

**STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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ROGER STARNER JONES, JR., M.D.)	BEFORE THE TENNESSEE
RESPONDENT)	
)	BOARD OF MEDICAL
)	EXAMINERS
)	DOCKET NO. 17.18-234872A
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE)	
TENNESSEE LICENSE NO. 49443)	

AGREED ORDER

The Division of Health-Related Boards of the Tennessee Department of Health ("State"), by and through the Office of General Counsel, and Respondent, Roger Starnier Jones, M.D., ("Respondent"), by and through his attorney, Kline Preston, respectfully move the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") for approval of this Agreed Order affecting Respondent's medical license in the State of Tennessee.

I. AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

The Board is responsible for the regulation and supervision of medical doctors licensed to practice in the State of Tennessee. *See* Tennessee Medical Practice Act, Tennessee Code Annotated Section (hereinafter "TENN. CODE ANN. §") 63-6-101, *et seq.* It is the policy of the Board to require strict compliance with the laws of this State, and to apply the laws so as to preserve the quality of medical care provided in Tennessee. It is the duty and responsibility of the Board to enforce the Tennessee Medical Practice Act in such a manner as to promote and protect the public health, safety and welfare in every practicable way, including disciplining medical doctors who

violate the provisions of TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-101, *et seq.*, or the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board and recorded in the Official Compilation Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (hereinafter "TENN. COMP. R. & REGS.").

Respondent by his signature to this Agreed Order, waives the right to a contested case hearing and any and all rights to judicial review in this matter. Respondent agrees that presentation to and consideration of this Agreed Order by the Board for ratification and all matters divulged during that process shall not constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members shall be prejudiced to the extent that requires their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Order not be ratified. Likewise, all matters, admissions and statements disclosed or exchanged during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against Respondent in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions.

Respondent expressly waives all further procedural steps and expressly waives all rights to seek judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreed Order. Respondent understands that by signing this Agreed Order, Respondent is allowing the Board to issue its order without further process. Respondent acknowledges that this is a formal disciplinary action and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) and/or similar agency. In the event that the Board rejects this Agreed Order for any reason, it will be of no force or effect for either party.

II. STIPULATIONS OF FACT

1. Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as a medical doctor in the State of Tennessee, having been granted Tennessee medical license number 49443

by the Board on February 8, 2013. Respondent's license currently has an expiration date of October 31, 2026.

2. Respondent practices in emergency and addiction medicine. Respondent owns and operates Belle Meade Addiction Medicine and Psychiatry, PLLC, which is located in Nashville, Tennessee and offers a private detox, rehabilitation, and addiction treatment services with concierge doctors.
3. On May 27, 2023, Respondent was admitted to Vanderbilt University Medical Center ("VUMC") Psychiatric Hospital for approximately two nights for treatment. Respondent was subsequently diagnosed with bipolar disorder type 1 with psychotic features and mixed episodes.
4. Respondent became depressed after his father died and sought medical care for which he was treated. Respondent contends he has made a full recovery. Respondent contends he met his father when he was 28 years old, and that his father was living in a shack in Mississippi that did not have running water or electricity. Respondent contends his father was huddled next to a propane heater to stay warm on the day they met. Respondent contends his father had 11 DUIs in 7 years. Respondent contends his father was admitted to a state-funded hospital, detoxed by a doctor who saved his life, never used alcohol again and lived the last 12 years of his life sober. Respondent contends he had a wonderful relationship with his father.
5. Respondent completed a fitness for duty evaluation at Acumen Assessments in Lawrence, Kansas on July 22 – 25, 2024. This fitness for duty evaluation recommended that Respondent establish a consistent process of outpatient psychotherapeutic and psychiatric

treatment. The Acumen evaluation also stated that Respondent should establish care with a TMF-approved psychiatrist in order to establish a mood-stabilizing medication regimen.

6. On November 20, 2024, Respondent signed a three-year monitoring contract with TMF. Respondent currently has TMF advocacy.

III. GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE

The Stipulations of Fact are sufficient to establish that grounds for discipline of Respondent's medical license exist. Specifically, Respondent has violated the following statutes or rules which are part of the Tennessee Medical Practice Act, (TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-101, *et seq.*) for which disciplinary action before and by the Board is authorized:

7. The facts stipulated to in paragraphs two (2) through five (5) constitute a violation of TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-214(b)(1):

Unprofessional, dishonorable or unethical conduct;

8. Although Respondent disputes that his conduct supports grounds for discipline, he enters into this Consent Order for the purpose of avoiding time and expense of further administrative proceedings and litigation.

IV. POLICY STATEMENT

The Board takes this action in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of people in the State of Tennessee and ensure that the public confidence in the integrity of the medical profession is preserved.

V. ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, Respondent, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, agrees to the following:

9. The Tennessee medical license of Roger Starner Jones, M.D., license number 49443, is hereby **REPRIMANDED**, effective the date of entry of this Order.
10. During the period of Respondent's TMF monitoring contract referenced in paragraph six (6) above:
 - a. Respondent shall cause the TMF to submit quarterly reports to the Board's Disciplinary Coordinator regarding the Respondent's compliance and progress. The quarterly reports shall commence thirty (30) days after the ratification of this order and shall continue every three months until Respondent is no longer under a monitoring agreement with the TMF.
 - b. Respondent must maintain advocacy with the TMF and must maintain one hundred percent (100%) compliance with all provisions and terms of Respondent's TMF monitoring agreement and any subsequent extension thereof. Respondent shall comply with all recommendations of TMF. Should TMF cease to advocate for Respondent, it shall constitute a violation of this Order.
 - c. Respondent shall cause the TMF to notify the Board's Disciplinary Coordinator in writing of any violation of the TMF monitoring agreement.
 - d. Respondent shall immediately notify the Board's Medical Consultant and the Board's Disciplinary Coordinator if at any time Respondent no longer has the advocacy of the TMF.

11. Respondent must pay, pursuant to TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-214(k) and Rule 0880-02-.12(1)(j), the actual and reasonable costs of prosecuting this case to the extent allowed by law, including all costs assessed by the Office of Investigations, Secretary of State, Administrative Procedures Division, as well as the Office of General Counsel. These costs will be established by an Assessment of Costs prepared and filed by counsel for the Department. The maximum amount for the assessment of costs shall be fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00). Any and all costs shall be paid in full within one hundred and eighty (180) days from the issuance of the Assessment of Costs by submitting a certified check, cashier's check, or money order payable to the **State of Tennessee**, which shall be mailed or delivered to: **Disciplinary Coordinator, The Division of Health Related Boards, Tennessee Department of Health, 665 Mainstream Drive, 2nd Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243**. A notation shall be placed on said check that it is payable for the costs of **Roger Starner Jones, M.D., Case No. 2023012251**.
12. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this Order shall be considered a Board order violation, which may result in further discipline against Respondent pursuant to TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-6-214(b)(2).

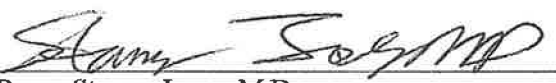
VI. NOTICE

13. Respondent understands that this is a formal disciplinary action and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (N.P.D.B.) and/or similar agency.


This **AGREED ORDER** was approved by a majority of a quorum of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners at a public meeting of the Board and signed this 24TH day of FEBRUARY, 2025.


Chairperson
Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners


APPROVED FOR ENTRY:


Roger Starner Jones, M.D.
Respondent

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of this document has been served upon Respondent at the following address:

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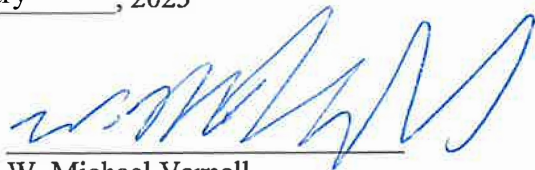
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United States First Class Postage Pre-Paid Mail, with sufficient postage thereon to reach its destination and via email at kpreston@klineprestonlaw.com.

This the 24th day of February, 2025



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