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STATE OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF MEDICINE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

Petitioner,

vs.

DOH CASE NO.: 2021-13230
LICENSE NO.: ME0077396

DOUGLAS MICHAEL LANES, M.D.,

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE came before the BOARD OF MEDICINE (Board) on December 6, 2024, in Orlando, Florida, for the purpose of considering Respondent's offer to voluntarily relinquish his license to practice medicine in the State of Florida. (Attached hereto as Exhibit A.) Said written offer of relinquishment specifically provides that Respondent agrees never again to apply for licensure as a physician in the State of Florida.

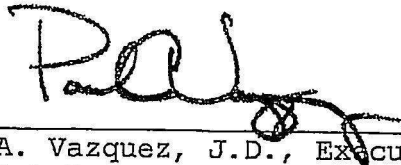
Upon consideration of the written offer of voluntary relinquishment, the charges, and the other documents of record, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent's Voluntary Relinquishment of his license to practice medicine in the State of Florida is hereby ACCEPTED, and shall constitute discipline upon Respondent's license.

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

DONE AND ORDERED this 20th day of December, 2024.

BOARD OF MEDICINE



Paul A. Vazquez, J.D., Executive Director
For Nicholas W. Romanello, Esquire, Chair

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order has been provided by U.S. Mail to: Douglas Michael Lanes, M.D., at 10625 N. Military Trail, Suite 105, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410; 3700 Washington Street, Suite 33410, Hollywood, FL 33021 and Gregory A. Chaires, Esq., at 283 Cranes Roost Blvd., Suite 165, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701; by email to: Gregory A. Chaires, Esq., at gchaires@chlawyers.com; Andrew Pietrylo, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Health, at Andrew.Pietrylo@flhealth.gov; and Christopher R. Dierlam, Assistant Attorney General, at Christopher.Dierlam@myfloridalegal.com this 27th day of December, 2024.



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DOUGLAS LANES, M.D.,

RESPONDENT.

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VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT OF LICENSE

Respondent, **Douglas Lanes, M.D.**, license number **ME 77396**, hereby voluntarily relinquishes Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the state of Florida and states as follows:

1. Respondent's purpose in executing this Voluntary Relinquishment is to avoid further administrative action with respect to this cause. Respondent understands that acceptance by the Board of Medicine (hereinafter the Board) of this Voluntary Relinquishment shall be construed as disciplinary action against Respondent's license pursuant to section 456.072(1)(f), Florida Statutes. As with any disciplinary action, this relinquishment will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank as disciplinary action. Licensing authorities in other states may impose discipline in their jurisdiction based on discipline taken in Florida.

2. Respondent agrees to never reapply for licensure as a physician in the state of Florida.

3. Respondent agrees to voluntarily cease practicing as a physician immediately upon executing this Voluntary Relinquishment. Respondent further agrees to refrain from practicing as a physician until such time as this Voluntary Relinquishment is presented to the Board and the Board issues a written final order in this matter.

4. Upon the Board's acceptance of this Voluntary Relinquishment, Respondent agrees to waive all rights to seek judicial review of, or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of, this Voluntary Relinquishment and of the Final Order of the Board incorporating this Voluntary Relinquishment.

5. Petitioner and Respondent hereby agree that upon the Board's acceptance of this Voluntary Relinquishment, each party shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs related to the prosecution or defense of this matter.

6. Respondent authorizes the Board to review and examine all investigative file materials concerning Respondent in connection with the Board's consideration of this Voluntary Relinquishment. Respondent agrees that consideration of this Voluntary Relinquishment and other related materials by the Board shall not prejudice or preclude the Board, or any of its members, from

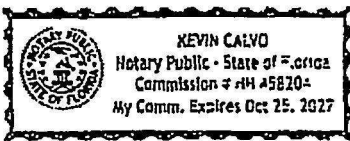
further participation, consideration, or resolution of these proceedings if the terms of this Voluntary Relinquishment are not accepted by the Board.

DATED this 03 day of September, 2024.

Douglas M. Lanes, M.D.
Douglas Lanes, M.D.
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STATE OF Florida
COUNTY OF Palm Beach

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization, this 3rd day of September, 2024, by Douglas Michael Lanes.



KCA
Signature of Notary Public
Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned name of Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification FL Drivers License

Type of Identification Produced FL Drivers License

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

Petitioner, Department of Health, by and through its undersigned counsel, files this Administrative Complaint ("Complaint") before the Board of Medicine ("Board") against Respondent, Douglas Michael Lanes, M.D., and 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 77396.

3. Respondent's address of record is 10625 N. Military Trail, Suite 105, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410.

4. On or about June 13, 2011, Patient L.A. presented to Respondent for treatment of ADHD. Patient L.A. was also positive for ten (10) out of thirteen (13) items on a screening tool for bipolar disorder.

5. From on or about June 8, 2017 through on or about July 1, 2019 (hereinafter "the treatment period"), Respondent treated Patient L.A. for ADHD and prescribed her Adderall¹.

6. At no point during the treatment period did Respondent follow-up on Patient L.A.'s possible bipolar disorder.

7. Throughout the treatment period, Patient L.A. expressed experiencing hypomania, hyperactivity, agitation, and anxiety.

8. During the treatment period, Patient L.A. reported to Respondent that she had developed facial tics and that she was concerned it was related to her Adderall dosage.

9. At no point during the treatment period did Respondent address Patient L.A.'s report of facial tics by doing further evaluation for tardive dyskinesia and/or by referring Patient L.A. for a neurology consultation.

10. At several points during the treatment period, Patient L.A. presented with signs of habituation to Adderall.

11. The prevailing professional standard of care for required Respondent to:
- a. Follow-up on Patient's L.A.'s potential bipolar disorder through further evaluation;
 - b. Address Patient L.A.'s facial tics by doing further evaluation for tardive dyskinesia and/or by referring her for a neurology consultation; and/or

¹ Adderall is the brand name for a drug that contains amphetamine, commonly prescribed to treat attention deficit disorder. According to section 893.03(2), Florida Statutes, amphetamine is a Schedule II controlled substance that has a high potential for abuse and has a currently accepted but severely restricted medical use in treatment in the United States, and abuse of amphetamine may lead to severe psychological or physical dependence.

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c. Address Patient L.A.'s signs of habituation.

12. Section 458.331(1)(t), Florida Statutes (2016-2019), subjects a doctor to discipline for committing medical malpractice as defined in section 456.50. Section 456.50, Florida Statutes (2016-2019), defines medical malpractice as the failure to practice medicine in accordance with the level of care, skill, and treatment recognized in general law related to health care licensure.

13. Level of care, skill, and treatment recognized in general law related to health care licensure means the standard of care specified in section 766.102. Section 766.102(1), Florida Statutes (2016-2019), defines the standard of care to mean "that level of care, skill, and treatment which, in light of all relevant surrounding circumstances, is recognized as acceptable and appropriate by reasonably prudent similar health care providers."

14. Respondent failed to meet the prevailing professional standard of care regarding the treatment of Patient L.A. in one or more of the following ways:

- a. By failing to follow-up on Patient's L.A.'s potential bipolar disorder through further evaluation;
- b. By failing to address Patient L.A.'s facial tics by doing further evaluation for tardive dyskinesia and/or by referring her for a neurology consultation; and/or
- c. By failing to address Patient L.A.'s signs of habituation

15. Based on the foregoing, Respondent has violated section 458.331(1)(t), Florida Statutes (2016-2019), by committing medical malpractice.

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 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 1st day of June, 2023.

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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.

Please be advised that mediation under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, is not available for administrative disputes involving this agency action.

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 any other discipline imposed.