

<p>IN THE MATTER OF</p> <p>SECUNDA WRIGHT-PERRY, DDS</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Respondent</p> <p>License Number: 8953</p>	<p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p>	<p>BEFORE THE MARYLAND</p> <p>STATE BOARD OF</p> <p>DENTAL EXAMINERS</p> <p>Case Number: 2025-200</p>
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CONSENT ORDER

October 1, 2025, the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners (the “Board”) charged **SECUNDA WRIGHT-PERRY, D.D.S.** (the “Respondent”), License Number 8953, with violating the Maryland Dentistry Act (the “Act”), Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations (“Health Occ.”) §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2024 Supp.).

The pertinent provisions of the Act provide:

Health Occ. § 4-315

- (a) *License to practice dentistry.* – Subject to the hearing provisions of § 4-318 of this subtitle, the Board may ... reprimand any licensed dentist, place any licensed dentist on probation, or suspend or revoke the license of any licensed dentist, if the ... licensee:
 - (16) Behaves dishonorably or unprofessionally, or violates a professional code of ethics pertaining to the dentistry profession;
 - (30) Except in an emergency life-threatening situation where it is not feasible or practicable, fails to comply with the Centers for Disease Control’s guidelines on universal precautions[.]

On November 5, 2025, a committee of the Board held a Case Resolution Conference, after which the Respondent agreed to enter into this public Consent Order consisting of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact:

I. LICENSING BACKGROUND

1. At all times relevant, the Respondent was and is licensed to practice dentistry in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was originally licensed to practice dentistry in Maryland on April 12, 1985, under License Number 8953. The Respondent's license is current through June 30, 2027.

2. The Respondent practiced dentistry at a dental practice located at 5150 Marlboro Pike, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743 (the "Office") until she left the Office on or about September 30, 2025. Respondent did not own or at any point have any ownership interest in the Office

II. COMPLAINT

3. On or about November 26, 2024, the Board received a complaint alleging, among other things, that there were substandard infection control practices at the Office. Based on the complaint, the Board initiated an investigation of the Office's compliance with CDC guidelines.¹

¹ The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") is a federal agency dedicated to designing protocols to prevent the spread of disease. The CDC has issued guidelines (the "CDC Guidelines") for dental offices which detail the procedures deemed necessary to minimize the chance of transmitting infection both from one patient to another and from the dentist, dental hygienist and dental staff to and from the patients. These guidelines include some very basic precautions, such as washing one's hands prior to and after treating a patient, and also sets forth more involved standards for infection control. Under the Act, all dentists are required to comply with the CDC guidelines, which incorporate by reference Occupational Safety and Health Administration's ("OSHA") final rule on Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens (29 CFR 1910.1030). The only exception to this rule arises in an emergency which is life-threatening *and* where it is not feasible or practicable to comply with the guidelines.

III. INFECTION CONTROL INSPECTION

4. Due to allegations of potential infection control issues at the Office, on or about February 25, 2025, a Board-assigned infection control inspector (the "Board Inspector"),² along with a Board investigator visited the Office and conducted an infection control inspection.

5. The personnel present during the inspection included the Respondent, a practice manager, a dental assistant and a receptionist. The practice owner was not present during the inspection.

6. As part of the inspection, the Board Inspector utilized the publicly available Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") Infection Prevention Checklist for Dental Settings. Based on the inspection, the Board Inspector made the following findings regarding the Office's compliance with the CDC Guidelines:

Section II: Direct Observation of Personnel and Patient-Care Practices

II.1 Hand Hygiene is Performed Correctly – Observation of hand hygiene performance during the inspection was inconsistent by the Respondent and the dental assistant in the following areas: before and after each patient, before putting on gloves, and immediately after removing gloves. The dental assistant was observed not performing hand hygiene before touching instruments and preparing anesthesia armamentarium barehanded.

II.2 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is Used Correctly – The Respondent and the dental assistant did not change their surgical mask after each patient.

II.3 Sharps Safety – The Respondent stated she uses a one-hand scoop technique to recap contaminated needles. Sharps containers are not located in the treatment operator. Large sharps containers were located on the floor in the sterilization area.

² For confidentiality and privacy reasons, the names of individuals, other than the Respondent's, is not disclosed in this document.

II.4 Safe Injection Practices – The rubber septum was not disinfected prior to use. The Office does not utilize multi-dose vials or fluid infusion.

II.5 Sterilization and Disinfection of Patient Care Items and Devices – The Board Inspector observed a high-speed evacuation attachment using a single use disposable mouth piece being sterilized instead of discarded. The system is called Releaf. The Board Inspector observed the dental assistant placing instruments into an ultrasonic cleaner which was overloaded with some instruments only partially submerged, preventing them from being properly cleaned. Some sterilization pouches had their sterility compromised because some items were retrieved out of the pouch with other items remaining on the clean side, and the remaining items were not reprocessed per CDC guidance. Sterile pouches are not labeled with the sterilizer used, cycle number, load and date of sterilization. The sterilization area does not have a workflow pattern designed to ensure that devices and instruments clearly flow from high contamination areas to clean/sterile areas. Low speed dental handpieces were not permanently attached to air and waterlines were not cleaned and heat-sterilized after each patient.

II.6 Environmental Infection Prevention and Control – The dental assistant was using over-the-counter Lysol and Clorox wipes that do not have a tuberculocidal claim on the packaging label. The Board inspector observed blood material on the low-speed handpiece of an operatory that was dressed to receive another patient.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent's conduct, as described above, constitutes behaving dishonorably or unprofessionally, or violates a professional code of ethics pertaining to the dentistry profession, in violation of Health Occ. § 4-315(a)(16); and failing to comply with Centers for Disease Control's guidelines on universal precautions in violation of Health Occ. § 4-315(a)(30).

ORDER

It is, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board, hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent is immediately placed on **PROBATION**, which is to run from the effective date of this Consent Order and lasting until at minimum **TWO (2) YEARS** from the date the Respondent provides written notice to the Board that she is ready to resume the practice of dentistry; and it is further

ORDERED that on the effective date of this Consent Order, the Respondent agrees not to practice dentistry as defined under the Maryland Dentistry Act until she is recovered from the medical procedure she plans to undergo and until she provides written notification to the Board that she is ready to resume the practice of dentistry; and it is further

ORDERED that after the Respondent provides written notice to the Board that she is ready to resume the practice of dentistry, she shall comply with the following terms and conditions:

1. Respondent shall provide written notice to the Board when she is ready to resume to practice of dentistry. The written notice shall include the name of the dental practice, the name of the owner of the dental practice (if applicable), location of the dental practice and contact information of the dental practice where the Respondent plans to practice dentistry.
2. Prior to her resuming the practice of dentistry, the Respondent shall submit the name and professional credentials of two dentists or hygienists licensed in Maryland for Board-approval to serve as Supervisor for her practice of dentistry. The Respondent shall provide the Supervisor with a copy of the charging document, Consent Order, and any other document the Board deems relevant to her case. The Respondent understands and agrees that the Board may terminate any Supervisor and require that another Supervisor be designated;
3. The Respondent shall ensure that the Supervisor notifies the Board, in writing, within ten (10) days of the Board's approval of his/her acceptance of the supervisory role;
4. The Respondent shall meet with the Supervisor on a quarterly basis

during which the Supervisor shall review whether the Respondent's practice of dentistry is in compliance with CDC Guidelines. During the quarterly meetings, the Respondent shall provide the Supervisor with documentary and photographic verifications that she is practicing dentistry in compliance with CDC Guidelines;

5. The Supervisor shall submit quarterly written reports to the Board as to whether the Respondent's practice of dentistry is in compliance with CDC Guidelines. The written report shall utilize the CDC Infection Prevention Checklist for Dental Settings and be supported with documentary and photographic evidence the Respondent provides;
6. The Respondent is solely responsible for ensuring that the Supervisor submits the required quarterly reports to the Board in a timely manner;
7. In the event that the Supervisor discontinues supervising the Respondent for any reason, the Respondent shall immediately notify the Board and submit a replacement candidate to serve as her Supervisor under the terms specified above;
8. If the Supervisor's quarterly report indicates the Respondent's non-compliance with CDC Guidelines, the Board may send an infectious control inspector to conduct unannounced onsite inspection of the dental practice where the Respondent practices dentistry;
9. The Respondent shall pay a monetary fine in the amount of **ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500)** within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the effective date of this Consent Order to the board;
8. Within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Consent Order, the Respondent shall successfully complete Board-approved course(s) on the following subjects: three (3) credit hours in infection control protocols and three (3) credit hours in ethics and professionalism, which may not be applied towards her license renewal;
9. The Respondent may file a petition for early termination of her probation after one (1) year from the date the Respondent provides written notice to the Board that she is ready to resume the practice of dentistry. After consideration of the petition, the Board, or a designated committee of the Board, shall grant the petition if the Respondent has satisfactorily complied with the terms and conditions

of this Consent Order;

10. The terms and conditions of this Consent Order shall continue to be effective at any dental practice where the Respondent practices until its termination.
11. The Respondent shall, at all times, practice dentistry in accordance with the Act, related regulations, and shall comply with CDC and Occupational Safety and Health Administration's ("OSHA") guidelines on infection control for dental healthcare settings; and
12. Any non-compliance with the Maryland Dentistry Act, all related statutes and regulations, and CDC and OSHA guidelines shall constitute a violation of this Consent Order.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Respondent shall at all times cooperate with the Board, any of its agents or employees, and with the Board-assigned inspector, in the monitoring, supervision and investigation of the Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, and it is further

ORDERED that, unless otherwise ordered by the Board for early termination of probation, after a minimum of two (2) years from the date the Respondent provides written notice to the Board that she is ready to resume the practice of dentistry, the Respondent may file a written petition to the Board requesting termination of probation. After consideration of the petition, the probation may be terminated through an order of the Board. The Board shall grant termination if the Respondent has fully and satisfactorily complied with all of the probationary terms and conditions and there are no pending investigations or outstanding complaints similar to the violations found in this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Respondent allegedly fails to comply with any term or

condition of probation or this Consent Order, the Respondent shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing. If there is a genuine dispute as to a material fact, the hearing shall be an evidentiary hearing before the Board. If there is no genuine dispute as to a material fact, the Respondent shall be given a show cause hearing before the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that after the appropriate hearing, if the Board determines that the Respondent has failed to comply with any term or condition of probation or this Consent Order, the Board may reprimand the Respondent, place the Respondent on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, or suspend or revoke the Respondent's license to practice dentistry in Maryland. The Board may, in addition to one or more of the sanctions set forth above, impose a civil monetary fine upon the Respondent; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the Effective Date of this Consent Order is the date on which the Consent Order is executed by the Board Executive Director, and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order is a public document pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 et seq. (2014).

3/17/26
Date



Stacey Scriven, Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners

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CONSENT

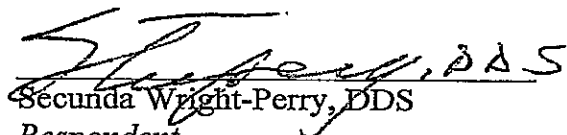
By this Consent, I, Secunda Wright-Perry, DDS agree and accept to be bound by this Consent Order and its conditions and restrictions. I waive any rights I may have had to contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections as provided by law. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order. I also affirm that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed any such hearing.

I sign this Consent Order after having had the opportunity to consult with counsel, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms of this Consent Order. I voluntarily sign this Order and understand its effect.

2-5-26

Date



Secunda Wright-Perry, DDS
Respondent

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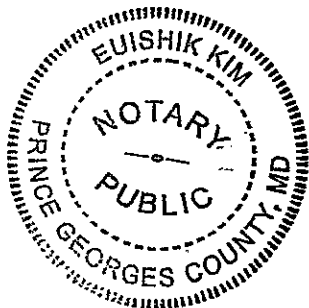
STATE OF Maryland


CITY/COUNTY OF: Prince Georges

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 5th day of February ~~2025,~~ 2026

before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Secunda Wright-Perry and gave oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS, my hand and Notary Seal.




Notary Public

My commission expires: 10/02/2027