IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE MARYLAND

Stephen Kominsky, D.P.M. * STATE BOARD OF PODIATRIC

RESPONDENT * MEDICAL EXAMINERS

* Case Number: 2025-015

PRE-CHARGE CONSENT ORDER OF REPRIMAND

On January 21, 2025, the Maryland State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (the "Board") received an application for licensure filed pursuant to the Maryland Podiatric Medical Examiners Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 16-101 et seq. (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2018 Supp.) concerning Stephen Kominsky, D.P.M., (the "Respondent"). The Board conducted an investigation based on the inconsistencies in the information submitted in the license application by the Respondent, and the information received from the National Practitioner Data Bank ("NPDB"). In lieu of issuing formal charges, the Board decided to offer the Respondent a *public* Pre-Charge Consent Order ("Order"), in order to resolve this matter informally. As a result of the offer, the Board and the Respondent agreed to the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. As a part of the application process the Board conducted a query from the NPDB on the Respondent.
 - 2. The NPDB query revealed that the Respondent on or about April 14, 2023, had a summary

or emergency suspension of clinical privileges at George Washington University Hospital due to failure to maintain or provide adequate or accurate medical records, financial records or other required information, and a violation of by-laws, protocols, or guidelines.

- 3. The suspension was imposed to protect patients during an ongoing peer review privileged investigation into the potential concerns regarding the Respondent's clinical practice.
- 4. The NPDB query also revealed that on or about June 2, 2023, the Respondent was subject to a peer review at Sibley Memorial Hospital resulting in a focused professional practice evaluation.
- 5. The Respondent decided to take a voluntary leave of absence with the intent to retire during an investigation.
- 6. The NPDB query revealed multiple malpractice case settlements against the Respondent due to allegedly improper performance, improper conduct, improper technique, unnecessary procedure, surgical or other foreign body retained, surgical failure to obtain consent/lack of informed consent, and treatment not otherwise classified.
- The Board held an informal meeting with the Respondent on March 5, 2025, to discuss the findings on the NPDB report.
- 8. Subsequently, the Board voted to resolve this case against the Respondent by way of a Non-Public Disposition Agreement ("the Agreement") which was executed by the Board's President on March 15, 2025, in which the Board granted the Respondent a license to practice podiatry in Maryland while the Respondent agreed to certain terms.
- 9. Among the terms agreed to by the Respondent and the Board, were that he would complete Board-pre-approved courses in Medical Ethics, Record Keeping, and Risk Management for a total of fifteen (15) or more Continuing Medical Education ("CME") credits; provide to the Board the name of the proposed courses and the number of credit hours, for the Board to review and approve

within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the agreement; enroll in, and complete, at his own expense, the Board-approved courses by June 14, 2025.

- 10. The instruction would not count toward the courses required to maintain the Respondent's license to practice podiatry in Maryland.
- 11. The Respondent was also required to submit to the Board evidence of the satisfactory completion of the instruction he received.
 - 12. The Respondent failed to enroll in and complete the Board approved courses as required by the Agreement.
- 13. The Board offered the Respondent an opportunity to settle this matter rather than pursue formal charges against him. As a result of that offer, the Board and the Respondent agreed to following Consent Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board finds as a matter of law that the Respondent's conduct, as described above, constitutes a violation of Health Occ. §16-311 (a) (11), (17), and (21) (2021).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby by a majority of the Board members considering this case:

ORDEDRED that the Respondent shall donate ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the Council of Podiatric Medical Education Fund as an anonymous donation, five thousand dollars (\$5,000) shall be donated within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Order, while the remaining five thousand dollars (\$5,000) shall be donated within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the signed of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall complete fifteen (15) CME credits, five of which shall be in medical ethics, five of which shall be in record keeping and five of which shall be in billing. The Respondent will obtain the approval of all of the CME courses he seeks to complete before completing them; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall complete the aforementioned CME course requirements within six (6) months of the execution of this Order and will send confirmation of the completion of the courses to the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that failure to fulfill any part of this Order shall be considered a violation of this Order, and after notice and opportunity for a show cause hearing shall subject Dr. Kominsky to further disciplinary sanctions such as suspension, revocation, probation or further fines based on the violations cited in this Order; and be it further,

ORDERED that this Order of Reprimand is a public document, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 et seq. (2023) and is reportable to any entity to which the Board is obligated to report.

9/17/25 Date

> Adam Silverman, D.P.M., Board President Maryland State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners

CONSENT

I, Stephen Kominsky, D.P.M., acknowledge that I have been made aware of my right to consult with counsel before signing this document. With this Consent, I accept a Reprimand in lieu of a formal evidentiary hearing on violations of the Act and COMAR contained in this Consent Order ("Order"). I acknowledge the validity of this Order as if entered into it 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 waive any rights I may have had to contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Order. I also affirm that I waive my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed any such hearing.

I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms of this Order. I voluntarily sign this Order and I understand its meaning and effect.

9 23 25 Date

Stephen Kominsky, D.P.M., Respondent

NOTARY

STATE OF HIZERS

CITY/COUNTY OF: MANGOOR

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day of 2025, before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Stephen Kominsky, 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:

MELANIE CASH
Notary Public - Arizona
Maricopa County
Commission # 646913
My Comm. Expires May 5, 2027