July 2023 Public Board Actions List

Georgia Composite Medical Board

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The Board issued **nine** public orders in **July 2023**. To view each Board order, click on the licensee's name below.

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Acupuncturist

Consent Agreement for Reinstatement

2. Shawntay C. Raulston, ALP

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Assistant Laser Practitioner

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:)		GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
JOHN ROBERT ALBRIGHT,)	DOCKET NO:	JUL 25 2023
Previous Acupuncturist License No. 380)		DOCKET NUMBER:
Applicant.	j		

CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR REINSTATEMENT

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 reinstatement of John Robert Albright ("Applicant") to practice as an acupuncturist 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.

Applicant was previously licensed as an acupuncturist by the Board. Applicant's license lapsed on or around July 31, 2020.

2.

On or about March 24, 2023, Applicant submitted an application for reinstatement of Applicant's license to practice as an acupuncturist in the State of Georgia. During the course of reviewing the application, it was discovered that Applicant practiced after his license lapsed.

3.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The unlicensed practice disclosed by Applicant is grounds for denial of her reinstatement application or reinstatement with discipline under O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, <u>as amended</u>.

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 an Acupuncturist in the State of Georgia shall be reinstated, subject to the following terms:

1.

Applicant shall submit to the Board a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order <u>made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board</u> within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement. Said fine shall be sent to Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 MLK Jr. Drive, SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, to the attention of the Executive Director. Failure to pay the entire amount by the 90th day shall be considered a violation of this Agreement and shall result in further sanctioning of Applicant's license, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

2.

Applicant shall submit to the Board evidence that she has completed forty (40) hours of Board approved continuing education requirements. Said continuing education requirements shall be completed after July 31, 2020. Applicant shall submit evidence of completion of the continuing education requirements to medbd@dch.ga.gov (preferred) or Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 MLK Jr. Drive, SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, to the attention of the

Executive Director. Failure to complete the aforementioned continuing education requirements and submit evidence of completion to the Board shall be considered a violation of this Agreement and shall result in further sanctioning of Applicant's license, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

3.

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.

4.

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. Applicant must comply with the terms of the Consent Agreement beginning on the effective date.

5.

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 25 day of July, 2023.

BY:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

William K. Botol Do

WILLIAM BOSTOCK. D.O.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

DANIEL R. DORSEY

Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

HIN RODERT ALBRIGHT

Applicant

[As to Applicant's signature:] Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 23th day of Luce

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

AARON CHASTAIN
Notary Public - State of Georgia
Barrow County
v Commission Expires Feb 1, 202

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
SHAWNTAY C. RAULSTON,)	GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
ALP License No. 1509,) DOCKET NO:	JUL 1 9 2023
Applicant.)	DOCKET NUMBER:

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 SHAWNTAY C. RAULSTON to practice as an Assistant Laser Practitioner 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 March 4, 2021, Applicant was issued a license to practice as an assistant laser practitioner. On or about August 31, 2022, Applicant's license lapsed.

2.

On or about April 24, 2023, Applicant submitted an application for reinstatement of her license to practice as an assistant laser practitioner. During the course of reviewing the application, it was discovered that Applicant had performed laser services after her license lapsed.

3.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The unlicensed practice disclosed by Applicant 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 an Assistant Laser Practitioner in the State of Georgia shall be issued, subject to the following terms:

1.

Applicant shall submit to the Board a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order <u>made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board</u> within one hundred and ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement. Said fine shall be sent to Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 MLK, Jr. Drive, SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, to the attention of the Executive Director. Failure to pay the entire amount by the 90th day shall be considered a violation of this Agreement and shall result in further sanctioning of Applicant's license, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

2.

This Consent Agreement and dissemination thereof shall be considered a PUBLIC REPRIMAND of Applicant by the Board.

3.

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 form the Board at the Respondent's address of record within ten (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 and conditions of the Consent Order beginning on the effective date.

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Approval of this Consent Order by the Board shall in no way be construed as condoning the Applicant's conduct, and shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the lawful rights possessed by the Board.

5.

Applicant acknowledges that Applicant has read this Consent Agreement and understands its contents. Applicant understands that Applicant has the right to an appearance 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. However, if this 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 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 hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

(signatures on following page)



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

William K. Botoch Do

WILLIAM BOSTOCK Chairperson

ATTEST:

BY:

DANIEL R. DORSEY **Executive Director**

CONSENTED TO:

Applicant

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 01/25/2027

LAURA JONES Notary Public - State of Georgia **Gwinnett County** My Commission Expires Jan 25, 2027

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD STATE OF GEORGIA

)		GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
)	DOCKET NO:	JUL 2 5 2023
)		DOCKET NUMBER:
)))) DOCKET NO:)

CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR REINSTATEMENT

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1 and 34, the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board"), in its discretion, has considered the reinstatement application for licensure of Natisha Roberson-Dunn ("Applicant") to practice as a physician assistant 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 November 5, 2004, Applicant was issued a license to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Georgia. On or about December 31, 2022, Applicant's license was administratively revoked upon expiration of the late renewal period.

2.

On or about May 19, 2023, Applicant submitted an application for reinstatement of Applicant's license to practice as a physician assistant. During the course of reviewing the application, it was discovered that Applicant had worked as a physician assistant in Georgia after the late renewal period had expired.

3.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The unlicensed practice disclosed by Applicant is grounds for denial of licensure or licensure with discipline under O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended. Reinstatement of Applicant's license is within the discretion of the Board. 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 assistant in the State of Georgia shall be reinstated, subject to the following terms:

1.

Applicant shall submit to the Board a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement. Said fine shall be sent to Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 MLK, Jr. Drive, SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, to the attention of the Executive Director. Failure to pay the entire amount by the 60th day shall be considered a violation of this Agreement and shall result in further sanctioning of Applicant's licensure, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

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This Consent Agreement and dissemination thereof shall be considered a PUBLIC REPRIMAND of Applicant by the Board.

3.

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 form the Board at the

Respondent's address of record within ten (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 and conditions of the Consent Order beginning on the effective date.

4.

Applicant acknowledges that Applicant has read this Consent Agreement and understands its contents. Applicant understands that Applicant has the right to an appearance in this matter and freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives that right by entering into this Consent Agreement. Applicant understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during the Board's consideration of this Consent Agreement 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 will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. However, if this 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 hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

(signatures on following page)



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

William K. Botol DA

BY:

WILLIAM BOSTOCK, D.O.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

DANIEL D. DORSEY

Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

NATISHA ROBERSON-DUNN, PA-C

Applicant

[As to Applicant's signature:] Sworn to and subscribed before me

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Coweta County

State of Georgia

My Comm. Expires April 4, 2027

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:)		
KIMBERLY MELISSA ROELOFS,)		GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
ALP License No. 1566)	DOCKET NO:	JUL 1 4 2023
Applicant.)		DOCKET NUMBER:

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 KIMBERLY MELISSA ROELOFS to practice as an Assistant Laser Practitioner 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 May 6, 2021, Applicant was issued a license to practice as an assistant laser practitioner. On or about January 31, 2023, Applicant's license lapsed.

2.

On or about May 22, 2023, Applicant submitted an application for reinstatement of her license to practice as an assistant laser practitioner. During the course of reviewing the application, it was discovered that Applicant had performed laser services after her license lapsed.

3.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The unlicensed practice disclosed by Applicant 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 an Assistant Laser Practitioner in the State of Georgia shall be issued, subject to the following terms:

1.

Applicant shall submit to the Board a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board within one hundred and ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement. Said fine shall be sent to Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 MLK, Jr. Drive, SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, to the attention of the Executive Director. Failure to pay the entire amount by the 90th day shall be considered a violation of this Agreement and shall result in further sanctioning of Applicant's license, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

2.

This Consent Agreement and dissemination thereof shall be considered a **PUBLIC REPRIMAND** of Applicant by the Board.

3.

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 form the Board at the Respondent's address of record within ten (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 and conditions of the Consent Order beginning on the effective date.

4.

Approval of this Consent Order by the Board shall in no way be construed as condoning the Applicant's conduct, and shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the lawful rights possessed by the Board.

5.

Applicant acknowledges that Applicant has read this Consent Agreement and understands its contents. Applicant understands that Applicant has the right to an appearance 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. However, if this 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 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 hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

(signatures on following page)

Approved this	14	day of	10/	2022
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GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

William K. Botal Do

WILLIAM BOSTOCK Chairperson

ATTEST:

BY:

DANIEL R. DORSEY **Executive Director**

CONSENTED TO:

Applicant

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:		GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
ELIZABETH ROTHSCHILD, PA License No. 5615,	DOCKET NO:	JUL 1 9 2023 DOCKET NUMBER:
Reinstatement Applicant.	Ó	20240010

CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR REINSTATEMENT

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1 and 34, the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board"), in its discretion, has considered the reinstatement application for licensure of Elizabeth Rothschild ("Applicant") to practice as a physician assistant 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 August 7, 2009, Applicant was issued a license to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Georgia. On or about December 31, 2022, Applicant's license was administratively revoked upon expiration of the late renewal period.

2.

On or about June 1, 2023, Applicant submitted an application for reinstatement of Applicant's license to practice as a physician assistant. During the course of reviewing the application, it was discovered that Applicant had worked as a physician assistant in Georgia after the late renewal period had expired.

3.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

<u>ORDER</u>

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

1.

Applicant shall submit to the Board a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement. Said fine shall be sent to Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 MLK, Jr. Drive, SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, to the attention of the Executive Director. Failure to pay the entire amount by the 60th day shall be considered a violation of this Agreement and shall result in further sanctioning of Applicant's licensure, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

2.

This Consent Agreement and dissemination thereof shall be considered a PUBLIC REPRIMAND of Applicant by the Board.

3.

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 form the Board at the

Respondent's address of record within ten (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 and conditions of the Consent Order beginning on the effective date.

4.

Applicant acknowledges that Applicant has read this Consent Agreement and understands its contents. Applicant understands that Applicant has the right to an appearance in this matter and freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives that right by entering into this Consent Agreement. Applicant understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during the Board's consideration of this Consent Agreement 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 will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. However, if this 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 hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

(signatures on following page)

Approved this 19 day of July

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

William K. Botol 20

WILLIAM BOSTOCK, D.O. Chairperson

ATTEST:

BY:

DANIEL D. DORSEY **Executive Director**

CONSENTED TO:

ELIZABETH ROTHSCHILD, PA-C

Applicant

[As to Applicant's signature:]

Sworn to and subscribed before me This & day of) Uy

, 2023.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: September 16 2026



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

THOMAS HEWITT SACHY, M.D., License Number: 43120,

DOCKET NO.

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Respondent.

DOCKET NUMBER:

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

I, THOMAS HEWITT SACHY, M.D., holder of License No. 43120 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, which was issued on February 5, 1997. I hereby acknowledge that this surrender shall 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 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 any request for reinstatement be entertained by the Board, the Board shall have access to the entire 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 if the Board is not so satisfied, the Board shall not reinstate my license.

This surrender shall become effective immediately upon acceptance thereof by the Board and docketing by the Board. I understand that this document will be considered to be a public record entered as the final disposition of disciplinary proceedings presently pending against me, and that this action shall be considered to be and may be disseminated as a final order of the Board.

Respondent

Sworn to and Subscribed

As to the signature of Thomas Hewitt Sachy, M.D.

My commission expires: June 08, 2027

ACCEPTANCE OF SURRENDER

The voluntary surrender of License No. 43120 is hereby accepted by the Georgia

Composite Medical Board, this - 19th day of - July -, 2023.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

William K. Botal DA

WILLIAM BOSTOCK, D.O. Board Chairperson

ATTEST:

DANIEL R. DORSEY

Executive Director

Doc. #1297162

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:)		
)	OSAH Docket No.: 2320247	
ROBERT SHEDDEN, DO,)	2320247-OSAH-GCMB-PH	IY-222-Barnes
License No. 22334,)		GEORGIA COMPOSITE
Respondent.)	BOARD DOCKET NO:	MEDICAL BOARD
)		JUL 2 5 2023
	FINAL DEC	CISION	DOCKET NUMBER:

An Initial Decision was issued by the Office of State Administrative Hearings in the above matter on June 20, 2023. The Initial Decision was sent via certified mail to Respondent's address of record and one other address associated with Respondent. Additionally, the Initial Decision was email to Respondent at his email address of record. In the absence of an application to the agency for review of said Initial Decision, or an order by the Board to review said Initial Decision on its own motion, said Initial Decision becomes the Final Decision of the Board by operation of law, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-17(a).

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Findings of Fact entered by the Administrative Law Judge in the Initial Decision are adopted and incorporated by reference herein.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Conclusions of Law entered by the Administrative Law Judge in the Initial Decision are adopted and incorporated by reference herein.

DECISION AND ORDER

The recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge that Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia be **RESTRICTED**, with the terms as set forth in the

Initial Decision, is adopted and incorporated by reference and, having become final on July 20, 2023, is hereby made the Final Decision of the Board, effective July 20, 2023.

SO ORDERED, this 25th day of July, 2023.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

William K. Botoch 20

WILLIAM BOSTOCK, D.O.

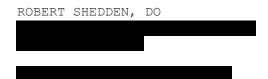
Chairperson

DANIEL R. DORSEY

Executive Director

ROBERT SHEDDEN, DO

SANDRA BAILEY
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
40 CAPITOL SQUARE, S.W.
ATLANTA, GA 30334-1300



DANIEL DORSEY
GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
2 PEACHTREE STREET NW 6TH FLOOR
ATLANTA, GA 30303

BEFORE THE OFFICE OF STATE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD,

Petitioner,

Docket No.: 2320247

2320247-OSAH-GCMB-PHY-222-Barnes

Agency Reference No.: 22334

ROBERT SHEDDEN, DO,

v.

Respondent.



INITIAL DECISION

I. Introduction

The Georgia Composite Medical Board ("the Board") initiated this matter for the purpose of sanctioning Respondent's medical license. Specifically, Petitioner seeks the revocation of Respondent's license to practice medicine or, in the alternative, restrictions matching those imposed in Alabama. The hearing was conducted on May 19, 2023, at the Office of State Administrative Hearings in Atlanta, Georgia. The Board was represented by Sandra Bailey, Esq., Assistant Attorney General, and Respondent represented himself. Witnesses at the hearing were Daniel Dorsey, the Executive Director of the Board; Respondent; and Patricia Shedden, Respondent's wife. For the reasons stated herein, the Board's request to impose sanctions against Respondent's license to practice as a physician is AFFIRMED in part and MODIFIED in part.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent holds a license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia, and he has held such license at all times relevant to the present hearing. His license was issued on February 11, 1981, and its current status is Active. His license was set to expire on May 31, 2023.

¹ The Court has no knowledge of the current status of Respondent's license. However, because his license was active

- (Petitioner's Exhibit 1; Testimony of Daniel Dorsey).
- 2. Respondent's specialties are emergency medicine and pain medicine. (Petitioner's Exhibit 1; Testimony of Daniel Dorsey).
- 3. Respondent is also licensed to practice in Alabama. His Alabama license was issued on October 24, 1984, and is set to expire on December 31, 2023. His license status is active and unrestricted. However, his Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate is on probation. (Petitioner's Exhibit 3; Testimony of Daniel Dorsey).
- 4. In September 2021, the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners served Respondent an Order to Show Cause, alleging that he had excessively prescribed controlled substances in violation of Alabama Code Section 20-2-54. (Petitioner's Exhibit 6; Testimony of Daniel Dorsey).
- 5. The Show Cause Order stemmed from an investigation by the Alabama Board into Respondent's prescribing practices in response to several complaints. Per the Show Cause Order, the investigation's summary report concluded, in pertinent part:

"In general, [Respondent] appears to prescribe high-dose opioid therapy with high-dose benzodiazepine therapy on a routine basis based on the PDMP review. [Respondent] places a heavy emphasis on prescribing Oxycodone Immediate Release in his practice, with 38% of prescriptions (3494/9263) during 2019-2020 for immediate release oxycodone. He also prescribes hydromorphone frequently, which is rarely used in modern pain management practice. A high percentage of patient prescriptions (26%) are for 'sedatives.' . . . Benzodiazepines used in large amounts/quantities with frequent three times daily dosing. There were also several very high-risk patients in [Respondent's] clinic who continued to receive opioids despite noncompliance and failed urine drug screens."

(Exhibit P-5; Testimony of Daniel Dorsey).

6. In February 2022, Respondent entered into a joint settlement agreement with the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, whereby he permanently surrendered his pain management

at the time of his hearing, the Court will assume that it remains so.

registration and entered a consent order finding that, among other charges, he had excessively prescribed controlled substances in violation of Alabama Code § 20-2-54. It also required him to enter into a consent order placing his Alabama Controlled Substances license on probation for sixty months, prohibiting him from prescribing or distributing controlled substances. However, the settlement agreement stipulated that Respondent denied the allegations in the show cause order. (Petitioner's Exhibit 6; Testimony of Daniel Dorsey).

7. Respondent denied the allegations laid out in the Alabama Show Cause Order. Both he and his wife, who served as his office administrator, said they had measures in place to ensure that their patients were not misusing controlled substances. (Testimony of Petitioner; Testimony of Patricia Shedden).

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board bears the burden of proof in this matter. Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 616-1-2-.07(1). The standard of proof is a preponderance of the evidence. Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 616-1-2-.21(4).
- 2. Professional licensing boards may discipline a licensee upon a finding by a majority of the board that the licensee has engaged in unprofessional conduct that fails to conform to the minimal reasonable standards of acceptable and prevailing practice. O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(a)(6).
- 3. Under O.C.G.A. § 43-34-8(a), the Board has the authority to discipline a physician upon a finding that the licensee has:
 - (5) Had his or her license, certificate, or permit to practice pursuant to this chapter revoked, suspended, or annulled by any lawful licensing authority; had other disciplinary action taken against him or her by any lawful licensing authority; or been denied a license by any lawful licensing authority;
 - (7) Engaged in any unprofessional, immoral, unethical, deceptive, or deleterious conduct or practice harmful to the public, which need not have resulted in actual injury to any person. As used in this paragraph, the term "unprofessional conduct" shall include 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, treatment, or diagnostic procedures which are detrimental to the patient as determined by the minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing medial practice or by rule of the board;

- (10) Violated or attempted to violate 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; or violated a lawful order of the board previously entered by the board in a disciplinary hearing;
- 4. When the Board finds that a licensee should be disciplined pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-34-8(a), the board may take any one or more of the following actions:
 - (A) Refuse grant a license, certificate, or permit to an applicant;
 - (B) Place the licensee, certificate holder, or permit holder on probation for a definite or indefinite period with terms and conditions;
 - (C) Administer a public or private reprimand, provided that a private reprimand shall not be disclosed to any person except the licensee; certificate holder, or permit holder;
 - (D) Suspend any license, certificate, or permit for a definite or indefinite period;
 - (E) Limit or restrict any license, certificate, or permit;
 - (F) Revoke any license, certificate, or permit;
 - (G) Impose a fine not to exceed \$3,000.00 for each violation of a law, rule, or regulation relating to the licensee, certificate holder, permit holder, or applicant;
 - (H) Impose a fine in a reasonable amount to reimburse the board for administrative costs;
 - (I) Require passage of a board approved minimum competency examination;
 - (J) Require board approved medical education;
 - (K) Condition the penalty, or withhold formal disposition, which shall be kept confidential unless there is a public order upon the applicant, licensee, certificate holder, or permit holder's submission to the care, counseling, or treatment by physicians or other professional persons, which may be provided pursuant to Code Section 43-34-5.1, and the completion of such care, counseling, or treatment, as directed by the board; or
 - (L) Require a board approved mental and physical evaluation of all licensees, certificate holders, or permit holders.

O.C.G.A. § 43-34-8(b)(1).

5. While Respondent may deny the allegations listed in the Alabama Show Cause Order, it is undisputed that he willingly entered into a settlement agreement that resulted in a restriction

- on his license to practice medicine. Under O.C.G.A. § 43-34-8(a)(5), this provides sufficient cause for the Board to similarly discipline Respondent's license.
- 6. However, the Board did not meet its burden to justify revoking Respondent's license. While the Board proved by a preponderance that Respondent was disciplined by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, it did not present any direct evidence relating to Respondent's misconduct. Accordingly, the Court finds that revocation would be too harsh of a penalty.

IV. DECISION

In accordance with the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board's decision to sanction Respondent's medical license is hereby **AFFIRMED**. However, the proposed sanction is **MODIFIED**, and the Board may impose restrictions on Respondent's license matching the terms of the Alabama settlement agreement.



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

WILLIAM WEY SUN,

* DOCKET NO.

Respondent.

* GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

* DOCKET NUMBER:

VOLUNTARY CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

William Sun ("Respondent") does not possess a license to practice acupuncture, pursuant to O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended.

2.

On or about July 9, 2021, The Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") received information that Respondent was practicing acupuncture without a license. Specifically, B.W., an employee of Respondent, said Respondent's patients receive both chiropractic and acupuncture treatments. Additionally, acupuncture needles were found in at least one patient room.

3.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-34-7 (a), no person shall practice acupuncture without a license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct outlined above constitutes sufficient grounds to issue an order prohibiting Respondent from violating O.C.G.A Title 43, Ch. 34, Art. 3. and issue other sanctions as set out below in this Order. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

1.

Respondent hereby agrees to voluntarily cease and desist from any practice that would require Respondent to possess a license to practice acupuncture as required under O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended, until such time as Respondent is licensed by the Board.

2.

Respondent understands that Respondent has a right to a hearing in this matter, and hereby freely, knowingly, and voluntarily waives such right. Respondent also understands that should Respondent apply for licensure with the Board, the board shall have access to this Order and to the entire investigative file in this matter.

3.

This Order shall become effective immediately upon approval thereof by the Board and shall remain in effect until such time as Respondent becomes licensed with the Board or until further order. Respondent understands that this document will be considered to be a public record entered as the final disposition of any proceedings presently pending or which could be brought against Respondent by the Board and that this action shall be considered to be and may be recorded as a final order of the Board.

4.

Any violation of this Order shall subject Respondent to a fine not to exceed \$500.00 for each transaction constituting a violation thereof, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-1-20.1, and any remedy contained herein shall NOT preclude the Board from seeking remedies otherwise available by statute, including criminal prosecution and/or injunctive relief.

(Signatures on following page)

This 21 day of	June	, 2023.



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL

BOARD

BY:

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MATTHEW W. NORMAN, M.D.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

, 2023.

DANIEL R. DORSE

Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

WILLIAM WEY SUN

Respondent

[As to the signature of William Wey Sun]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this and subscribed before me

My commission expires: July 31, 20

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE IN THE MATTER OF: MEDICAL BOARD Docket No. LORI H. YOUNG, RCP, JUL 1 3 2023 License No. 4319. DOCKET NUMBER:

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

Respondent.

I, Lori H. Young, RCP, holder of License No. 4319 to practice as a respiratory care professional 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 or medical information regarding me. 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 as a respiratory care professional 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 as a respiratory care professional 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 13 day of July , 2023.

LORI H. YOUNG, RCP

Respondent

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 12026

ACCEPTANCE OF SURRENDER

The voluntary surrender of License No. 4319 is hereby accepted by the Georgia Composite Medical Board, this 13th day of 3ulu, 2023.



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

William K. Botach a

WILLIAM BOSTOCK, D.O.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

DANIEL R. DORSEY

Executive Director