

State Medical Board of Ohio
Formal Action Report – December 11, 2024

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Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio and an update of Board matters pending or decided in courts as of December 11, 2024.

PRE-HEARING SUSPENSIONS

CHERNICK, Edward M., M.D., (#35.047978CTR) – Dublin, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, license to practice medicine and surgery summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that the licensee is in violation of Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code, and that his continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 12/11/24. (*See also:* Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

JOHNSTON, James P., D.O., (#34.007193) – Midland, North Carolina

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that the licensee is in violation of Section 4731.22(B)(22), Ohio Revised Code, and that his continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 12/11/24. (*See also:* Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

MORIN, Garrison V. M.D., (#35.050716) – Winchester, Virginia

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, license to practice medicine and surgery summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that the licensee is in violation of Section 4731.22(B)(11), Ohio Revised Code, and that his continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 12/11/24. (*See also:* Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

YAMINI-SHARIF, Bahman M.D., (#35.048125) – Mentor, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, license to practice medicine and surgery summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that the licensee is in violation of Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code, and that his continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 12/11/24. (*See also:* Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

BALGO, Troy W., D.O., (#34.006700) – Saint Clairsville, Ohio

Based on allegations that the doctor's 10/7/24 conviction in the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, to two felony counts of health care fraud, individually and/or collectively constitute: plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a felony. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing effective 12/12/24.

CHERNICK, Edward M., M.D., (#35.047978CTR) – Dublin, Ohio

Based on allegations when the doctor was determined to be actively impaired following a 72-hour inpatient examination and found to be unfit to continue the practice of medicine and surgery, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute: impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of substance use disorder or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that may impair ability to practice. Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing effective 12/12/24.

COLE, Jonathan C., D.O., (#34.011910) – Fairfield, Ohio

Based on allegations with respect to the care and treatment of eight identified patients, when the doctor inappropriately treated, failed to appropriately treat, and/or failed to appropriately document treatment with respect to inappropriate prescribing, failing to appropriately monitor patient medications, failing to provide appropriate care, failing to manage patient conditions, or incomplete documentation, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute: failure to maintain minimal standards applicable to the selection or administration of drugs, or failure to employ acceptable scientific methods in the selection of drugs or other modalities for treatment of disease; departure from, or the failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established; violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the Board, to wit: General Provisions, Utilization of schedule II controlled substance stimulants; and Standards and Procedures for Review of "Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System." Notice of Opportunity for Hearing effective upon service.

GABEL, Robert M., M.D., (#35.034685) – Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Based on allegations when the doctor's privileges at the Naval Health Clinic were suspended while employed by the Defense Health Agency, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute: the revocation, suspension, restriction, reduction, or termination of clinical privileges by the United States department of defense or department of veterans affairs or the termination or suspension of a certificate of registration to prescribe drugs by the drug

enforcement administration of the United States department of justice. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing effective 12/12/24.

JOHNSTON, James P., D.O., (#34.007193) – Midland, North Carolina

Based on allegations that a prior disciplinary action by the North Carolina Medical Board, which issued a Consent Order concluding the doctor's conduct constituted a violation of laws regarding impairment and unprofessional conduct, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute: any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand. Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing effective 12/14/24.

MANNING, Paul M., D.O., (#34.007688)

Based on allegations that the doctor's 10/13/22 plea of guilty in the Cleveland Heights Municipal Court to one misdemeanor count of Disorderly Conduct, as a lesser included offense from initial criminal charges of Domestic Violence and Assault, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute: a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing effective 12/12/24.

METCALF, Randy K., M.D., (#35.077668) – Vienna, Virginia

Based on allegations when a prior disciplinary action was taken by the Wyoming Board of Medicine, which issued a 4/26/24 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Approving Consent Decree; an Order of Reprimand; and an Order Assessing Civil Fine, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute: any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing effective 12/13/24.

MOHAMED, Amr E., M.D., (#35.128300) – Lexington, Kentucky

Based on allegations when a prior disciplinary action was taken by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, which issued a 7/30/24 Agreed Order of Surrender, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute: any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an

individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing effective upon service.

MORIN, Garrison V. M.D., (#35.050716) – Winchester, Virginia

Based on allegations that the doctor's conviction in the Circuit Court of Frederick County, Virginia to ten misdemeanor counts of Assault and Battery, that were committed in the course of medical practice, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute: a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a misdemeanor committed in the course of practice. Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing effective 12/14/24.

MORROW, Kiernan H., M.D., (#35.134213) – Beachwood, Ohio

Based on allegations when a prior disciplinary action was taken by the Medical Board of California, which issued a 7/5/24 Decision accepting surrender of the doctor's certificate, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute: any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing effective upon service.

REHMAN, Atiq M.D., (#35.135723) – New Albany, Ohio

Based on allegations with respect to the care and treatment of three identified patients, when the doctor inappropriately treated, failed to appropriately treat, and/or failed to appropriately document treatment, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute: a departure from, or the failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing effective 12/12/24.

YAMINI-SHARIF, Bahman M.D., (#35.048125) – Mentor, Ohio

Based on allegations when an assessment determined the doctor was impaired in his ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care without treatment or monitoring, and when the doctor notified the Board he would not enter or complete recommended treatment, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute: impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of substance use disorder or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that may impair ability to practice. Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing effective 12/13/24.

YOUNG, Jacob A., M.D., (#35.149095) – Hollywood, Florida

Based on allegations when a prior disciplinary action was taken by the West Virginia Board of Medicine, which issued an 8/14/24 Consent Order, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute: any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing effective 12/12/24.

NON-DISCIPLINARY CITATIONS

None.

FINAL ORDERS

BAKER, Paige, P.A., (#50.006978RX) – Hubbard, Ohio

License to practice as a physician assistant permanently revoked, and subject to the payment of a one-thousand-dollar (\$1,000.00) fine. Based on the finding that the physician assistant failed to comply with the terms of a 7/12/23 Board Order when she failed to submit to random toxicology screenings between October 2023 and February 2024, those acts and/or omissions, individually and/or collectively constitute: violation of the conditions placed by the board on a license to practice as a physician assistant. Order effective 12/13/24. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

BENDER, Kamren T., M.T., (#33.025120) – Warren, Ohio

License to practice massage therapy permanently revoked, and subject to payment of a six-thousand-dollar (\$6,000.00) fine. Based on the finding when the massage therapist: inappropriately exposed and caressed a patient's breast; and falsely answered a question in his renewal application when he failed to disclose two incidents of termination of employment, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively, constitute: violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the Board, to wit: the Board's rules prohibiting engaging in sexual misconduct, which also constitutes a departure from, or the failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established; and also making a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in the solicitation of or advertising for patients; in relation to the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, or a limited branch of medicine; or in securing or attempting to secure any license or certificate to practice issued by the Board. Order effective upon service. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

BRADDY, Christian Aaron Paul, M.T., (#33.025214) – Bedford Heights, Ohio

License to practice massage therapy permanently revoked, and subject to payment of twenty-thousand-dollar (\$20,000.00) fine. Based on the finding with respect to the care and treatment of one identified patient, when the massage therapist touched the patient's breasts, groin area and clitoris, those acts individually and/or collectively constitute: violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the Board, to wit: Prohibitions from engaging in sexual misconduct with patients, which also constitute a departure from, or the failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established. Order effective 12/12/24

CHRISTMAN, Kenneth D., M.D., (#35.046359) – Dayton, Ohio

Commencing on the thirty-first day following effective date of the Order, license to practice medicine and surgery indefinitely suspended, but not less than sixty (60) days, and subject to conditions for reinstatement, including payment of a three-thousand-dollar (\$3,000.00) fine, and completion of educational courses. Based on the finding when during preparations for surgery, the doctor photographed a tattoo on a patient's penis while unconscious when it was not medically necessary, that act individually, and/or collectively constitute: a violation of any provision of a code of ethics of the American medical association, the American osteopathic association, the American podiatric medical association, or any other national professional organizations that the board specifies by rule; and violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the Board, to wit: Prohibitions, which also constitute a departure from, or the failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established. Order effective 12/30/24.

DODDAPANENI, Ajay K., M.D., (#35.137954) – Beachwood, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery permanently revoked, and subject to payment of a twenty-thousand-dollar (\$20,000.00) fine. Based on the finding that prior disciplinary actions by: the Florida Board of Medicine which issued a 12/19/23 Final Order, and the Texas Medical Board which issued a 1/23/24 Notice of Board Action, individually and/or collectively constitute: any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand. Order effective upon service. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

GERBER, Gregory J., M.D., (#35.075921) – Marblehead, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery permanently revoked, and subject to payment of an eighteen-thousand-dollar (\$18,000.00) fine. Based on the finding the doctor's plea of guilty and conviction in the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Western Division, to one felony count of Distribution of Controlled Substances, constitute: a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a felony. Order effective 12/13/24. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

GOWDA, Chandre C., M.D., (#35.085235) – Dublin, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery permanently revoked, and subject to payment of an eighteen-thousand-dollar (\$18,000.00) fine. Based on the finding when the doctor falsely certified he was the treating physician on a United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Medical Certification of Disability Exceptions Form, and failed to provide records for at least ten of the people he certified as patients, those acts and/or omissions, individually and/or collectively constitute: Making a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in the solicitation of or advertising for patients; in relation to the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, or a limited branch of medicine; or in securing or attempting to secure any license or certificate to practice issued by the Board. Order effective 12/13/24.

MANGLA, Pawan K., M.D., (#35.048541CTR) – Westlake, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery revoked. Based on the finding when the doctor failed to comply with Ohio Professionals Health Program monitoring, missed check-ins to the testing notification system, and missed several toxicology tests, those acts and/or omissions, individually and/or collectively constitute: impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of substance use disorder or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that may impair ability to practice. Order effective upon service. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

MCGHEE, Klinton Pitts, M.D., (#35.122617CTR) – Cincinnati, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery revoked, and subject to payment of a four-thousand-dollar (\$4,000.00) fine. Based on the finding when the doctor failed to disclose on his applications to practice allopathic medicine and surgery his plea of guilty in the Mason Ohio Municipal Court to Public Indecency which was subsequently dismissed after the doctor completed a pretrial diversion program, those acts and/or omissions, individually and/or collectively constitute: the commission of an act involving moral turpitude that constitutes a misdemeanor in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed, to wit: ; and making a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in the solicitation of or advertising for patients; in relation to the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, or a limited branch of medicine; or in securing or attempting to secure any license or certificate to practice issued by the Board. Order effective 12/12/24.

OSHER, Sanford S., M.D., (#35.055036) – Cincinnati, Ohio

License suspended for an indefinite period of time, but not less than one year, and subject to conditions for reinstatement including completion of educational courses, and payment of a five thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) fine, and probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least two years. Based on the find when the doctor performed an intimate examination on a patient in the presence of a juvenile third-party chaperone, without the consent of the patient or consent from the juvenile's parent or guardian, those acts and/or omissions, individually and/or collectively constitute: violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the Board, to wit: Prohibitions regarding sexual misconduct, which also constitutes a departure from, or the failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established. Order effective upon service.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

DREW, George S., D.O., (#34.005471) – Marion, Ohio

License to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery reprimanded, and subject to probationary terms including completion of educational courses and payment of a five-thousand-dollar (\$5,000.00) fine. Based on the doctor's admission when a patient suffered burns during or subsequent to a hair removal procedure he performed, and then omitted two follow-up treatment appointments for the patient's burns from the medical record, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute: a departure from, or the failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established. Agreement effective 12/11/24.

PLEISTER, Adam P., M.D., (#35.093819) – Worthington, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery suspended for an indefinite period of time, and subject to general probationary requirements, and conditions for reinstatement. Based on the doctor's admission when the doctor failed to arrange an examination with OPHP, and when the doctor was documented as having slurred speech, smelling of alcohol, loss of consciousness, instances of falling, and putting patient care at risk by ordering incorrect tests, incorrect charting, ordering medications to which patients were allergic, failing to report to work as scheduled, consuming alcohol at work, an investigation and suspension from his employer, failing to attend a 72-hour Board ordered inpatient examination, being charged with Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol/Drugs in Wood County, Ohio, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute: impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of substance use disorder or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that may impair ability to practice. Agreement effective 12/11/24.

SALES, Ethan N., M.D. App. – Capitol Heights, Maryland

Doctor's application for a license granted and reprimanded, and doctor required to complete educational courses, and pay a one-thousand-dollar (\$1,000.00) fine. Based on the doctor's

admission when he failed to disclose in his application that he received a verbal warning for unprofessional conduct, and a written warning based on professionalism, patient care, and interpersonal communications skills and an additional reprimand for unprofessional conduct during his residency training program, and a three-workday suspension and an additional four-workday suspension from his position as Medical Officer with the residency program, and failed to disclose the above to the Federation Credential Verification Service, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute: making a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in the solicitation of or advertising for patients; in relation to the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, or a limited branch of medicine; or in securing or attempting to secure any license or certificate to practice issued by the Board. Agreement effective 12/11/24.

TORRES, Jose A., M.D., (#35.067581CTR) – Warren, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery reprimanded, with imposed conditions including the completion of educational courses, and payment of an eight-thousand-dollar (\$8,000.00) fine. Based on the doctor's admission when he stole Adderall from a coworker, and was later pulled over by police who found the stolen medication and was subsequently charged with three felony counts of Possession of Drugs, which were later dismissed in exchange for his no contest plea to other criminal charges, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute: Commission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed. Agreement effective 12/11/24.

WAGNER, Heather S., M.T., (#33.015475) – Jeromesville, Ohio

License to practice massage therapy restored, and immediately suspended for a definite period of ninety (90) days, and subject to interim monitoring terms effective upon restoration, general probationary requirements including completion of educational courses, and payment of a five-hundred-dollar (\$500.00) fine. Based on the massage therapist's admission that when she continued to practice massage therapy after expiration of her license, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute: Commission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed, to wit: Practicing Medicine without a license. Agreement effective 12/11/24.

WOLTERMAN, Megan R., M.T., (#33.024295) – Cincinnati, Ohio

License to practice massage therapy reprimanded, with imposed conditions including successful completion of educational courses and payment of a five-hundred-dollar (\$500.00) fine. Based on the massage therapist's admission that when she continued to practice massage therapy after expiration of her license, those acts and/or omissions individually and/or collectively constitute: Commission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed, to wit: Practicing Medicine without a license. Agreement effective 12/11/24.

**VOLUNTARY PERMANENT SURRENDERS, RETIREMENTS, REVOCATIONS,
WITHDRAWALS**

ADKINS, Mark A., M.T., (#33.006778) – Canal Winchester, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice massage therapy, authorized by massage therapist in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(22), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 12/11/24.

BITAR, Anas, M.D. App. – Oro Valley, Arizona

Permanent withdrawal of application to practice medicine and surgery, authorized by doctor in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings in Case No. 23-CRF-0042, pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(13), Ohio Revised Code, and as set forth in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued by the Board on 3/8/23. Agreement effective 12/11/24.

FLOREA, Robert A., M.D., (#35.094501CTR) – Columbus, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice medicine and surgery, authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(9), Ohio Revised Code, and as set forth in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued by the Board on 7/10/24. Agreement adopted 12/11/2024. Agreement effective 1/1/2025.

ORLANG, Lavern E., M.D., (#35.051642) – East Liverpool, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice medicine and surgery, authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(2), 4731.22(B)(6), and 4731.22(B)(20) Ohio Revised Code, and Sections 4731-11-14, 4731-11-02, Ohio Administrative Code, and as set forth in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued by the Board on 4/10/24. Agreement effective 12/11/24.

RYAN, Timothy E., D.O. (#34.004034) – Columbus, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery, authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(6), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 12/11/24.

SHEERER, Christopher R., D.O., (#34.012469) – University Heights, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery, authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(10), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 12/11/24.

REINSTATEMENTS

None.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND RELEASES

LANTZ-DEGEORGE, Crystal, M.D., (#35.122039) - Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 12/13/23 Consent Agreement, approved by vote of the Board on 12/11/24. Release effective immediately.

WALSH, Seamus J., D.O., (#34.007491) - Westlake, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 5/8/24 Consent Agreement, approved by vote of the Board on 12/11/24. Release effective immediately.

DISMISSAL

KAMEN, Geoffrey L., M.D. App. – Boston, Massachusetts

The Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued 6/12/24, Case No 24-CRF-0108, is dismissed without prejudice. Dismissal effective 12/10/24.

ZEITLIN, Michael P., M.D., (#35.058378) – San Antonio, Texas

The Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued 5/8/24, Case No. 24-CRF-0091, is dismissed without prejudice. Dismissal effective 12/18/24.

ZIEGLER, Jordan I., M.D., (#35.143751) – Riverside, California

The Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued 8/14/24, Case No. 24-CRF-0150, is dismissed without prejudice. Dismissal effective 12/18/24.

COURT ACTIONS

BANKER, Wade L., M.D., (#35.074019) – Maumee, Ohio

Decision filed 12/26/24 in Court of Appeals of Franklin County, Ohio, Tenth Appellate District.

DEMIO, Phillip C., M.D., (#35.054874) – Seven Hills, Ohio

Decision and Entry Affirming the Order of the Board, filed 11/21/24, in the Court of Common Pleas, Franklin County, Ohio.

Notice of Appeal filed 12/20/24 in Court of Appeals of Franklin County, Ohio, Tenth Appellate District.

GOWDA, Chandre C., M.D., (#35.085235) – Dublin, Ohio

Notice of Appeal filed 12/18/24, in the Court of Common Pleas, Franklin County, Ohio.

HIBBS, Harold W., M.D., (#35.129991CTR)

Notice of Appeal filed 11/27/24 in the Court of Common Pleas, Franklin County, Ohio.

MASSER, Philip R., M.D., (#35.049039) - Celina, Ohio

Notice of Appeal, filed 11/29/24, in the Court of Common Pleas, Franklin County, Ohio.

MOUFAWAD, Sami E., M.D., (#35.084593) - Mayfield Village, Ohio

Notice of Appeal filed 11/26/24, in the Court of Common Pleas, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

Entry granting Motion for Stay, filed 12/03/24, in the Court of Common Pleas, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

OBU, Fidelis I., M.D., (#35.131496) - Perrysburg, Ohio

Notice of Appeal, filed 11/25/24, in the Court of Common Pleas, Lucas County, Ohio.

Motion to Withdraw Notice of Appeal, filed 11/27/24, in the Court of Common Pleas, Lucas County, Ohio.

Notice of Appeal, filed 11/27/24, in the Court of Common Pleas, Lucas County, Ohio.

PATEL, Sagar R., M.D., (#35.095762) – Circleville, Ohio

Notice of Voluntary Dismissal filed 12/20/24, in the Court of Common Pleas, Union County, Ohio.

Please note that revocation and suspension Orders are not always effective immediately. If you have questions about effective dates or conditions governing a doctor's practice before a Board Order takes effect, please contact the office.

Ohio law permits appeal of a Board Order to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. Due to this possibility and the potential for a stay that might delay the imposition of a Board action, you may wish to contact us periodically to verify a given practitioner's licensure status.

Most current citation letters, Board Orders, consent agreements and voluntary surrenders or retirements are available on the Medical Board's website under "Lookup a License." If you have questions or need additional details about Citations, Board Orders, or Court Actions, please contact the Case Control Office. If you have questions regarding a Consent Agreements, probationary modification or a probationary request, please contact the Compliance Office. Our offices may be reached at (614) 466-3934.