BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In Re:	)	
	)	**FINDINGS OF FACT,**
Orrin Abraham Walker, M.D.,	)	**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND**
	)	**ORDER OF LICENSURE**
Petitioner.	)	

The North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") heard this matter on February 21, 2025. Board members present were Devdutta G. Sangvai, M.D., J.D., MBA, Board President and Presiding Officer; Candace A. Bradley, D.O., MBA; J. Nelson Dollar, M.A.; W. Howard Hall, M.D.; Vicki A. Harry; Mark A. Newell, M.D., MMM; Miguel A. Pineiro, PA-C, MHPE; Anuradha Rao-Patel, M.D.; and Robert L. Rich Jr., M.D. Shannon Joseph, Independent Counsel, assisted the Board. Robert A. Patchett, Board Attorney, represented the Board. Respondent, Orrin Abraham Walker, M.D. ("Dr. Walker"), did appear before the Board and was represented by counsel. Counsel for Dr. Walker was Alan M. Schneider.

Based upon the stipulations of the parties and the evidence presented and arguments of counsel, the Board enters the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted to it in Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

2. Dr. Walker was first issued a license to practice medicine by the Board on or about May 27, 2000, license number 200000656.

3. At the times relevant herein, Dr. Walker practiced family medicine in China Grove, North Carolina.

4. On March 10, 2014, Dr. Walker inactivated his North Carolina medical license during an ongoing investigation.

5. On July 16, 2014, Dr. Walker surrendered his Drug Enforcement Administration privileges based on his misuse of illegally obtained controlled substances for personal use.

6. On August 8, 2014, Dr. Walker entered into a Consent Order with the Board ("2014 Consent Order"), the details of which are contained therein, in which his North Carolina license was indefinitely suspended. The 2014 Consent Order concluded that his fraudulent diversion and use of controlled substances constituted: (1) the violation of a law involving the practice of medicine; (2) unprofessional conduct by departure from or failure to conform to the ethics of the medical profession; and (3) the inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients when abusing medications.

7. On August 31, 2015, the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners ("South Carolina Board") entered a Final Order ("2015 Final Order") in which Dr. Walker's South Carolina medical license

was indefinitely suspended based on the behavior described in the 2014 Consent Order.

8. On May 15, 2017, Dr. Walker was convicted of one felony count of trafficking schedule I substances in case number 14 CRS 1918 in Rowan County Superior Court.

9. On September 20, 2021, Dr. Walker entered into a five-year Recovery Monitoring Agreement ("monitoring contract") with the North Carolina Professionals Health Program ("NCPHP"). The monitoring contract stipulates he was diagnosed with Opioid Use Disorder, Severe, and that his recovery will be monitored by NCPHP.

10. NCPHP reports that Dr. Walker has fully complied with his monitoring contract and NCPHP fully supports his return to the practice of medicine.

11. On July 26 and 27, 2023, Dr. Walker was assessed for competency by the Center for Personalized Education for Professionals ("CPEP"). CPEP opined that Dr. Walker is safe to return to practice with recommendations including structured remediation.

12. On May 11, 2024, Dr. Walker applied for reinstatement of his North Carolina medical license.

13. Dr. Walker has not practiced clinically since March 2014.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction over Dr. Walker and the subject matter of this case.

2. The 2014 Consent Order contains findings and conclusions by the Board that when abusing medications Dr. Walker is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, drunkenness, excessive use of alcohol, drugs, chemical, or any other type of material or by reason of any physical or mental abnormality within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(5), which is grounds for denial of his application for reinstatement of his North Carolina medical license.

3. The 2014 Consent Order contains findings and conclusions by the Board that Dr. Walker committed unprofessional conduct, including but not limited to, a departure from, or the failure to conform to the ethics of the medical profession, or the committing of any act contrary to honesty, justice, or good morals, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6), which is grounds for denial of his application for reinstatement of his North Carolina medical license.

4. The 2014 Consent Order contains findings and conclusions by the Board that Dr. Walker violated a law involving the practice of medicine within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(7), which is grounds for denial of his application for reinstatement of his North Carolina medical license.

5. The 2017 trafficking conviction constitutes a conviction of a felony within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(7), which is grounds for denial of Dr. Walker's application for reinstatement of his North Carolina medical license.

6. Dr. Walker has not actively practiced medicine for the two-year period immediately preceding the filing of his application to reinstate his suspended license previously issued by the Board within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(11a), which is grounds for denial of his application for reinstatement of his North Carolina medical license.

7. The 2015 Consent Order and indefinite suspension executed by the South Carolina Board constitutes Dr. Walker's license to practice medicine being restricted or acted against by the licensing authority of any jurisdiction within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(13), which is grounds for denial of his application for reinstatement of his North Carolina medical license.

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the hearing panel enters the following:

ORDER

1. Dr. Walker's North Carolina medical license is hereby REINSTATED on and subject to the following terms and conditions:

a. Dr. Walker shall complete a Reentry Plan in which he is required to successfully complete an

Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education ("ACGME") residency program. The residency program must be submitted to the Board's Office of the Medical Director ("OMD") for approval by contacting the Board's Monitoring Coordinator at North Carolina Medical Board, P.O. Box 20007, Raleigh, NC 27619-0007 or boardmonitoring@ncmedboard.org.

b. **Dr. Walker must start the process of seeking residency placement within twelve (12) months of the date of this Order.**

c. **Dr. Walker shall not practice outside of the restrictions and limitations imposed by his residency program until such time as given permission to do so by the Board.**

d. **Dr. Walker's license shall not be reinstated until the Board's OMD has approved the ACGME residency program and he is ready to begin the residency program.**

e. **The Reentry Plan shall continue until the Board's OMD has approved it as completed. Once Dr. Walker has successfully completed the residency program, he may petition the Board's OMD to end the Reentry**

Plan by contacting the Board's Monitoring Coordinator.

f. Dr. Walker shall extend his current monitoring contract with NCPHP for no less than the duration of his residency. Dr. Walker shall maintain and abide by the terms of the monitoring contract, including the timely payment of any fees required by NCPHP.

g. Unless lawfully prescribed for him by someone other than himself, Dr. Walker shall refrain from the use or possession of alcohol and all other mind- or mood-altering substances and all controlled substances including but not limited to, sedatives, stimulants, and pain medication.

h. Upon request by the Board, Dr. Walker shall supply urine, blood, hair, or any other bodily fluid or tissue sample the Board might reasonably require for the purposes of analysis to determine if he has consumed any of the substances mentioned above.

2. Dr. Walker's failure to successfully complete the approved residency program will result in the inactivation of his medical license.

3. This ORDER is effective upon execution.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 13th day of March, 2025.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: _____

Devdutta G. Sangvai, M.D., J.D., MBA
President

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned attorney for the North Carolina Medical Board, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER OF DISCIPLINE on Petitioner's Counsel by electronic mail to the following:

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This the 13th day of March, 2025.

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