my conduct since the time of the surrender of my license. I understand and agree that any reinstatement of my license to practice medicine is a matter in the sole discretion of the Board and that the Board may deny any such reinstatement without identifying a reason for said denial.

This surrender shall become effective upon acceptance and docketing by the Board. I understand that this document will be considered to be a public record entered pursuant to O.C.G.A. §43-34-8(b)(1) and that this action shall be considered to be and may be disseminated as a final order of the Board.

[As to Respondent's signature:]

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 25 day of May, 2022.

Peggy Evatt  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 06/04/2022

William F. Bloom, M.D.  
WILLIAM F. BLOOM, M.D.  
Respondent



### ACCEPTANCE OF SURRENDER

The voluntary surrender of License No. 12676 is hereby accepted by the Georgia Composite Medical Board, this 3 day of June, 2022.



### GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

Despina Dalton  
DESPINA DALTON, M.D.  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Dorsey  
DANIEL R. DORSEY  
Executive Director



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE  
MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:  
TIFFANNI DIOR FORBES, M.D.,  
License No. 51936,  
Respondent.

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DOCKET NO.:

JUN 06 2022

DOCKET NUMBER:

20220090

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and Tiffanni Dior Forbes, M.D., Respondent, the following disposition of this matter is entered pursuant to the following provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, codified as O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13(a)(4).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice as a physician in Georgia and was so licensed at all times relevant to this matter.

2.

On or about October 14, 2021, Respondent was convicted, upon the entering of a guilty plea, of one count of Conspiracy to engage in interstate travel or transportation in aid of a racketeering business, in violation of 18 U.S.C §§ 371 and 1952(a)(3)(A), in the United States District Court, for the Southern District of Georgia, Savannah Division, Criminal Case No.: 4:21CR00088-1. Respondent was sentenced to three years of probation, a fine of \$10,000.00, and \$136,493.00 in restitution.

3.

Respondent waives any further findings of fact with respect to the above matter.



### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's guilty plea entered into with the United States District Court, for the Southern District of Georgia, Savannah Division, constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of sanctions upon Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia under O.C.G.A. Chs. 1 and 34, T. 43, as amended. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

### ORDER

The Georgia Composite Medical Board, having considered the particular facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that the following sanctions shall be imposed on Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia.

1.

Within six (6) months of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall enroll in, complete, and provide evidence to the Board of completion of ten (10) hours of continuing education approved by the Board in the area of ethics. Such coursework and hours shall be in addition to, and shall NOT be used to satisfy, continuing education hours for license renewal purposes. Respondent's failure to complete the courses and hours and/or provide evidence of completion of the courses and hours shall be considered a violation of this Order and grounds for further disciplinary action, including revocation.

2.

Within thirty 30 days of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall pay a fine in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Said fines shall be sent to Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303, to the attention of the Executive Director. Failure to pay the entire amount by the 30<sup>th</sup> day shall be considered a violation of this Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

3.

In addition to, and in conjunction with any other sanction contained herein, this Consent Order and dissemination thereof, shall serve as a public reprimand of Respondent by the Board.

4.

Respondent understands that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 34A, the contents of this order shall be placed on her Physician Profile. Furthermore, by executing this Consent Order, Respondent hereby agrees to permit the Board to update the Physician's Profile reflecting this Consent Order.

5.

The effective date of this Consent Order is the date the Consent Order is docketed. Respondent should receive a docketed copy of the Consent Order from the Board at Respondent's address of record within 10 business days of the docket date. If Respondent has not received a docketed copy of the Consent Order, it is Respondent's responsibility to obtain a docketed copy of the Consent Order from the Board. Respondent must comply with the terms of the Consent Order beginning on the effective date.

6.

Respondent shall abide by all state and federal laws regulating the practice of medicine and relating to drugs, the Rules and Regulations of the Board, and the terms and conditions of this Consent Order. If Respondent shall fail to abide by such laws, rules, terms or conditions, Respondent's license shall be subject to further discipline, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof after notice and hearing, and if revoked, the Board in its discretion may determine that the license should be permanently revoked and not subject to reinstatement. Respondent further agrees that any violation of this Consent Order shall be deemed to be sufficient to authorize the Board to initiate further disciplinary action or to

order summary suspension of Respondent's license, pending further proceedings, pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-18(c)(1), or any other statute authorizing emergency action, but Respondent understands that Respondent shall be entitled to an expedited hearing to substantiate such violation, if the Board exercises such right.


7.

Respondent acknowledges that she has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that she has the right to appear before the Board in this matter, and freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right by entering into this Consent Order. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Board. Respondent further understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during presentation of this Consent Order to the Board and that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order, once approved, shall constitute a public record that may be disseminated as a disciplinary action of the Board and will be reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank. However, if the Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding or prejudice the right of the Board to adjudicate this matter. Respondent consents to the terms and conditions contained herein.

(signatures on following page)

Approved, by the Board this 6 day of June, 2022.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:   
DESPINA DALTON, M.D.  
Chairperson



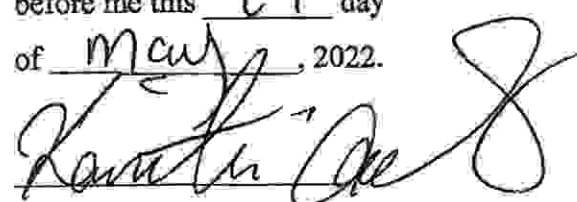
Attest:   
DANIEL R. DORSEY  
Executive Director

Consented to:   
TIFFANNI DIOR FORBES, M.D.  
Respondent

Witness of Signature:

Swore to and subscribed

before me this 27 day  
of May, 2022.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 11/11/2024



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

GEORGIA COMPOSITE  
MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

JUN 03 2022

IN THE MATTER OF:

BARRY MOORE, M.D.,  
License Number 84557,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NUMBER:

20220089

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Georgia Board") and BARRY MOORE, M.D. ("Respondent"), the following disposition of this disciplinary matter is entered pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13(a)(4), as amended.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia and was licensed at all times relevant to the matters stated herein. Respondent is also licensed to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina, holding license number 19520.

2.

On or about February 8, 2021, the North Carolina Medical Board issued a Public Consent Order suspending Respondent's license for one (1) year. The suspension was stayed under certain terms and conditions which included, but were not limited to, payment of an administrative fine in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and surrendering Respondent's DEA buprenorphine prescribing waiver. The discipline was based, in part, on Respondent's improper prescribing and inadequate medical record documentation.

3.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(5) and 43-34-8(a)(5), the Georgia Board may discipline a licensee who has had disciplinary action against him or her by any such lawful licensing authority other than the board.

4.

Respondent agrees to the above findings of facts and waives any further findings of fact with respect to the above-styled matter.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The action taken by the North Carolina Medical Board constitute sufficient grounds for the imposition of discipline upon Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia under O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1 and 34, as amended. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

#### ORDER

The Georgia Board, having considered all the facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that the following sanctions shall be imposed upon Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia:

1.

Within **thirty (30) days** of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall submit to the Georgia Board a fine of five thousand dollars (**\$5,000.00**) to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Said fine shall be sent to Georgia Composite Medical Board, located at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, to the attention of the Executive Director. Failure to pay the entire amount within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Order shall be

considered a violation of this Consent Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

2.

Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, no less than fourteen (14) days prior to Respondent establishing a brick and mortar medical practice/facility in the State of Georgia where he personally provides patient care. Additionally, if more than fifty percent (50%) of the patients for whom Respondent is personally providing care on a regular and ongoing basis reside in the State of Georgia, Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, no less than fourteen (14) days prior to exceeding the fifty percent (50%) threshold. Said written notice shall be sent to Georgia Composite Medical Board, located at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, to the attention of the Executive Director. Failure to provide the aforementioned written notice to the Board shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

3.

Respondent shall abide by all state and federal laws regulating the practice of medicine, the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Board, and the terms and conditions of this Consent Order. Respondent further agrees that any violation of this Consent Order shall be deemed to be sufficient to authorize the Board to order summary suspension of Respondent's license, pending further proceedings, pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-18(c)(1), or any other statute authorizing emergency action, but Respondent understands that Respondent shall be entitled to an expedited hearing to substantiate such violation, if the Board exercises such right.



4.

In addition to and in conjunction with any other sanction contained herein, this Consent Order and dissemination thereof shall serve as a **public reprimand** of Respondent by the Georgia Board.

5.

Respondent also understands that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 34A, the contents of this Consent Order shall be placed on Respondent's Physician Profile. Furthermore, by executing this Consent Order, Respondent hereby agrees to permit the Georgia Board to update the Physician's Profile reflecting this Consent Order.

6.

Respondent acknowledges that Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that Respondent has the right to a hearing in this matter and freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives that right by entering into this Consent Order. Respondent understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during the Georgia Board's consideration of this Consent Order and that the Georgia Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Board. Respondent understands that this Consent Order, once approved and docketed, shall constitute a public record, evidencing disciplinary action by the Georgia Board that may be disseminated as such. However, if this Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the right of the Georgia Board to adjudicate this matter. Respondent

hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved this 3 day of June, 2022.

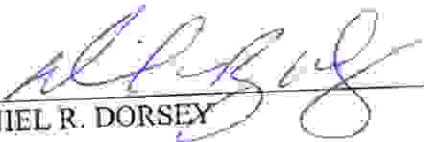


GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

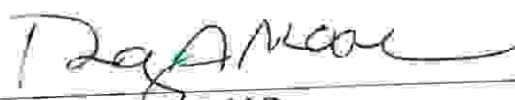
BY:

  
DESPINA DALTON, M.D.  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
DANIEL R. DORSEY  
Executive Director


CONSENTED TO:

  
BARRY MOORE, M.D.  
Respondent

AS TO THE SIGNATURE OF  
BARRY MOORE, M.D.:

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 17 day of May, 2022.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 12-13-2023



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD  
STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE  
MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:  
WILLIAM J. PANERAL, PA-C  
License #: 4211

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DOCKET NO.:

JUN 23 2022

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20220092

Respondent.

**PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER**

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and William J. Paneral, PA-C, Respondent, the following disposition of this matter is entered pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13 (a) (4), *as amended*.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1.

Respondent is licensed as physician assistant in the State of Georgia and was licensed as physician assistant at all times relevant to the facts contained in this Order. His license expires on November 30, 2022.

2.

On or about August 12, 2017, Respondent, freely and voluntarily, "without any degree of duress or compulsion," entered into a binding public Settlement Agreement, with the United States of America, acting through the United States Department of Justice, on behalf of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

3.

The Settlement Agreement alleges that Respondent, during the period from October 19, 2012 through February 10, 2015, was dispensing or distributing Schedule II controlled

substances without legal authority when he completed and issued prescriptions that a physician had signed but otherwise left blank.

4.

Respondent admits the above findings of fact and hereby waives any further findings of fact with respect to the above-styled matter.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Pursuant to Ga. Comp. R. & Regs 360-5-.05 (8)(a), a physician assistant may not issue a written prescription for a Schedule II controlled substance, nor may the physician assistant prepare such a prescription for administration of a Schedule II controlled substance that has been pre-signed by the primary or alternate supervising physician.

O.C.G.A. § 43-34-8 (a)(7) gives the Board the authority to discipline a person regulated under Title 43, Chapter 34, for engaging in any unprofessional, unethical, deceptive, or deleterious conduct or practice harmful to the public, which need not have resulted in actual injury to any person. "Unprofessional conduct" includes any departure from, or failure to conform to, the minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice and shall also include, but not be limited to, the prescribing or use of drugs which are detrimental to the patient as determined by the minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice or by rule of the board.

O.C.G.A. § 43-34-8 (a)(10) gives the Board the authority to discipline a person regulated under Title 43, Chapter 34 for violating a law, rule, or regulation of this state, any other state, the board, the United States, or any other lawful authority without regard to whether the violation is criminally punishable, when such law, rule, or regulation relates to or in part regulates the



practice of medicine, when the licensee or applicant knows or should know that such action violates such law, rule, or regulation.

Respondent's conduct constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of discipline upon his license to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Georgia under O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1 and 34, as amended. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

### **ORDER**

The Board, having considered all the facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, to the following terms:

1.

Respondent shall submit to the Board a fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be paid by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Board by certified check or money order to the Georgia Composite Medical Board **within ninety (90) days** of the effective date of this Order. Failure to pay the fine as provided herein shall be considered a violation of this Order, and may result in further sanctioning of Respondent's authority to practice as a physician assistant in the future, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

2.

Respondent shall abide by all state and federal laws regulating the practice of medicine, the Rules and Regulations of the Board, and the terms and conditions of this Consent Order. If Respondent shall fail to abide by such laws, rules, terms or conditions of this Consent Order, or if it should appearing from reports, inspections or other information submitted to the Board that Respondent is otherwise unable to practice as a physician assistant with reasonable skill and

safety to patients, Respondent's license shall be subject to further discipline, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof after notice and hearing.

3.

All reports and submissions required under this Consent Order shall be sent to the attention of the Executive Director, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303 or any subsequent address of the Board.

4.

This Consent Order shall constitute a PUBLIC REPRIMAND of Respondent and may be disseminated by the Board as a public disciplinary action.

5.

Respondent also understands that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 34A, the contents of this order shall be placed on Respondent's Physician Assistant Profile and reported as required by state and federal agencies, including but not limited to the National Practitioners Data Bank. Furthermore, by executing this Consent Order, Respondent hereby agrees to permit the Board to update the Physician Assistants Profile reflecting this Consent Order.

6.

Respondent acknowledges that he has read and understands the contents of this Consent Order. Respondent understands that he has the right to a hearing in this matter, and Respondent freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right by entering into this Consent Order. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Respondent further understands and agrees that a representative of the State Department of Law may be present during the presentation of this Consent Order and that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and

all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order, once approved, shall constitute a public record that may be disseminated as a disciplinary action of the Board. If this Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the ability of the Board to adjudicate this matter. Respondent consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved this 23 day of June, 2021.



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

WILLIAM J. PANERAL, PA-C  
Respondent

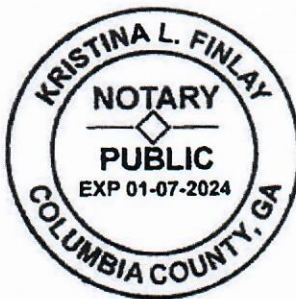
AS TO THE SIGNATURE  
WILLIAM J. PANERAL, PA-C  
Sworn to and Subscribed

Before me this 8 day of July, 2021.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 01.07.2024

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD  
STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE  
MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

LEE SULLIVAN RIPPY, M.D.,  
License No. 33884,  
Respondent.

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Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

JUN 23 2022

DOCKET NUMBER:  
2022 0093

**VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

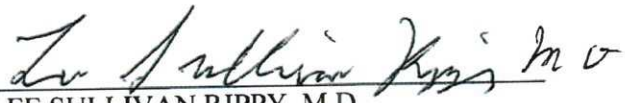
I, Lee Sullivan Rippy, M.D., holder of License No. 33884 to practice medicine in the State of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended, hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily surrender said license to the Georgia Composite Medical Board. I hereby acknowledge that this surrender shall be considered to be and have the same effect as a revocation of my license, and I knowingly forfeit and relinquish all right, title and privilege of practicing medicine in the State of Georgia, unless and until such time as my license may be reinstated, in the sole discretion of the Board.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the contents of this Voluntary Surrender. I understand that I have a right to a hearing in this matter, and I hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily waive such right. I also understand that should the Board entertain any request for reinstatement, the Board shall have access to any investigative file in this matter. I further understand that upon applying for reinstatement, it shall be incumbent upon me to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that I am able to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, and that the Board may investigate my conduct since the time of the surrender of my license. I understand and agree that any reinstatement of my license to practice medicine is a matter in the sole discretion of the Board and that the Board may deny any such reinstatement without identifying a reason for said denial.

This surrender shall become effective upon acceptance and docketing by the Board. I understand that this document will be considered to be a public record entered pursuant to

O.C.G.A. §43-34-8(b)(1) and that this action shall be considered to be and may be disseminated as a final order of the Board.

[As to Respondent's signature:]  
Sworn to and subscribed before me  
This 26 day of June, 2022.

  
LEE SULLIVAN RIPPY, M.D.  
Respondent

  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My commission expires: June 28, 2023



**ACCEPTANCE OF SURRENDER**

The voluntary surrender of License No. 33884 is hereby accepted by the Georgia Composite Medical Board, this 23 day of June, 2022.

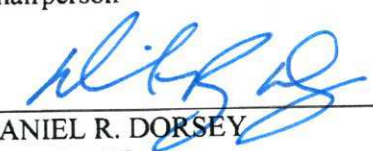


**GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD**

BY:

  
DESPINA DALTON, M.D.  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
DANIEL R. DORSEY  
Executive Director