

STATE OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF MEDICINE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

Petitioner,

vs.

DOH CASE NO.: 2019-47364  
LICENSE NO.: ME0078345

SHAKIR RAZA MEGHANI, M.D.,

Respondent.

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FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE came before the BOARD OF MEDICINE (Board) pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(4), Florida Statutes, on February 5, 2021, via a duly noticed video conference meeting, for the purpose of considering a Settlement Agreement (attached hereto as Exhibit A) entered into between the parties in this cause. Upon consideration of the Settlement Agreement, the documents submitted in support thereof, the arguments of the parties, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Settlement Agreement as submitted be and is hereby approved and adopted in toto and incorporated herein by reference with the following clarification:

The costs set forth in Paragraph 3 of the Stipulated Disposition shall be set at \$1,267.59.

Accordingly, the parties shall adhere to and abide by all the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement as clarified above.

This Final Order shall take effect upon being filed with the Clerk of the Department of Health.

DONE AND ORDERED this 5th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Paul A. Vazquez

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Paul A. Vazquez, J.D., Executive Director  
For Zachariah P. Zachariah, M.D., Chair



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**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Shakir Raza Meghani, M.D., referred to as the "Respondent," and the Department of Health, referred to as "Department," stipulate and agree to the following Agreement and to the entry of a Final Order of the Board of Medicine, referred to as "Board," incorporating the Stipulated Facts and Stipulated Disposition in this matter.

Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of medicine pursuant to Section 20.43, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 456, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 458, Florida Statutes.

**STIPULATED FACTS**

1. At all times material hereto, Respondent was a licensed physician in the State of Florida having been issued license number ME78345.
2. The Department charged Respondent with an Administrative Complaint that was filed and properly served upon Respondent alleging violations of Chapter 458, Florida Statutes, and the rules adopted pursuant thereto. A true and correct copy of the Administrative Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

3. For purposes of these proceedings, Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations of fact contained in the Administrative Complaint.

#### **STIPULATED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Respondent admits that, in his capacity as a licensed physician, he is subject to the provisions of Chapters 456 and 458, Florida Statutes, and the jurisdiction of the Department and the Board.

2. Respondent admits that the facts alleged in the Administrative Complaint, if proven, would constitute violations of Chapter 458, Florida Statutes.

3. Respondent agrees that the Stipulated Disposition in this case is fair, appropriate and acceptable to Respondent.

#### **STIPULATED DISPOSITION**

1. **Letter of Concern** – The Board shall issue a Letter of Concern against Respondent’s license.
2. **Fine** - The Board shall impose an administrative fine of *Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$500.00)* against Respondent’s license which Respondent shall pay to: Payments, Department of Health, Compliance Management Unit, Bin C-76, P.O. Box 6320, Tallahassee, FL 32314-6320, within thirty (30) days from the date of filing of the Final Order accepting this Agreement (“Final Order”). **All fines shall be paid by cashier’s check or money order.** Any change in the terms of payment of any fine imposed by the Board **must be approved in advance by the Probation Committee of the Board.**

RESPONDENT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE TIMELY PAYMENT OF THE FINE IS HIS LEGAL OBLIGATION AND RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPONDENT AGREES TO CEASE PRACTICING IF THE FINE IS NOT PAID AS AGREED IN THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. SPECIFICALLY, IF RESPONDENT HAS NOT RECEIVED WRITTEN CONFIRMATION WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE DATE OF FILING OF THE FINAL ORDER THAT THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE FINE HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OFFICE, RESPONDENT AGREES TO CEASE PRACTICE UNTIL RESPONDENT RECEIVES SUCH WRITTEN CONFIRMATION FROM THE BOARD.

3. **Reimbursement of Costs** - Pursuant to Section 456.072, Florida Statutes, Respondent agrees to pay the Department for the Department's costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case ("Department costs"). Such costs exclude the costs of obtaining supervision or monitoring of the practice, the cost of quality assurance reviews, any other costs Respondent incurs to comply with the Final Order, and the Board's administrative costs directly associated with Respondent's probation, if any. Respondent agrees that the amount of Department costs to be paid in this case is *One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-seven Dollars and Fifty-nine Cents (\$1,267.59), but shall not exceed Three Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-seven Dollars and Fifty-nine Cents (\$3,267.59)*. Respondent will pay such Department costs to: Payments, Department of Health, Compliance Management Unit, Bin C-76, P.O. Box 6320, Tallahassee, FL 32314-6320, within thirty (30) days from the date of filing of the Final Order. **All costs shall be paid by cashier's check or money order.** Any change in

the terms of payment of costs imposed by the Board **must be approved in advance by the Probation Committee of the Board.**

**RESPONDENT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE TIMELY PAYMENT OF THE COSTS IS HIS LEGAL OBLIGATION AND RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPONDENT AGREES TO CEASE PRACTICING IF THE COSTS ARE NOT PAID AS AGREED IN THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. SPECIFICALLY, IF RESPONDENT HAS NOT RECEIVED WRITTEN CONFIRMATION WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE DATE OF FILING OF THE FINAL ORDER THAT THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE COSTS NOTED ABOVE HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OFFICE, RESPONDENT AGREES TO CEASE PRACTICE UNTIL RESPONDENT RECEIVES SUCH WRITTEN CONFIRMATION FROM THE BOARD.**

4. **Suspension Language** - Respondent's Florida medical license shall be indefinitely SUSPENDED until such time as Respondent provides the Board with evidence that Respondent's medical license(s) is/are unencumbered in any and all jurisdictions in which Respondent is licensed to practice. The Board retains jurisdiction in this matter to impose additional practice restrictions which may include a period of probation. The terms and conditions of said practice restrictions or probation shall be determined at such time as Respondent's license to practice medicine is reinstated. However, the term of suspension shall be imposed prior to the Board's considering Respondent's petition for reinstatement. Respondent shall not practice medicine in Florida until he petitions the Board for reinstatement, appears before the Board, and has his license reinstated.

## **STANDARD PROVISIONS**

1. **Appearance** - Respondent is required to appear before the Board at the meeting of the Board where this Agreement is considered.
2. **No Force or Effect until Final Order** - It is expressly understood that this Agreement is subject to the approval of the Board and the Department. In this regard, the foregoing paragraphs (and only the foregoing paragraphs) shall have no force and effect unless the Board enters a Final Order incorporating the terms of this Agreement.
3. **Addresses** - Respondent must provide current residence and practice addresses to the Board. Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of any changes of said addresses
4. **Future Conduct** - In the future, Respondent shall not violate Chapter 456, 458 or 893, Florida Statutes, or the rules promulgated pursuant thereto, or any other state or federal law, rule, or regulation relating to the practice or the ability to practice medicine to include, but not limited to, all statutory requirements related to practitioner profile and licensure renewal updates. Prior to signing this agreement, the Respondent shall read Chapters 456, 458 and 893 and the Rules of the Board of Medicine, at Chapter 64B8, Florida Administrative Code.
5. **Violation of Terms** - It is expressly understood that a violation of the terms of this Agreement shall be considered a violation of a Final Order of the Board, for which disciplinary action may be initiated pursuant to Chapters 456 and 458, Florida Statutes.



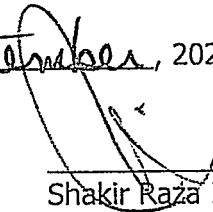
6. **Purpose of Agreement** - Respondent, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, executes this Agreement. In this regard, Respondent authorizes the Board to review and examine all investigative file materials concerning Respondent prior to or in conjunction with consideration of the Agreement. Respondent agrees to support this Agreement at the time it is presented to the Board and shall offer no evidence, testimony or argument that disputes or contravenes any stipulated fact or conclusion of law. Furthermore, should this Agreement not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to and consideration of this Agreement and other documents and matters by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation, consideration or resolution of these proceedings.

7. **No Preclusion of Additional Proceedings** - Respondent and the Department fully understand that this Agreement and subsequent Final Order will in no way preclude additional proceedings by the Board and/or the Department against Respondent for acts or omissions not specifically set forth in the Administrative Complaint attached as Exhibit A.

8. **Waiver of Attorney's Fees And Costs** - Upon the Board's adoption of this Agreement, the parties hereby agree that with the exception of Department costs noted above, the parties will bear their own attorney's fees and costs resulting from prosecution or defense of this matter. Respondent waives the right to seek any attorney's fees or costs from the Department and the Board in connection with this matter.

9. **Waiver of Further Procedural Steps** - Upon the Board's adoption of this Agreement, Respondent expressly waives all further procedural steps and expressly waives all rights to seek judicial review of or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of the Agreement and the Final Order of the Board incorporating said Agreement.


SIGNED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

  
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Shakir Raza Meghani, M.D.

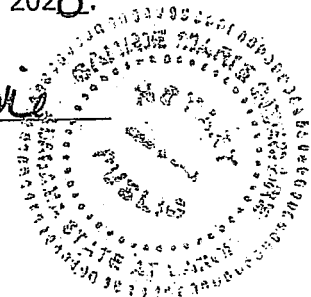
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BEFORE ME personally appeared Shakir Meghani, MD whose identity is known to me or who produced \_\_\_\_\_ (type of identification) and who, under oath, acknowledges that his/her signature appears above.

SWORN TO and subscribed before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 3/26/2024



APPROVED this 2nd day of November, 2020.

/s/ Corynn Alberto  
By: Chase E. Den Beste  
Assistant General Counsel  
Department of Health

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**ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT**

Petitioner, Department of Health, files this Administrative Complaint before the Board of Medicine against Respondent, Shakir Raza Meghani, M.D., and in support thereof alleges:

1. Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of Medicine pursuant to section 20.43, Florida Statutes; Chapter 456, Florida Statutes; and Chapter 458, Florida Statutes.

2. At all times material to this Complaint, Respondent was a licensed physician within the state of Florida, having been issued license number ME 78345.

3. Respondent's address of record is 2812 Hartford Highway, Suite 1, Dothan, AL 36305.

4. The licensing authorities regulating the practice of medicine in the State of Alabama are the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission and the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.

5. At all times material hereto, Respondent was a licensed physician within the State of Alabama, having been issued license number MD.22917.

6. At all times material hereto, Respondent possessed an Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate ("ACSC"), having been issued license number ACSC.22917.

7. On or about October 21, 2019, Respondent entered into a Joint Settlement Agreement with the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners which placed Respondent's ACSC on probation for a period of sixty months, ordered Respondent to complete a Competency Assessment by the Center for Personalized Education for Professionals, limited Respondent's controlled substance privileges, restricted Respondent from accepting new patients for the treatment of chronic pain, and ordered Respondent to pay administrative costs in the amount of \$5,820.

8. On or about October 22, 2019, the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, in case number 2019-04, entered a Consent Order which fully adopted the terms of the Joint Settlement Agreement.

9. The action against Respondent's ACSC license constitutes action by an Alabama licensing authority against Respondent's license or authority to practice medicine in the State of Alabama.

10. Section 458.331(1)(b), Florida Statutes (2019), subjects a licensee to discipline for having a license or the authority to practice medicine revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, including the denial of licensure, by the licensing authority of any jurisdiction, including its agencies or subdivisions. The licensing authority's acceptance of a physician's relinquishment of a license, stipulation, consent order, or other settlement, offered in response to or in anticipation of the filing of administrative charges against the physician's license, shall be construed as action against the physician's license.

11. Respondent violated section 458.331(1)(b), Florida Statutes (2019), by having her license or authority to practice medicine in the State of Alabama acted against by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Alabama.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board of Medicine enter an order imposing one or more of the following penalties: permanent revocation or suspension of Respondent's license, restriction of practice, imposition of an administrative fine, issuance of a reprimand,

placement of the Respondent on probation, corrective action, refund of fees billed or collected, remedial education and/or any other relief that the Board deems appropriate.

SIGNED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

Scott A. Rivkees, M.D.  
State Surgeon General

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CLERK: *Bridget Coates*

DATE *4.17.2020*

PCP Date: April 17, 2020

PCP Members: Mark Avila, M.D.; Zachariah Zachariah, M.D.; Nicholas Romanello

## NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Respondent has the right to request a hearing to be conducted in accordance with Section 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative, to present evidence and argument, to call and cross-examine witnesses and to have subpoena and subpoena duces tecum issued on his or her behalf if a hearing is requested.

A request or petition for an administrative hearing must be in writing and must be received by the Department within 21 days from the day Respondent received the Administrative Complaint, pursuant to Rule 28-106.111(2), Florida Administrative Code. If Respondent fails to request a hearing within 21 days of receipt of this Administrative Complaint, Respondent waives the right to request a hearing on the facts alleged in this Administrative Complaint pursuant to Rule 28-106.111(4), Florida Administrative Code. Any request for an administrative proceeding to challenge or contest the material facts or charges contained in the Administrative Complaint must conform to Rule 28-106.2015(5), Florida Administrative Code.

Mediation under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, is not available to resolve this Administrative Complaint.

## NOTICE REGARDING ASSESSMENT OF COSTS

Respondent is placed on notice that Petitioner has incurred costs related to the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Pursuant to Section 456.072(4), Florida Statutes, the Board shall assess costs related to the investigation and prosecution of a disciplinary matter, which may include attorney hours and costs, on the Respondent in addition to any other discipline imposed.