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IN THE MATTER OF:

MICHAEL BRITTON BEASON, M.D.

(Certificate No. 015533)

Respondent

No. 19-I-423

**INTERIM
CONSENT ORDER**

This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") in connection with an ongoing and pending investigation conducted by the Investigating Officer of the Board regarding Michael Britton Beason, M.D. ("Dr. Beason"), a physician who at all pertinent times has been licensed and engaged in the practice of psychiatry in and around Monroe, Louisiana.

The Board received apparently reliable information that alleges that Dr Beason, who has a history of dependence to mood-altering substances, was improperly prescribing controlled substances. Dr Beason was referred to the Healthcare Professionals' Foundation of Louisiana (HPFL) and he was directed to complete an evaluation at a Board approved facility. Dr. Beason, who also suffers with several health issues, feels he is unable to comply with this recommendation due to his deteriorating medical condition.

Predicated upon the information outlined above, the Investigating Officer assigned by the Board with respect to this matter has determined that reasonable cause exists for recommending that a formal Administrative Complaint be filed against Dr. Beason, charging him with violation of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§ 37:1285(A) (25).¹

¹ La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285(A) provides that the Board may take action against the licensee or applicant who has been found guilty of conduct which has endangered or is likely to endanger the health, welfare, or safety of the public, to include: (25) 'Inability to practice medicine with reasonable competence, skill, or safety to patients because of mental or physical illness or deficiency, including but not limited to deterioration through the aging process or excessive use or abuse of drugs, including alcohol.'

As evidenced by his subscription hereto, Dr. Beason acknowledges the right to have written notification of any charges that may be asserted, as well as the right to have evidence of such charges asserted during an administrative hearing at which time he will be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, *et seq.* Irrespective of such rights, Dr. Beason, nonetheless, hereby consents to the indefinite suspension of his license to practice medicine in this state, with reinstatement thereof subject to the terms and conditions of this Order. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Beason authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Interim Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully discuss with and disclose to the Board the nature and extent of such charges and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Dr. Beason expressly acknowledges that disclosure of such information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the investigating Officer's authority to prosecute administrative charges which may be filed in this matter following completion of the current investigation or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such charges.

Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Michael Britton Beason, M.D. to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No.015533, be and the same is hereby, effective as of the date hereof, **INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Michael Britton Beason, M.D. shall not practice medicine in any form in the State of Louisiana until and unless the Board issues and serves a written decision reinstating his license to practice following: (1) a meeting at the Board office with the Director of Investigations or designee; (2) receipt of satisfactory documentation that Dr. Beason has successfully completed all recommendations by the Board or designee to demonstrate to the Board that he is competent to return to the practice of medicine with skill and safety; (3) receipt of documentation supporting that Dr. Beason has successfully completed a clinical fitness for duty and a neurocognitive evaluation with a Board approved provider, and it has been determined by the evaluators that he is capable of returning to practice with skill and safety to patients; (4) receipt of satisfactory documentation affirming that Dr. Beason has entered into and is compliant with an HPFL contract; (5) the conclusion of the pending investigation by administrative hearing and final decision of the Board on any charges that may be filed in these proceedings including, but not limited to, those identified in this Order; or alternatively, by the Board's acceptance of a Consent Order or other disposition of the pending investigation.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order by Dr. Beason shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Dr. Beason's license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana or for such other action as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1285.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Interim Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 27th day of April, 2020.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BY:



RODERICK V. CLARK, M.D.
President

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF Caddo

I, MICHAEL BRITTON BEASON, M.D., hereby acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to seek the advice and guidance of legal counsel with respect to this Consent Order and that all of its terms and conditions have been fully explained to me and/or that I fully understand them. I further acknowledge that I approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order without duress and of my own free will and accord, this 28 day of February, 2020.

Michael Britton Beason
MICHAEL BRITTON BEASON, M.D.

WITNESSES:

Brandon Sanders
Signature

Michelle Kerouac
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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Caddo, Louisiana, this 28 day of February, 2020, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

William Lance Fouts
Notary Public (Signature)

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Printed Name/Notary #

