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STATE OF FLORIDA BOARD OF MEDICINE

Department of Health

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

Petitioner,

vs.

DOH CASE NO.: 2023-52159

LICENSE NO.: ME0078345

SHAKIR MEGHANI, M.D.,

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE came before the BOARD OF MEDICINE (Board) pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(4), Florida Statutes, on February 7, 2025, in Jacksonville, Florida, 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 9 of the Stipulated Disposition shall be set at \$1,034.10.

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 3rd day of March, 2025.

BOARD OF MEDICINE

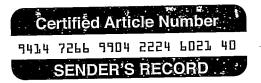
Paul A. Vazquez, J.D., Executive Director

For Amy Derick, M.D., Chair

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order has been provided by Certified and U.S. Mail to: Shakir Meghani, M.D., at 2812 Hartford Highway, Ste. 1, Dothan, AL 36305; by U.S. Mail to: Richard E. Crum, Esq., Crum & Harmon, LLC, at 446 West Main Street, Dothan, AL 36302; by email to: Richard E. Crum, Esq., at rerum@crumandharmon.com; Andrew Pietrylo, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Health, at Andrew.Pietrylo@flhealth.gov; and Allison M. Dudley, Senior Assistant Attorney General, at Allison.Dudley@myfloridalegal.com this Allison.Dudley@myfloridalegal.com

Shakir Meghani, M.D. 2812 Hartford Highway, Ste.1 Dothan, AL 36305 Deputy Agency Clerk



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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Pursuant to section 120.57(4), Florida Statutes, the above-named parties offer this Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") and agree to the entry of a Final Order by the Board of Medicine ("Board") incorporating this Agreement as disposition of this matter, in lieu of any other administrative proceedings.

STIPULATED FACTS

- 1. At all times material hereto, Respondent was a licensed physician in the State of Florida having been issued license number ME 78345.
- 2. Respondent was charged by an Administrative Complaint with violating Chapter 456 and/or 458, Florida Statutes. The Administrative Complaint was filed by the Department of Health ("Department") and properly served upon Respondent. 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

- 4. Respondent admits that, in their capacity as a licensed physician, they are subject to the provisions of Chapters 456 and 458, Florida Statutes, and the jurisdiction of the Department and the Board.
- 5. Respondent admits that the facts alleged in the Administrative Complaint, if proven, would constitute violations of Chapter 456 and/or 458, Florida Statutes.
- 6. Respondent agrees that the Agreement is a fair, appropriate, and reasonable resolution to this pending matter.

STIPULATED DISPOSITION

- 7. Reprimand The Board shall issue a Reprimand against Respondent's license.
- 8. <u>Fine</u> The Board shall impose an administrative fine of *\$1,000.00* against Respondent's license, which Respondent shall pay to:

Payments – DOH Compliance Management Unit Bin C-76 P.O. Box 6320 Tallahassee, FL 32314-6320

Payment in full of the fine must be made within **thirty (30) days** of the date of filing of the Final Order accepting this Agreement. Any change in the terms of payment of any fine imposed <u>must be approved in advance by the Probation Committee</u> of the Board.

9. <u>Reimbursement of Costs</u> – Pursuant to Section 456.072(4), 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 do not

include 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, or 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 *shall not exceed \$1,500.00*. The final amount of Department costs shall be determined at the time that the Board considers this Agreement at a public meeting. Respondent shall pay such Department costs to:

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Payment in full of the Department costs must be made within **thirty (30) days** of the date of filing of the Final Order accepting this Agreement. Any change in the terms of payment of any costs imposed <u>must be approved in advance by the Probation</u>

Committee of the Board.

SUSPENDED until such time as Respondent provides the Board with evidence that Respondent's medical license(s) is/are unencumbered in the state(s) of Alabama. The Board retains jurisdiction in this matter to impose additional practice restrictions, including, but not limited to, a period of probation. The terms and conditions of said practice restrictions shall be determined at such time as Respondent's license to practice medicine is reinstated. The term of suspension shall be imposed prior to the Board considering Respondent's petition for reinstatement. Respondent shall not practice

medicine in Florida until they petition the Board for reinstatement, appear before the Board, and have their license reinstated by the Board.

STANDARD PROVISIONS

- 11. <u>Appearance</u> Respondent is required to appear before the Board at the meeting of the Board where this Agreement is considered.
- 12. **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.
- Agreement, Respondent shall first submit a written request to the Probation Committee for approval prior to completion of any required continuing medical education (CME) course(s). Respondent shall submit documentation to the Board's Compliance Officer of having completed an approved CME course in the form of certified copies of the receipts, vouchers, certificates, or other papers, such as physician's recognition awards, documenting completion of this CME course, and all such documentation must be submitted by Respondent to the Board's Compliance Officer within one (1) year of the filing of the Final Order accepting this Agreement. All such documentation shall be sent to the Board's Compliance Officer, regardless of whether some or any of such documentation was provided previously during the course of any audit, discussion with counsel for the Department, or presentation to the Board. CME hours required by this Agreement shall be in addition to those hours required for renewal of licensure. Unless

otherwise approved by the Board's Probation Committee or stated in this Agreement, such CME course(s) shall consist of a formal live lecture format or webinar that complies with the terms of rule 64B8-8.0011, Florida Administrative Code.

- 14. <u>Addresses</u> Respondent must provide current residence and practice addresses to the Board. Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within fifteen (15) days of any changes of said addresses.
- 15. <u>Future Conduct</u> 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 of, or the ability to practice, medicine to include, but not be limited to, all statutory requirements related to practitioner profile and licensure renewal updates. Prior to presentation of this Agreement to the Board, Respondent shall read Chapters 456, 458 and 893 and the rules of the Board of Medicine, at Chapter 64B8, Florida Administrative Code.
- 16. <u>Violation of Terms</u> 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.
- 17. <u>Purpose of Agreement</u> 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. Respondent shall not request that the Board modify any term of this Agreement at the time when it is presented to the Board, without the consent or agreement of the Department. 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.

- 18. **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 any acts or omissions not specifically set forth in the Administrative Complaint attached as Exhibit A.
- 19. <u>Waiver of Attorney's Fees and Costs</u> Upon the Board's acceptance of this Agreement, the parties hereby agree that, with the exception of Department costs set forth 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.
- 20. <u>Waiver of Further Procedural Steps</u> 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 accepting said Agreement.

SIGNED this, 2024.
Shakir Meghant, M.D.
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Houston
BEFORE ME personally appeared Shocking Wegham, whose identity is
known to me or who produced (type of identification)
and who, under oath, acknowledges that their signature appears above.
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NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: $3/28/2028$
For Department use only
APPROVED this 10 day of September , 2024.

By: Mohamad Cheikhali, Esq. Assistant General Counsel Department of Health

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

Petitioner, Department of Health, by and through its undersigned counsel, files this Administrative Complaint before the Board of Medicine against Respondent, Shakir Meghani, 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 FL 78345.
- 3. Respondent's address of record is 2812 Hartford Highway, Dothan, Alabama 36305.

- 4. At all times material to this complaint, Respondent was a licensed physician within the state of Alabama, having been issued Alabama license number MD 22917.
- 5. The Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners ("Alabama Board") is the licensing authority charged with regulating the practice of medicine in Alabama.
- 6. On or about October 28, 2023, Respondent entered into a Joint Settlement Agreement with the Alabama Board.
- 7. On or about November 20, 2023, the Alabama Board issued a consent decree against Respondent's Alabama medical license.
- 8. The November 20, 2023, consent decree constitutes action by an Alabama licensing authority against Respondent's license or authority to practice medicine in the State of Alabama.
- 9. Section 458.331(1)(b), Florida Statutes (2023), provides that 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 and subdivisions, is grounds for discipline.

10. On or about November 30, 2023, Alabama acted against

Respondent's medical license by issuing consent decree against his medical

license.

11. Based on the foregoing, Respondent has violated section

458.331(1)(b), Florida Statutes (2023), by having his license acted against

by licensing authority of Alabama.

WHEREFORE, the 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.

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SIGNED this 12 day of July 2024.

JOSEPH LADAPO, M.D. State Surgeon General

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PCP Date: July 12, 2024

PCP Members: Falcone MD; Vila MD; Justice

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 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.