

October 2018 Public Board Actions List

Georgia Composite Medical Board
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The Board issued **four** public orders in **October 2018**. To view each Board order, click on the licensee's name below.

1. **Edd Colbert Jones, III, M.D.**
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Physician
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Physician
Public Board Order Terminating Probation

Applicant was ordered to continue to engage in individual therapy, practice under supervision, use a female chaperone, and submit reports regarding his performance as a physician and his adherence to the order.

4.

On or about April 10, 2017, Applicant entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced in the Northern District of Georgia, Case No. 1:16-CR-00009-001 on one count of Conspiracy to Distribute and Dispense Controlled Substances and was sentenced to incarceration for a term of 18 months, followed by supervised release of one year. In connection with his plea agreement, Applicant surrendered his DEA registration.

5.

On or about March 30, 2018, Applicant submitted an application for reinstatement with the Board.

6.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Reinstatement of Applicant's license to practice medicine in Georgia under O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended, is within the sole discretion of the Board. The Applicant hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

1.

Beginning on the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Applicant's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia shall be reinstated under PROBATION, for a period of five years, subject to the following terms:

(a) SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN: Applicant shall designate practice under a Board approved supervising physician with whom he shall discuss his treatment of patients on a regular

ongoing basis and with whom he shall meet at least monthly. Applicant shall provide a copy of this Order to the supervising physician. By executing this Consent Order, Applicant specifically consents to his supervising physician reporting upon Applicant's behavior and performance in his practice to the Board, notwithstanding any privilege which may be provided by state or federal law. Applicant shall obtain prior written Board approval through the medical director for any change in supervising physician and shall provide a copy of this Order to any future approved supervising physicians.

(b) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES: Applicant shall not be permitted to prescribe controlled substances until further order of the Board.

(c) QUARTERLY REPORTS. Applicant shall submit or cause to be submitted written, quarterly reports to the Board from the supervising physician regarding Applicant's clinical practice, including but not limited to number of hours worked, number of patients seen, and the supervising physician's opinion on Applicant's ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients. The reports shall also address the supervising physician's opinion on Applicant's medical knowledge and steps Applicant has taken to improve his medical knowledge. The reports shall be due by March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, commencing on the first reporting date following the effective date of this Order and continuing while this Agreement is in effect. Failure to submit or have such reports submitted in a timely manner shall be considered a violation of this Consent Agreement.

(d) CHAPERONE. Applicant shall utilize a female chaperone for all visits/encounters with female patients, including consultations. Applicant shall provide a docketed copy of this Amended Order to the chaperone(s) and shall submit or cause to be submitted a written statement from the chaperone(s) to the Board stating she has read this Amended Order in its entirety. Applicant shall ensure that the chaperone signs the medical chart note (or electronic signature for electronic medical records) for each patient visit, indicating the chaperone was present for the entire visit.

(e) **CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR EMPLOYMENT.** Applicant shall notify the Board in writing of any change in address or employment within 10 (ten) days of the change.

(f) **ABIDE BY LAWS, RULES, AND TERMS.** The Applicant shall abide by all State and Federal laws regulating the practice of medicine, the Rules and Regulations of the Board, and the terms of the Consent Agreement. If the Applicant shall fail to abide by any of the terms of this Consent Agreement, such laws or rules, or should Applicant violate the criminal laws of the State, Applicant's license shall be subject to 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.

(g) **ADDRESS FOR REPORTS.** All reports required under this Consent Agreement shall be sent to the **Georgia Composite Medical Board, to the attention of the Executive Director, at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.**

(h) **PETITION TO TERMINATE AGREEMENT.** After Applicant has been under probation for a period of five years, Applicant shall be eligible to petition the Board to terminate the Agreement. Applicant's petition shall include a letter of support from Applicant's supervising physician. At such time, Applicant may petition for lifting of said limitation by certifying under oath before a notary public that Applicant has complied with all conditions of this Agreement and has advocacy that he can practice medicine independently. The Board shall review and evaluate the practice of Applicant prior to terminating this Agreement. At such time, should the Board determine that reasonable cause exists for maintaining or adding any terms or conditions on Applicant's license, including but not limited to supervision or a period of additional monitoring, the Board shall notify Applicant of its intent to modify this Agreement to impose any terms deemed necessary at the time of Applicant's petition, and Applicant may respond to such notice in writing or request an

appearance before the Board as in a non-contested case. This Consent Agreement shall remain in effect pending a final determination by the Board and notification that it has been terminated.

2.

In addition to any other sanction contained herein, this Consent Agreement shall constitute a **PUBLIC REPRIMAND** by the Board.

3.

Applicant acknowledges that Applicant has read this Consent Agreement and that he understands its contents. Applicant has appeared before the Board in this matter, and Applicant freely, knowingly and voluntarily enters into this Consent Agreement. Applicant further understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during the presentation of this Consent Agreement and that the Board shall have the authority to review the application file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Agreement. Applicant understands that this Consent Agreement will not become effective until accepted and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Applicant consents to the terms contained herein. Respondent further understands and agrees 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.

(signatures on following page)

Approved this 4th day of October, 2018.


GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)

BY:

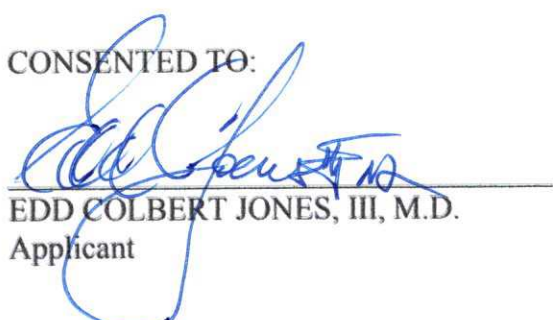

J. JEFFREY MARSHALL, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST:


LASHARN HUGHES
Executive Director



CONSENTED TO:


EDD COLBERT JONES, III, M.D.
Applicant

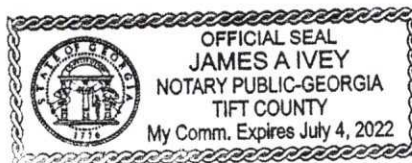
[As to Applicant's signature:]

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 2nd day of October, 2018.


NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

OCT 05 2018

DOCKET NUMBER
20180036

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD,)

Petitioner,)

v.)

MARIAN ANTOINETTE PATTERSON, M.D.,)

License No. 042035,)

Respondent.)

BOARD DOCKET NO: 20180036

OSAH Docket No.: 1837913

1837913-OSAH-GCMB- PHY-

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ORDER LIFTING SUSPENSION

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2018, the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Board”) issued a Final Decision (“Decision”) in the above matter, in which MARION ANTOINETTE PATTERSON, MD’s, (“Respondent”) license to practice medicine was SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY. Pursuant to the Decision, Respondent is eligible to petition for lifting of the suspension when Respondent complies with certain terms and conditions listed in the Decision.

WHEREAS, on or about October 4, 2018, in compliance with the Decision, Respondent submitted advocacy letters from the Georgia Professional Health Program (“PHP”), Respondent’s treating psychiatrist, and the Florida Recovery Center to the Board.

WHEREAS, having reviewed the documents submitted and having considered all the facts and circumstances of this case, the Board hereby ORDERS that the SUSPENSION placed on Respondent’s license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia be LIFTED, and that the following sanctions shall be imposed upon Respondent’s license:

1.

Beginning on the effective date of this Order, Respondent’s license shall be placed on PROBATION for a period of three (3) years, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. Respondent shall submit to the Board the administrative costs related to the hearing held at the Office of Administrative Hearings as outlined in the Decision. Said administrative cost shall be sent to the attention of the Executive Director, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 6th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Failure to pay the entire amount of the administrative costs shall be considered a violation of this Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.
- (b) GEORGIA PHP. Respondent shall abide by the terms and conditions of Respondent's contract with the PHP. Respondent specially consents to and authorizes the release of any and all records concerning Respondent participation with the PHP to the Board. The receipt of notification that Respondent has failed to comply with the requirements of the program or that the Respondent is otherwise unable to function as a physician with reasonable skill and safety to patients, shall be grounds for disciplinary action, in the discretion of the Board.
- (c) INDIVIDUAL THERAPY. Respondent shall continue to participate in individual therapy and treatment with the Board-approved providers, who have been previously disclosed to the Board. Respondent specially consents to and authorizes the release of any and all records concerning Respondent's treatment by these providers to the Board. Respondent specially consents to and authorizes these providers to notify the Board if Respondent becomes unable to function as a physician with reasonable skill and safety to patients. The receipt of notification that Respondent has become unable to function as a physician with reasonable skill and safety to patients, shall be grounds for disciplinary

action, in the discretion of the Board. Any change in providers shall be pre-approved by the Board.

- (d) EMPLOYMENT/ RESIDENCY CHANGE. Respondent shall notify the Board in writing of Respondent's practice location within ten (10) days of beginning practice. Respondent shall advise the Board of any change in Respondent's personal address and employment status within ten (10) days of such change.
- (e) TERMINATION. Respondent shall be bound by the terms and conditions of this Order until the Board issues a notification of termination. After three (3) years, Respondent may petition for termination of the probation by certifying under oath before a notary public that Respondent has complied with all the conditions of this Order, by providing documentation supporting discharge, and by providing an advocacy letter from the PHP supporting discharge. The Board shall review and evaluate the practice of Respondent and the Board, in its sole discretion, shall be authorized to restore all rights and privileges incident to the license of Respondent. Upon notification by the Board of their intention to maintain or extend the duration of the probation, Respondent may respond to the Board in writing or request an appearance before the Board or its representative as in a non-contested case. This Order shall remain in effect pending a final determination by the Board and notification that the probation period has terminated.

2.

If Respondent shall fail to abide by all state and federal laws relating to and regulating the practice of medicine in the State of Georgia, the Rules and Regulations of the Board, and the terms of this Order, or if it should appear from reports submitted to the Board that the Respondent is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety, Respondent's license

may be further sanctioned or revoked, upon substantiation thereof. Respondent understands that any violation of this 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.


Furthermore, this Order shall be considered a Public Reprimand of Respondent by the Board, and may be disseminated as such. The effective date shall be the docketing date of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 5TH day of October, 2018.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD




J. JEFFREY MARSHALL, M.D.
Chairperson


LASHARN HUGHES
Executive Director

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

OCT 05 2018

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
FRED ERNEST POTTS, IV, M.D.,)
License No. 075324,)
)
Respondent.)

DOCKET NUMBER: 20160028
DOCKET NO. 20160028

ORDER TERMINATING PROBATION

WHEREAS, on or about August 10, 2017, FRED ERNEST POTTS, IV, M.D. ("Respondent") entered into a Public Consent Order for ("Order") Licensure with the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") (Docket Number 20160028, January 7, 2016), which granted Respondent a license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia subject to a period of probation with terms and conditions;

WHEREAS, one of the probationary terms in the Consent Order restricts Respondent's ability to prescribe, administer, order, or dispense controlled substances until such time as he completes the Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy course entitled the "Appropriate Prescribing of Controlled Substances," and until further order of the Board;

WHEREAS, on or about March 7, 2017, Respondent petitioned the Board to lift the restriction on his ability to prescribe, administer, order, or dispense controlled substances, after Respondent provided the Board with documentation indicating he had completed the required course.

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2017, the Board issued an Order lifting all restrictions on Respondent's ability to prescribe, administer, order, or dispense of controlled substances.

WHEREAS, in August 2018, Respondent submitted a notarized statement attesting that Respondent had met all the terms and conditions of his probation, to the Board; and Respondent petitioned the Board to terminate the imposed probation.

NOW THEREFORE, after considering Respondent's request, the Board hereby enters this ORDER terminating Respondent's probation.

This the 4th day of October, 2018.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:


J. JEFFREY MARSHALL, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST:


LASHARN HUGHES
Executive Director



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

JEFFREY LYNN RAUSCH, M.D.,
License No. 35121,
Respondent.

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Docket No. 20160004

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

OCT 04 2018

DOCKET NUMBER:

20160004

PUBLIC BOARD ORDER TERMINATING PROBATION

1.

Jeffrey Lynn Rausch, MD, ("Respondent") entered into a Public Consent Order ("Consent Order") with the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") in the above-styled matter on or about August 6, 2015, Docket No. 20160004, which placed sanctions on Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia subject to terms and conditions.

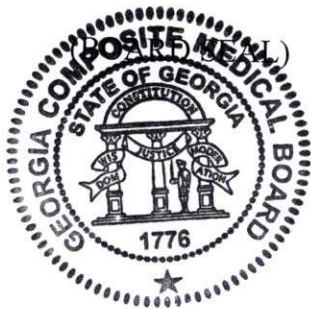
2.

On or about September 4 2018, the Board received a petition from the Respondent to terminate probation. The Board reviewed the petition and Respondent's compliance with the terms of the Consent Order on October 4, 2018 and determined Respondent has complied with the terms and conditions of probation.

THEREFORE, the Board hereby enters this ORDER terminating Respondent's probation. Respondent's license is returned to unrestricted status.

SO ORDERED, this 4th day of October, 2018.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD



BY:

J. Jeffrey Marshall, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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LaSHARN HUGHES, MBA
Executive Director