# State Medical Board of Ohio Formal Action Report – May 10, 2023

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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 May 10, 2023.

# **PRE-HEARING SUSPENSION**

**BAKER**, Paige, P.A., (#50.006978RX) – Sharpsville, Pennsylvania

Pursuant to Section 4730.25(G), Ohio Revised Code, license to practice as a physician assistant summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that the physician assistant is in violation of Sections 4730.25(B)(4), and 4730.25(B)(5) Ohio Revised Code, and that their continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 5/10/23. (See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

HORVATH, Nicholas R., M.T., (#33.026142) – Highland Heights, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, license to practice massage therapy summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that the massage therapist is in violation of Section 4731.22(B)(14), Ohio Revised Code, and that their continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 5/10/23. (See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

**LISTON**, Michael, M.T., (#33.017896) – Galloway, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, license to practice massage therapy summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that the massage therapist is in violation of Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, to wit: the Board's rules prohibiting engaging in sexual misconduct, and that their continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 5/10/23. (See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

#### CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

**BAKER**, Paige, P.A., (#50.006978RX) – Sharpsville, Pennsylvania

Physician assistant notified of right to request a hearing on the question of whether their failure to submit to an examination as ordered by the Board was due to circumstances beyond their

control. Based on the legal presumption that the physician assistant's failure to submit to an examination as ordered by the Board constitutes an admission that they are unable to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of their mental illness or physical illness, or the habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice. Opportunity for Hearing on Failure to Submit to an Examination and Notice of Summary Suspension Based on Presumption of an Admission of Inability to Practice and/or Impairment mailed 5/11/23.

# **BOBB**, Michael D., Jr., D.O., (#34.008666CTR) – Zanesville, Ohio

Based on allegations with respect to the care and treatment of one specified patient, when the doctor began a sexual relationship with their patient despite the doctor-patient relationship, those acts and/or omissions, as alleged, 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 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. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 5/11/23.

# CROUSE, Edward J. Nuila, M.D., (#35.041009) – Houston, Texas

Based on the doctor's submission of an application to restore their license to practice allopathic medicine and surgery, and on allegations that the doctor's plea of guilty to one felony count of tax evasion in the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, and on a prior disciplinary action by the Texas Medical Board which issued an 8/16/19 Agreed Voluntary Surrender Order, based upon the felony criminal charges, those acts and/or omissions, as alleged, 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 felony; and 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 mailed 5/11/23.

# **DESAI**, Sapan S., M.D., (#35.140628) – South Barrington, Illinois

Based on allegations that when the doctor failed to respond to Board investigator communications, as well as investigatory subpoenas seeking a deposition, those acts and/or omissions, as alleged, individually and/or collectively constitute: failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the board, including failure to comply with a subpoena or order issued by the board or failure to answer truthfully a question presented by the board in an investigative interview, an investigative office conference, at a deposition, or in written interrogatories. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 5/11/23.

# **DI LAURO**, Marie N., M.D., (#35.042436) – Worthington, Ohio

Based on allegations that the doctor performed non-essential surgeries or procedures that utilized PPE in the course of your practice on at least six specified patients in violation of a 3/18/20 Order issued by the Ohio Department of Health, those acts and/or omissions, as alleged, individually and/or collectively constitute: the commission of an act in the course of practice that constitutes a misdemeanor in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed, to wit: Violation of Rules of the director of health or department of health to prevent a threat to the public caused by a pandemic, epidemic, or bioterrorism event. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 5/11/23.

# DOBRESCU, Cosmin, M.D., (#35.096758) – Chicago, Illinois

Based on allegations that a prior disciplinary action by the Alaska State Medical Board, which issued a 2/10/23 Order of Summary Suspension, those acts and/or omissions, as alleged, 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 mailed 5/11/23.

# **HORVATH**, Nicholas, M.T., (#33.026142) – Highland Heights, Ohio

Based on allegations with respect to the care and treatment of two identified patients, when the massage therapist rubbed patient genitals without permission, and rubbed his own genitals against patients without permission, those acts and/or omissions, as alleged, 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. Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing mailed 5/11/23.

#### **LISTON**, Michael A., M.T., (#33.017896) – Galloway, Ohio

Based on allegations with respect to the care and treatment of two specified patients, when the massage therapist inappropriately massaged the patients' buttocks, breasts, or bikini line, while making inappropriate comments, and also based on providing false responses to questions contained on their renewal application, those acts and/or omissions, as alleged, 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 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 the 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. Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing mailed 5/11/23.

#### **LOWE**, Michael P., M.D. Applicant – Payson, Arizona

Based on the submission of an application to practice medicine and surgery, and on allegations that a prior disciplinary action by the Arizona Medical Board, which issued a 2/7/13 Order reprimanding the doctor's license 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 mailed 5/11/23.

# **OATMAN**, Deborah A., M.T. Applicant – South Euclid, Ohio

Based on the submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on allegations that the massage therapist's plea of guilty in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Cleveland, Ohio to one felony count of Grand Theft, and one felony count of Falsification, and her subsequent probation revocation resulting in a twelve month period of incarceration, those acts and/or omissions, as alleged, 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 felony. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 5/11/23.

#### **PANUTO**, John A., M.D., (#35.059393) – Avon Lake, Ohio

Based on allegations that the doctor's plea of guilty and conviction in the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, to Conspiracy to Commit Mail and Wire Fraud, those acts and/or omissions, as alleged, 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 felony. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 5/11/23.

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

Based on allegations that the doctor's plea of no contest and conviction in the Mason Municipal Court, Mason Ohio, to Assault, a first-degree misdemeanor, those acts and/or omissions, as alleged, 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 mailed 5/11/23.

# **SAMUEL**, Milroy J., M.D., (#35.075146) – New Albany, Ohio

Based on allegations with respect to the care and treatment of ten identified patients, when the doctor inappropriately treated, or failed to appropriately treat or document treatment those acts and/or omissions, as alleged, 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 mailed 5/11/23.

**SWEGAN**, Amy E., M.D., (#35.089126) – Aurora, Ohio

Based on allegations that when the doctor was convicted in the Eastern District of Missouri to Conspiracy to Defraud the United States, those acts and/or omissions, as alleged, 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 felony. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 5/11/23.

# WHITFIELD, Damon M., D.O., (#34.007350CTR) – Powell, Ohio

Based on allegations with respect to the care and treatment of one identified patient, when the doctor exchanged inappropriate text messages with a patient which were sexual in nature, those acts and/or omissions, as alleged, 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 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 mailed 5/11/23.

### FINAL ORDERS

**BOYER**, Brent A., M.D., (#35.127587) – Cincinnati, 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 that when the doctor violated the terms and conditions of his 11/10/20 Consent Agreement; and on the finding that when the doctor engaged in sexual misconduct with three specified patients, and prescribed controlled substances which were then shared with the doctor; prescribed controlled substances to two additional specified patients whom were family members for a nonemergency situation; and prescribed controlled substances to two additional specified patients without maintaining patient charts or records; those acts and/or omissions, as alleged, individually and/or collectively, constitute: violation of the conditions of limitation placed by the board upon a license or certificate to practice, 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;

the 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; the selling, giving away, personally furnishing, prescribing, or administering drugs for other than legal and legitimate therapeutic purposes or a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction of, a violation of any federal or state law regulating the possession, distribution, or use of any drug; the commission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed, to wit: deception to obtain a dangerous drug; and violating, any provisions of this chapter or rule promulgated by the board, to wit: the Board's prohibitions against engaging in sexual misconduct with a patient. Order effective 5/11/23.

# **FERRARO**, Asa D., M.T., (#33.012861) – Granville, Ohio

License to practice massage therapy permanently revoked, and subject to the payment of a six thousand dollar (\$6,000.00) fine. Based on the finding when the massage therapist touched the buttocks and vaginal area of one specified patient whom was not properly draped, and pressed his erect penis against her, those actions 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: prohibition against sexual misconduct with a patient; and 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 5/11/23. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

## FLETCHER, Michael E., M.D., (#35.092370) – Tulsa, Oklahoma

License to practice medicine and surgery limited and restricted by a prohibition against prescribing, dispensing, utilizing controlled substances in the course of practice until board receives acceptable documentation evidencing unrestricted licensure in Kentucky. Based on the finding that the prior disciplinary action by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure which issued an 11/23/21 Emergency Order of Restriction, 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 5/11/23. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

**ILIC**, Darko, M.T., (#33.021856) – Columbus, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Conditional approval of restoration of license to practice massage therapy, provided that the applicant takes and passes the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx) within six months. Based on the submission of an application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy, and on the finding that the applicant had not been engaged in the active

practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Order effective 5/11/23. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

# KORBA, John L., M.D., (#35.145901) - Bowling Green, Kentucky

License to practice medicine and surgery suspended for an indefinite period of time, and subject to conditions for reinstatement. Based on the finding that a prior disciplinary action by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, which issued an 8/30/22 Complaint and an Emergency Order of Suspension, 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 5/11/23.

#### MALHOTRA, Ritu, M.D., (#35.063834) – Kirtland Hills, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery permanently revoked, and subject to the payment of a twenty thousand dollar (\$20,000.00) fine. Based on the finding with respect to the care and treatment of five identified patients, when the doctor inappropriately treated and/or failed to appropriately document treatment, and/or departed from or failed to conform minimal standards of care for similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances when the doctor failed to properly consider which patients were fit for surgery, inappropriately monitored oxygen saturations levels and/or blood levels, inappropriate prescribing of multiple anxiolytics, 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; a 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; 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 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: Standards for surgery using moderate sedation/analgesia, and Standards for surgery. Order effective 5/15/23.

# **MARCINIAK**, Brittany Jo, M.T., (#33.009685) – Oregon, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Conditional approval of restoration of license to practice massage therapy, provided that the applicant takes and passes the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx) within six months. Based on the submission of an application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy, and on the finding that the applicant had not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Order effective 5/11/23. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

Application for a license to practice respiratory care denied. Based on the submission of an application to practice respiratory care, and on the applicant's failure to provide documentation of successful completion of an examination acceptable to the Board. Order effective 5/11/23. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

**ROMAN**, Deborah A., M.T. Applicant – Lyndhurst, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Application to practice massage therapy denied. Based on the submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on the finding that the applicant has not provided documentation that her education's course of instruction meets the Board's minimal clock hour requirements. Order effective 5/11/23. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

TORET, Michel P., M.D., (#35.045154) – Wheeling, West Virginia

License to practice medicine and surgery permanently revoked, and subject to the payment of an eighteen thousand dollar (\$18,000.00) fine. Based on the finding that the doctor's plea of guilty and conviction in the Westmoreland County Court of Common Pleas, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, to felony counts of Drug Delivery Resulting in Death, Submitting a Claim or Referring Improper Service, and Administration of a Controlled Substance by a Practitioner without Lawful purpose; and also on a prior action by the Pennsylvania Board of Medicine, which issued a Notice and Order of Automatic Suspension, and a Final Order of Automatic Suspension, that suspended the doctor's license for ten years based on the criminal convictions, 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 felony; and 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 5/11/23. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

WILLIAMS, Hunter G., M.T., (#33.023132) – Copley, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Conditional approval of restoration of license to practice massage therapy, provided that the applicant takes and passes the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx) within six months. Based on the submission of an application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy, and on the finding that the applicant had not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Order effective 5/11/23. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

# **CONSENT AGREEMENTS**

**DICKSON**, Bradley E., M.D., (#35.065323) – Washington Court House, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery reprimanded, and subject to the payment of a five thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) fine, and probationary terms, conditions and limitations until the submission of satisfactory documentation of successful completion of medical education courses. Based on the doctor's admission that when he sent sexual text messages to two women whose children were his pediatric patients while concurrently abusing alcohol, 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: Prohibition against engaging in Sexual Misconduct. Agreement effective 5/10/23.

**DOSS**, William, M.D., (#35.143479) - Portsmouth, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery reprimanded, and subject to the payment of a fifteen thousand dollar (\$15,000.00) fine, and a license limitation and restriction prohibiting the doctor from practicing in Ohio for an indefinite period of time, but not less than two years. Based on the doctor's admission that a prior disciplinary action by the Virginia Board of Medicine, which issued a 7/8/22 Consent Order, 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. Agreement effective 5/10/23.

FREY, Theresa M., M.D., (#35.123258) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Commencing on 3/14/23, license to practice medicine and surgery suspended for a definite period of ninety days, and subject to the payment of a one thousand five hundred dollar (\$1,500.00) fine, and probationary terms, conditions and limitations until the submission of satisfactory documentation of successful completion of medical education courses. Based on the doctor's admission that when she wrote a prescription for a controlled substance for a relative, that was actually for her own use, 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: utilizing controlled substances for self or family members; and the selling, giving away, personally furnishing, prescribing, or administering drugs for other than legal and legitimate therapeutic purposes or a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction of, a violation of any federal or state law regulating the possession, distribution, or use of any drug. Agreement effective 5/10/23.

# **SHIPMAN**, Lauren E., M.D., (#35.135355) – Mobile, Alabama

License to practice medicine and surgery reinstated, and subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for five years. Based on the doctor's admission a prior disciplinary action by the Arkansas State Medical Board, which issued a 8/26/21 Order, 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. Agreement effective 5/10/23.

# **WINTERS**, Mark I., D.P.M., (#36.002339) – Cleveland, Ohio

License to practice podiatric medicine and surgery reprimanded, and subject to the payment of a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) fine. Based on the doctor's admission that when he prescribed controlled substances twenty-three times to eleven patients without having first reviewed the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System ("OARRS"), 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: Standards and procedures for review of "Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System." Agreement effective 5/10/23.

# <u>VOLUNTARY PERMANENT SURRENDERS, RETIREMENTS, REVOCATIONS, WITHDRAWALS</u>

**CARRERA**, Rory, M.D. Applicant – Cottonwood Heights, Utah

Permanent withdrawal of application to practice medicine and surgery, authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(18), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 5/10/23.

**HALL**, Meagan C., M.T., (#33.020069) – Morrow, 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)(34), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 5/10/23.

**KERN**, Paula M., M.T., (#33.021453) – Centerville, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice massage therapy authorized by massage therapist in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(6), and (20), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 5/10/23.

# REINSTATEMENTS

FRANZESE, Joseph, M.D., (#35.126850) – Cincinnati, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery reinstated, subject to the probationary terms, conditions and limitations as outlined in the 1/13/21 Board Order.

# **PROBATIONARY RELEASE**

**CONNER**, Chad E., M.D., (#35.092796) – Spring Valley, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 1/11/23 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/23. Release effective immediately.

**YOKIEL**, Jerome B., M.D., (#35.059140) – Cleveland, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 5/9/18 Step II Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/23. Release effective immediately.

# PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

BACH, Son M., M.D., (#35.093867) - Mason, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of professional ethics and boundaries course, granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/23.

**BARNETT**, Jeremy, M.D., (#35.144245) – Kingston, New York

Doctor's request for approval of record keeping course, granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/23.

**BAUER**, Matthew D., D.O., (#34.011699) – Dayton, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of biannual appearances, granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/23.

**BEE**, Lee P., D.O., (#34.009566) – Sparta, Illinois

Doctor's request for approval of professional ethics and medical billing and coding courses, granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/23.

GIBSON, Benjamin R., M.D., (#35.097558) – Cambridge, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of biannual appearances, and frequency of meeting attendance, granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/23.

**WELDEN**, Scott R., M.D., (#35.137180) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of biannual appearances, granted by vote of the Board on 5/10/23.

# **COURT ACTIONS**

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

Notice of Appeal, filed 4/28/23, in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

**OPPONG**, Bernard K., D.O., (#34.005401) – Blacklick, Ohio

Journal Entry, filed 4/20/23, in the Court of Appeals of Ohio, Tenth Appellate District.

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.