

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
PRADEEP PANDYA, R.Ph.	*	MARYLAND STATE
LICENSE NO. 16176	*	BOARD OF PHARMACY
(not active)	*	Case No. 18-304
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CONSENT ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

Background Findings

On September 17, 2019, the Maryland State Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) issued a Final Decision and Order (the “Order”) denying the reinstatement application submitted by Pradeep Pandya, License Number 16176. The Board’s Order was based on Mr. Pandya’s 2015 guilty plea to one count of Health Care Fraud Conspiracy and one count of Conspiracy to Distribute Controlled Substances, as well as disciplinary action imposed by the Michigan Board of Pharmacy.

On September 23, 2022, Mr. Pandya submitted another Petition for Reinstatement to the Board for reinstatement of his license to practice pharmacy. In support of his Petition, Mr. Pandya responded to a series of written questions posed by the Board regarding his understanding of his offense and his current professional competency. The Administrative Prosecutor also submitted a response to Mr. Pandya’s petition. On March 15, 2023, the Board held a hearing on Mr. Pandya’s petition.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Mr. Pandya was originally licensed by the Board on July 9, 2001. He allowed his licensed to lapse on September 30, 2006.
2. On June 30, 2015, Mr. Pandya pled guilty in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of

Michigan, to one count of Health Care Fraud Conspiracy and one count of Conspiracy to Distribute Controlled Substances based on his involvement in certain illegal activities as a staff pharmacist at a community pharmacy in Michigan.

3. Mr. Pandya was sentenced to 27 months incarceration followed by three years of supervised release and was ordered to pay the United States \$3,100,000 in restitution.
4. On January 22, 2016, the Michigan Board of Pharmacy revoked Mr. Pandya's license to practice, and further ordered that he pay \$100,000 before he can reinstate his license to practice in Michigan.
5. On March 15, 2018, Mr. Pandya applied to the Maryland Board for reinstatement of his lapsed license. The Board held a contested case hearing on September 4, 2019, regarding Mr. Pandya's reinstatement application. On September 17, 2019, the Board issued a Final Decision and Order denying Mr. Pandya's application and ordered that the Board would not consider another application for reinstatement for at least three years after the date of the Final Decision and Order.
6. On September 23, 2022, Mr. Pandya petitioned the Board for reinstatement. Mr. Pandya responded to a series of written questions posed by the Board regarding Mr. Pandya's understanding and appreciation of his prior offenses. Mr. Pandya's responses express regret, take full accountability for his past misconduct, and demonstrate commitment to the safe and ethical practice of pharmacy in the future.
7. Mr. Pandya indicates that, since 2019, he has completed continuing education and performed volunteer pharmacy service hours.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Pradeep Pandya has sufficiently demonstrated that he is capable of practicing pharmacy in a safe and ethical manner under the terms and conditions outlined in this Order and is eligible for reinstatement in accordance with COMAR 10.34.01.15.

ORDER

Based on an affirmative vote of the Board, it is this 11th day of August, 2023,
hereby:

ORDERED that Pradeep Pandya's license to practice pharmacy be reinstated, *PROVIDED THAT MR. PANDYA FIRST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLY WITH ALL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING REINSTATEMENT* in accordance with COMAR 10.34.13; and be it further,

ORDERED that the Board may accept otherwise qualifying continuing education credits and pharmacy experience hours completed by Mr. Pandya prior to the issuance of this Order; and be it further,

ORDERED that upon reinstatement, Mr. Pandya shall be permanently prohibited from owning, directly or indirectly, or having any interest in, a pharmacy; or working in any capacity for a pharmacy owned, directly or indirectly, by a family member; and be it further,

ORDERED that Mr. Pandya shall at all times cooperate with the Board in the monitoring, supervision, and investigation of Mr. Pandya's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order; and be it further,


ORDERED that Mr. Pandya's failure to fully cooperate with the Board shall be deemed a violation of the terms and a violation of this Order; and be it further,

ORDERED that in the event the Board finds for any good faith reason that Mr. Pandya has violated any of the conditions herein, or in the event that the Board finds for any good faith reason that Mr. Pandya has committed a violation of Title 12 of the Health Occupations Article or regulations adopted thereunder, the Board may pursue disciplinary action against Mr.

Pandya's license in accordance with the Maryland Pharmacy Act; and be it further,

ORDERED that this is a formal order of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy and as such is a public document pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions Article, Section 4-333.


8-11-23
Date


Deena Speights-Napata, M.A.
Executive Director
for Neil Leikach, R.Ph., M.Sc., President

CONSENT

1. By signing this Consent, I hereby admit to the truth of the findings contained herein and agree to be bound by the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions.
2. By this Consent, I submit to the foregoing Consent Order as a resolution of this matter. By signing this Consent, I waive any rights I may have had to contest the findings and determinations contained in this Consent Order.
3. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to enter and enforce this Consent Order.
4. I sign this Consent Order freely and voluntarily, after having had the opportunity to consult with counsel. I fully understand the language, meaning, and effect of this Consent Order.


8/11/23
Date


Pradeep Pandya

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STATE OF MARYLAND
COUNTY/CITY OF Franklin :

I hereby certify that on this 1 day of August, 2023, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared PRADEEP PANDYA, and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was his voluntary act and deed.





Notary Public
My commission expires: 08/15/26