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DISCIPLINARY MATTERS PENDING CONCLUSION -SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, 25 Market Street, 4th Floor Conference Center, Trenton, New Jersey for Disciplinary Matters Pending Conclusion, open to the public. The meeting was called to order by Kathryn Lambert, D.O. Board Vice President.

PRESENT

Board Members Baker, Berkowitz, Cheema, Ciechanowski, Criss, DeGregorio, Jordan, Lambert, Lomazow, Paul, Scott, Stanley, and Tedeschi. Dr. Mendelowitz participated via conference call for the Dara matter only.

EXCUSED

Board Members Howard, Rajput, Krauss, Walsh and Weiss.

ALSO PRESENT

Assistant Attorney General Joyce, Deputy Attorney's General Dick, Warhaftig, Levine, Puteska, Lim, Merchant, Krier, Gelber and Ehrenkrantz.

RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 13, 2011 BOARD MEETING AND THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 10, 2011 HEARING COMMITTEE REPORT.

HEARINGS, PLEAS AND APPEARANCES

**9:30 a.m. ICOCHEA, Rosendo S. MD unlicensed
 Martin Asatrian, Esq. for the Respondent
 SDAG Sandra Dick, Counseling
 DAG William Lim, Prosecuting**

The Attorney General filed a Motion to Enforce Litigant's Rights seeking the imposition of monetary penalties for alleged violations concerning the unlicensed practice of medicine in the State of New Jersey.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR ADVICE OF COUNSEL.

All parties, except counseling and administrative staff, left the room.

Returning to Open Session the Board Vice President opened the hearing and asked the attorneys to place their appearances on the record. At which time, DAG Lim for the Attorney General and Martin Asastrian Esq., for the Respondent entered their appearances.

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DAG Lim informed the Board that the parties had reached a settlement and there was no need to continue with the hearing. He outlined the terms for the Board, which included the following:

At the outset, he reminded the Board that the complaint alleged five violations of Respondent's prior Consent Order as it was determined that Respondent engaged in the unlicensed practice of medicine insofar as he failed to close his office in West New York and that he continued to offer surgical services. Additionally, there were also violations of the Consent Order because he continued to use newspaper advertisements to offer his services in New Jersey, along with brochures. Finally, the Complaint included allegations that he offered financial terms for the medical services offered during an undercover wherein covert telephone calls were made to his office and the undercover investigators obtained appointments for medical consultations with Dr. Icochea.

In settlement of the matter, Dr. Icochea has agreed to immediately cease and desist and close any and all offices in New Jersey and he agreed not to open or practice in New Jersey until licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the State. All existing patients will be transitioned to his New York facility and a notice would be placed on his New Jersey office door informing patients of his New York address and contact information. Dr. Icochea also agreed to the payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$90,000 of which \$40,000 is payable and the remaining \$50,000 stayed subject to the condition discussed below. Of the \$40,000, the first payment of \$5,000 is due by October 1, 2011, the remainder will be paid in equal, monthly installments. Respondent, however, further agreed that any violation of either order would make the stayed portion of the penalty immediately payable in a lump sum balloon payment. The failure to pay a monthly installment is to be considered a violation of the Consent Order of Settlement. The Respondent also agreed to a prohibition to apply for a New Jersey license for two years. At such time when he applies, he must to appear before a committee of the Board. The costs of \$12,600 were being waived by the Attorney General as part of the settlement agreement.

On the record, Dr. Icochea, after being sworn in, acknowledged that he understood the terms of the Order and agreed to be bound by the terms placed on the record by DAG Lim. His attorney also noted for the record that Dr. Icochea accepted the settlement offer, however, he was not making any admissions as to the truth of allegations raised in the Motion to Enforce Litigant's Rights.

**THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO ACCEPT
THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL.**

The Motion was made by Dr. Jordan and seconded by Dr. Paul. It carried unanimously. Counsel for Dr. Icochea thanked the Board.

10:A.M. DARA, Parvez, M.D. 25MA03329200

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Peter L. Korn, Esq. for the Respondent
DAG Shiobhan Krier, Prosecuting
DAG Debra Levine, Counseling

This matter was before the Board on the return of the Initial Decision of Administrative Law Judge Masin's June 7, 2011 Initial Decision. The parties have filed preliminary motions and exceptions concerning the decision. After oral argument on the merits of those filings, the Board was asked to accept, modify or reject the Initial Decision in the matter.

Dr. Mendelowitz participated by telephone for this portion of the meeting.

Drs. Berkowitz and Paul recused from this matter and left the table.

Chairperson Lambert opened the hearing providing a brief summary of the proceedings.

Counsel appearing included Deputy Attorneys General Krier and Merchant on behalf of the Attorney General and Messrs. Korn and Brennan for Dr. Dara.

**THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO MOVE
INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR ADVICE OF COUNSEL.**

Motion made by Dr. Cheema, seconded by Dr. Jordan, was unanimous. All parties, except counseling and administrative staff, left the room.

Returning to open session, the Board resumed the hearing.

DAG Krier opened by informing the Board that the State filed a preliminary motion seeking to include evidence which the Administrative Law Judge (the "ALJ") determined to exclude and to include additional information which was not included on the record. The Attorney General argued that the Board should, as part of the record, determine that the patient records should be deemed admitted and available, if needed, by the Board in assessing whether there is liability. Additionally, documents provided by the Center for Disease Control (the "CDC") should also be admitted as it helps to explain some of the blood samples and their nexus to this case. The evidence, according to DAG Krier, was relevant and would assist the Board in its decisions. The patient records, for example, would assist in understanding the types of procedures performed by Dr. Dara in his office. The transcript of the CDC witnesses, she argued, would be less than complete without the records to put the testimony into a context.

To the contrary, Mr. Korn argued that there was no testimony regarding the patient records and no reference was ever made to them during the trial. Inasmuch as those records were not part of the rationale or evidence used in the Initial Decision, Mr. Korn argued he was not aware of any reason that would justify expanding the record at such a late date. He further argued that these records were excluded because the ALJ did not at the time of trial deem them relevant or

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necessary as DAG Krier would ask the Board to believe. In order to establish the procedures performed by Dr. Dara, Mr. Korn continued, the Board had the testimony and admissions already made by Dr. Dara during the trial. The CDC witness was at the trial by video conference and was a late addition to the witness list as he was secured after the trial began. They were not offered as rebuttal witnesses. To admit the certifications and records at such a late date, he argued, would be prejudicial as no cross examination could be performed to challenge the statements made therein and the ALJ concluded this correctly in deciding to exclude the evidence.

DAG Merchant also commented on the request to reopen the record. She argued that the medical journal article sought to be introduced was relevant and would assist the Board in understanding the science. She stressed in her argument that the publication of the date of the article was after the publication of the ALJ's decision and this was significant because the Attorney General could not have sought to introduce it at trial as it did not exist at that time. This is consistent, she commented, with the practice of the ALJ wherein he included articles he discovered on his own after the testimony of the parties had concluded.

Mr. Korn asked the Board to review his papers in which he briefed the issue in more detail. He did, however, posit that to include this information at this late date violated the due process rights of his client. During discovery, for some reason, this material was never turned over which according to Mr. Korn raised a whole host of objections to its inclusion as such a late date. After the hearing was concluded, he argued, the ALJ did permit some additional material to be exchanged two weeks after the trial ended, yet it still was not provided at that time. Mr. Korn opined that it appeared the Attorney General wants the ability to keep adding materials to her case whenever the decision rendered does not meet her needs. He concluded by arguing that there had been ample time to include it and to move for its inclusion at this late date is patently unfair.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ADVICE OF COUNSEL AND DELIBERATIONS.

Motion made by Dr. Jordan, seconded by Ms. Criss, and was unanimous. All parties, except counseling and administrative staff, left the room.

Returning to open session the Board announced the following:

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO DENY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MOTION TO INCLUDE THE EVIDENCE PREVIOUSLY EXCLUDED AND TO DENY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MOTION TO EXPAND THE RECORD BY INCLUSION OF THE JOURNAL ARTICLE.

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Dr. Jordan made the motion which was seconded by Dr. Stanley. The motion carried unanimously with Dr. Mendelowitz verbally voting in the affirmative.

The Board proceeded to hear the Attorney General's argument on the exceptions filed.

Mr. Korn asked that he be allowed to make a statement on the record concerning the filing of the Attorney General's exceptions. He asked the Board not to hear the exceptions filed by the Attorney General because he said they violated the rules of Administrative Law. He noted that the exceptions did not state the factual findings or specifically comment on the inaccuracies of the ALJ as required by the rules. In response, DAG Krier noted that the opinion did not contain specific numbered findings of fact and she maintained that the letter brief submitted did clearly articulate the proposed findings of facts and those criticized by the Attorney General. The Chair informed Mr. Korn that the form of the exceptions did not preclude the Board from moving forward and that it would hear the Attorney General on her motion to amend the findings of fact and conclusions of law as briefed in her exceptions and as responded to by him.

DAG Krier argued the Board that the conditions of Dr. Dara's office in his chemotherapy practice exposed his patients to a risk of harm. His procedures included a number of invasive procedures performed throughout the day. Two and a half years ago, she continued, Dr. Dara's license was temporarily suspended when five of his patients were identified as contracting Hepatitis B. As of today, at least 29 patients have been identified through the investigation and screenings performed on the patients of his office. His population is elderly and already with some compromised immune systems. She directed the Board's attention to the State's expert, Dr. Montanna, and reviewed her qualifications. Her testimony established that the joint investigation concluded that an outbreak of Hepatitis B occurred in Ocean County in 2009 with a common nexus being the treatment received at Dr. Dara's office. The conditions and practices created a serious risk of harm, which included the Hepatitis B virus. The investigation team concluded that the only commonality was Dr. Dara's office/treatment. DAG Krier continued by arguing that not only did he create a risk, but that he actually infected his patients with the Hepatitis B virus because of the conditions and manner of treatment received at his office. Further evidence demonstrated that the strain of Hepatitis B with which the patients were infected was a rare one and this provided further evidence of the nexus between the harm and treatment received. The ALJ concluded correctly on this point, however, she argued that he failed to recognize the seriousness of the situation and harm created by Dr. Dara. She requested that the Board use its expertise and modify the ALJ's decision insofar as he concluded that the Dr. Dara failed to create or cause actual harm to his patients. In the ALJ's dismissal of Count II, she noted the various OSHA violations, such as lack of infection control, lack of training and repeated failure to implement a written exposure plan, over a two year period, which were part of that Count. She reminded the Board that in 2008, and early 2009, Dr. Dara diagnosed two of his patients with Hepatitis B and failed to report that to the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and the CDC. He claimed he did not need to report it because of a consult he had with another doctor who did not believe it was reportable, although it was this doctor that notified the CDC of the two patients. Further evidence as summarized by DAG Krier supported

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the conclusion of the risk of harm and actual harm created by Dr. Dara's practice. She also demonstrated via a slide show the conditions at Dr. Dara's office.

DAG Krier concluded that when the evidence is taken as a whole, the Board should find that the ALJ erroneously concluded that the conditions of Dr. Dara's practice did not create actual harm.

Mr. Korn addressed the Board, asking it to recognize that Dr. Dara is a caring man who has had an unblemished career dedicated to caring for the most sick among us. Initiated by a telephone call, he continued, from his own office, an investigation began which ultimately, concluded with the Board's Order to temporarily suspend his client's license based on what Mr. Korn suggested was inconclusive and inaccurate evidence. He further suggested that this was an improvident action. Since that time, Dr. Dara has suffered an insurmountable loss – his good name, his life's work, and his board certifications. In spite of all of that, he continued, Dr. Dara has maintained his composure through the support of his family and medical community. Dr. Dara believed, as did Mr. Korn, that he would be vindicated and that the Board will return him to practice as recommended by the ALJ.

Mr. Korn argued that after many days of trial, Judge Mason, in a very considered decision, found that the State's proofs were wanting and that the only infraction committed by Dr. Dara was the failure to supervise some other health care providers. He posited that it was telling that not one of those providers has been even counseled about their behavior by their respective licensing boards.

Mr. Korn reiterated that the decision to temporarily suspend Dr. Dara's license was based on inconclusive evidence and at that time, incorrect evidence. Turning his attention to the pictures shown to the Board he said that unquestionably, the Board was led to believe that this was the way that things were done at Dr. Dara's practice. During discovery, he continued, Dr. Dara learned that the nurse who was responsible for the room had not cleaned the room. He also learned that there was a regular schedule to clean the room and that once a week there was a thorough cleaning to be performed. From the testimony elicited, it was determined that the room was not cleaned that one day because she was called away for a family emergency and that she thought, she would clean it first thing the next day. Unfortunately, the inspections took place prior to the nurse doing the cleaning up.

Mr. Korn also attempted to discredit the testimony of Dr. Montanna. He stated that Dr. Montanna, and her colleagues, chose to exclude any exposure to Hepatitis B of those with reaction beyond a 6 month period. He believes that was a mistaken conclusion given the current scientific literature.

According to Mr. Korn, Dr. Montanna could not definitively determine that anyone who tested positive was due to a re-activation or an acute exposure. Each and every one had a potential exposure separate and apart from any treatment at Dr. Dara's office. He questioned why Dr. Dara's staff had never been requested to be tested. He reminded the Board that a potential

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means of exposure could have been the staff, and they have never been tested.

The third misrepresentation according to Mr. Korn was perhaps the most glaring one. It dealt with the idea that the Board determined that Dr. Dara had serial OSHA violations based on a one paragraph letter from an official at OSHA. Based on evidence presented at the trial, he believed that Dr. Dara was not a serial OSHA violator and a onetime incident could not establish that conclusion.

He again stressed his frustrations in having to respond to the Attorney General's papers because, as he argued earlier, the Attorney General failed to clearly identify the specific facts to which she has taken exceptions. Generally, she has argued that she disagreed with the conclusions of the ALJ, but has not provided any specific reference to the facts that are in dispute that support that conclusion.

Finally, he commented that during the trial, the Attorney General was not able to establish a basis for or need to have the CDC witnesses testify. After all was said and done, he continued, that the Respondent's witnesses agreed that unless there was some contamination of the samples at Ocean County or level of collection, the testing probably established an identity of 11 patients with exposure. He then argued the mutation rate and how it might take 40 years for that to take place. The identity was not sufficient. He referred to a study that established that there are traditional risk factors that exist and without a control group from which to compare it, there cannot be any link between how or where the virus transmission exists. He proffered that all of this could have been the result of transmission by one of the healthcare providers that had not been tested.

He asked the Board to accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the well-reasoned opinion of ALJ Mason and return Dr. Dara to practice.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR ADVICE OF COUNSEL AND DELIBERATIONS.

All parties, except counseling and administrative staff, left the room. The Board returned to Open and announced the following decision on liability.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO MODIFY THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW BASED ON THE SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE ON THE RECORD. THE BOARD DETERMINED THAT THERE WAS AN OUTBREAK WITHIN DR. DARA'S POPULATION AND, MORE PROBABLY THAN NOT, THAT THE TRANSMISSION WAS LINKED TO THE DOCTOR'S PRACTICE BASED ON THE MULTIPLE INSTANCES OF GENETICALLY IDENTICAL STRAIN IN 11 OF THE 29

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PATIENTS. THE OFFICE PRESENTED CONDITIONS RIPE FOR BLOOD BORNE TRANSMISSIONS AND WITH THE HISTORY OF OSHA VIOLATIONS THAT WERE REPEATED AND DOCUMENTED, THE BOARD FOUND THE ACTIONS CONSTITUTED GROSS AND REPEATED ACTS OF NEGLIGENCE. IN THE BOARD'S MEDICAL EXPERTISE, THE BOARD AGREED WITH THE CDC'S CONCLUSION THAT NO CONTROL GROUP WAS NEEDED TO VALIDATE THAT TRANSMISSION. GIVEN THE RECORD IN THIS CASE AND THE BOARD'S EXPERTISE, IT FURTHER DETERMINED THAT PROOF OF AN EXACT MODE OF TRANSMISSION WAS NOT NEEDED TO FIND CAUSATION OF PATIENT HARM. IN ADDITION, THE BOARD FOUND THAT THE IDENTICAL STRAIN OF INFECTION IN RESPONDENT'S PATIENT POPULATION ESTABLISHED THAT THE INFECTION STEMMED FROM HIS OFFICE. AN ORDER MORE FULLY DETAILING THE BOARD'S RATIONALE WILL FOLLOW.

Dr. Jordan made the Motion and it was seconded by Dr. Tedeschi. The Motion carried unanimously with verbal assent by Dr. Mendelowitz.

The Board then moved into the mitigation phase in the matter.

Mr. Korn noted for the record that he already submitted financial information concerning Dr. Dara and the impact that this may have on him personally and professionally. He also submitted to the Board a memorandum on the issue of proportionality of penalty based on a search of the Board Orders and failed to find anything that compares to the penalty already imposed on Dr. Dara for similar violations. Indeed, the penalties that have been imposed rival what has previously been imposed by the Board, he argued, for criminal conduct, fraud, child molestation, or sexual deviations. He continued that no precedent before the Board compared with the penalty that was already imposed. Notwithstanding the reversal of the ALJ's decision, Mr. Korn asked the Board to consider not imposing further sanctions as his client already has been penalized sufficiently for the conduct in the case.

DAG Krier argued that in light of the Board's conclusions, the facts of this case merited a severe penalty. In this case, there was a severe outbreak of a Hepatitis B and in fact, in this case, a rare strain. She believed that it merited nothing short of a revocation of his license. She acknowledged that it has been two and a half years since the decision to temporarily suspend him, however, that was necessary to shield the citizens of the state from further harm. The evidence, and in fact the conclusion of the Board, demonstrates that there was a severe outbreak among cancer patients and that he exposed even more patients because of his long-standing neglect of infection control, lack of personal protective equipment, remedy of the notice of OSHA violations and his failure to supervise his employees. In the intervening time, as evidenced by his testimony at trial, he failed to make himself fully informed of the current standards. While he may have made some attempts to make his office more compliant, he has not become fully conversant with the appropriate standards of infection control.

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She also asked the Board to recognize that the argument concerning the failure to have the employees tested is a red herring. As the Board was aware, a healthcare provider can still attend to patients even if he/she is infected. It is essentially the purpose of universal precautions to prevent this transmission under even the worst of circumstances.

DAG Krier said that Dr. Dara posed, and continues to pose, a significant risk of harm to his patients. While he has testified that he has studied, it appears that he has “cherry picked” the facts that he chooses to learn and apply. She pointed out a number of instances in his testimony at the trial in which he testified inaccurately to the current and appropriate standards.

DAG Krier also reminded the Board that during the temporary suspension he testified that no saline was used in his office to flush certain ports. He further testified that the LPN did not mix the drugs, yet the testimony at trial confirmed that the LPN did in fact administer and mix the chemotherapy when no RN was on staff. These, as well as a number of instances during the trial, also demonstrate that Dr. Dara lacks the candor and honesty that would assure the Board that he would be safe to return to practice. It was also important to emphasize, she argued, that Dr. Dara did not adhere to the rules of practice and the countless violations as determined by OSHA are illustrative of this.

The issue before the Board, according to DAG Krier, is to protect the public. She again reviewed the patients that were infected with the dangerous blood borne disease. His patients, she went on, were put at risk and in fact some actually were harmed. As a licensee of the Board, this was conduct that was impermissible and that revocation of his license was the only penalty that would send a message to the licensee community.

Upon questioning by the Board, DAG Krier confirmed that the Attorney General was seeking costs and the Attorney General asked that the record be left open so that she could submit the application according to a briefing schedule determined by the Board.

**THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO MOVE
INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR ADVICE OF COUNSEL AND DELIBERATIONS.**

Dr. Jordan made the motion, it was seconded by Dr. Stanley and was unanimous, with the verbal assent of Dr. Mendelowitz via the telephone.

All parties, except counseling and administrative staff, left the room. The Board returned to Open and announced the following decision:

**THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO REVOKE
DR. DARA’S LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THERE IS NO
RIGHT TO REAPPLY FOR REINSTATEMENT FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR**

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YEARS, WITH CREDIT GIVEN FOR TIME ALREADY SERVED. PRIOR TO ANY APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT, DR. DARA MUST APPEAR BEFORE A COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD. HE SHALL DEMONSTRATE HIS FITNESS TO PRACTICE AND SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF COURSES TO INCLUDE OSHA INFECTION CONTROL, BLOOD BORNE PATHOGENS AND AN ETHICS COURSE. AT THE TIME OF RE-APPLICATION, THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RESTRICT HIS PRACTICE WITH A PLAN TO BE PROTECTIVE OF THE PUBLIC AND MAY INCLUDE SUPERVISION. THE BOARD IMPOSED CIVIL PENALTIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 (\$10,000 ON THE FIRST AND \$20,000 FOR THE SECOND COUNT). WITHIN TEN DAYS THE APPLICATION FOR COSTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE RESPONDENT WILL HAVE TEN DAYS TO RESPOND. THE COSTS APPLICATION AND RESPONSE WILL BE CONSIDERED ON THE PAPERS AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. AN ORDER MORE FULLY DETAILING THE BOARD'S RATIONALE WILL FOLLOW.

Motion was made by Dr. Jordan and seconded by Dr. Tedeschi and all voted unanimously (without a vote from Dr. Mendelowitz).

Mr. Korn asked that the civil penalties be stayed pending an appeal of this matter. He asked that only the monetary penalties and costs be stayed. Since his client's license has been suspended, Mr. Korn did not anticipate that his license would be restored, so he sought a stay only on the civil penalties assessed.

In response, DAG Krier objected because as she understood a bond would need to be posted at the Appellate Division.

Mr. Korn agreed and that was his reasoning for having the penalties stayed so that he did not have to post bond at the Appellate Division. DAG Krier again raised an objection.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, MOVED INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR ADVICE OF COUNSEL AND DELIBERATIONS.

All parties, except counseling and administrative staff, left the room.

The Board returned to Open and announced the following decision:

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO DENY THE APPLICATION FOR THE STAY OF CIVIL PENALTIES AND COSTS,

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HOWEVER, WHEN THE BOARD CONSIDERS THE APPLICATION FOR COSTS NEXT MONTH, THE RESPONDENT COULD PRESENT CERTIFIED COPIES OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE BOARD WOULD CONSIDER IT ANEW.

Motion made by Dr. Jordan, seconded by Dr. Stanley and it was unanimous with verbal assent by Dr. Mendelowitz.

The hearing was concluded.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing Scheduled

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing Scheduled

OFF AGENDA

I/M/O JEAN-BAPTISTE, Demesvar MD 25MA07920700

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO RATIFY THE CONSENT ORDER FOR THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE RESPONDENT'S LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

I/M/O ILLEM, Priscilla MD 25MA02352500

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO RATIFY THE INTERIM CONSENT ORDER DEEMED A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION.

I/M/O HOWELL, Clifton MD 25MA04693000

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO RATIFY THE CONSENT ORDER FOR THE SURRENDER OF RESPONDENT'S LICENSE TO BE DEEMED A REVOCATION.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathryn Lambert, D.O.
Board Vice President

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