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KS State Board of Healing Arts

#### BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

| In the Matter of                                    | )  |
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| Laura E. Purdy, M.D.<br>Kansas License No. 04-42519 | ) KSBHA Docket No. 24-HACOCII                              |
| . <u>s</u>  | UMMARY ORDER   |
| NOW ON THIS 5th                                     | day of 1/2/, 2023, this matter comes before                |
| Susan Gile, Executive Director, Kans                | sas State Board of Healing Arts ("Board"), in summary      |
| proceedings under K.S.A. 77-537.                    |  |
| Under K.S.A 77-537 and K.S.A                        | A. 77-542, this Summary Order shall become effective as a  |
| Final Order, without further notice, if             | no written request for a hearing is made within 15 days of |
| service. Upon review of the agency rec              | cord and being duly advised in the premises, the following |
| findings of fact, conclusions of law, an            | d order are made for and on behalf of the Board:           |
|   | Findings of Fact   |
| 1. Laura E. Purdy, M.D.                             | ("Licensee") is or has been entitled to be engaged in the  |
| practice of medicine and surgery in K               | ansas, having been granted an Active license through the   |
| Interstate Medical Licensure Compa                  | ct, K.S.A. 65-28,133 ("IMLC"), on August 23, 2019.         |
| Licensee's current license designation              | is Active. Licensee last renewed this license on May 15,   |
| 2023.   |  |
| 2. Licensee's last mailing                          | address known to the Board is: CONFIDENTIAL                |
| CONFIDENTIAL . Lice                                 | ensee's last email address known to the Board is           |
| CONFIDENTIAL .                                      |  |

Laura E. Purdy, M.D. License No. 04-42519 Summary Order

- Licensee's State of Principal License under the IMLC is Tennessee. (Exhibit 1: IMLC Renewal 2023, p. 1).
- 4. Licensee is or has been entitled to be engaged in the practice of medicine in Mississippi, having been granted a license to practice by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure ("the Mississippi Board") on or about June 29, 2018. This license is valid through June 30, 2024. (Exhibit 2: Physician Data Center Report, p. 3).
- Both the Mississippi Board and the Kansas Board of Healing Arts are "member boards" as defined by K.S.A. 65-28,133, Section 2(h) of the IMLC.
- 6. On or about May 18, 2023, the Mississippi Board issued a Corrected Determination and Order ("Mississippi Order") that suspended Respondent's license to practice medicine in Mississippi for three months, with such suspension to be immediately stayed. (Exhibit 3: Mississippi Order, p. 5).

#### Applicable Law

7. Under K.S.A. 65-28,133, Section 10(d) of the IMLC:

"If a license granted to a physician by a member board is revoked, surrendered or relinquished in lieu of discipline, or suspended, then any license issued to the physician by any other member board shall be suspended, automatically and immediately without further action necessary by the other member boards, for 90 days upon entry of the order by the disciplining board, to permit the member boards to investigate the basis for the action under the medical practice act of that state. A member board may terminate the automatic suspension of the license it issued prior to the completion of the 90-day suspension period in a manner consistent with the medical practice act of that state." [emphasis added]

Conclusions of Law

8. The Board has jurisdiction over Licensee as well as the subject matter of this

proceeding, and such proceeding is held in the public interest.

9. On or around May 18, 2023, the Mississippi Board, a member board of the IMLC,

suspended Licensee's license to practice medicine. The Mississippi Board suspension was

immediately stayed on the same date.

10. Under K.S.A. 65-28,133 Section 10(d) of the IMLC, because Licensee's license to

practice medicine was suspended by an IMLC member board, the Board must automatically and

immediately suspend Licensee's license to practice in Kansas for ninety (90) days, but may

terminate the automatic suspension prior to the completion of the 90-day suspension period in a

manner consistent with the Kansas Healing Arts Act.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Licensee's license to practice medicine and surgery in

Kansas is SUSPENDED for a period of 90 days from the date this Order becomes effective as a

Final Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this suspension is immediately stayed, and the Kansas

suspension will be lifted at such time as the suspension authorized by the Mississippi Board is

lifted, or the expiration of the 90-day period, whichever is sooner.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that upon becoming effective as a Final Order, this document

shall be deemed a public record and be reported to any reporting entities authorized to receive such

disclosure.

Laura E. Purdy, M.D.

License No. 04-42519

**Summary Order** 

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Dated this 5th day of October, 2023.

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS

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Susan Gile

**Executive Director** 

#### FINAL ORDER NOTICE OF RIGHTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this is a Final Order. A Final Order is effective upon service. A party to an agency proceeding may seek judicial review of a Final Order by filing a petition in the District Court as authorized by K.S.A. 77-601, et seq. Reconsideration of a Final Order is not a prerequisite to judicial review. A petition for judicial review is not timely unless filed within 30 days following service of the Final Order. A copy of any petition for judicial review must be served upon Susan Gile, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Healing Arts, 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level-Suite A, Topeka, KS 66612.

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I served a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing **FINAL ORDER** by depositing the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this 30th day of 00th 2023, addressed and emailed to:

### Laura E. Purdy, M.D. CONFIDENTIAL

Licensee

And a copy was hand-delivered to:

Matthew Gaus, Deputy Litigation Counsel Kansas State Board of Healing Arts 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level-Suite A Topeka, Kansas 66612

Licensing Administrator Kansas State Board of Healing Arts 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level-Suite A Topeka, Kansas 66612

Office of the General Counsel Kansas State Board of Healing Arts 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level-Suite A Topeka, Kansas 66612

And the original was filed with the office of the Executive Director.

Staff Signature

# BOARD EXHIBIT # 1 IMLC Renewal 2023

In the matter of Laura E. Purdy, MD Docket No. TBD



#### Application for Renewal Licensure

l attest that I am qualified and eligible to Renew my license through the Compact. Yes

I understand that inaccurate or missing information may be grounds for rejection of my application. Please carefully review the <u>Renewal Application</u> before applying. Yes

I understand pursuant to IMLC rules, all fees are non-refundable. Yes

Full Legal Name Laura Ellen Purdy

NPI 1093058463 State of Renewal KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS License # \_0442519

Renewal Cost 330 Late Fees

I understand the statutes and regulations related to the Renewal of my license. I attest that I am in compliance with these rules. Yes

I have maintained a full and unrestricted license in my State of Principal License (primary state of LOQ) Yes

SPL TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS License# 55905 Expiration 10/31/2024

Have you been convicted, received adjudication, community supervision, or deferred disposition for any offense by a court of appropriate jurisdiction? No

Have you held a license authorizing the practice of medicine subjected to discipline by a licensing agency in any state, federal or foreign jurisdiction, excluding any action related to non-payment of fees related to "Renewal" of a license? No

Have you ever had a controlled substance license or permit suspended or revoked by a state or the United States Drug Enforcement Administration? No



#### ATTESTATION

I, Laura Ellen Purdy the undersigned, hereby attest and certify that I am the person named in this APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF MEDICAL LICENSE IN AN IMLC MEMBER STATE THROUGH THE IMLC ("Renewal Application") that I have submitted, that all statements I have made or shall make with respect thereto are true, and that all statements. representations, documents, forms, or copies thereof furnished or to be furnished with respect to my Renewal Application are strictly true in every aspect.

I hereby apply to KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS ("Member Board") and further authorize the Member Board to process my Renewal Application for renewal of medical licensure by the Member Board, and I hereby release, discharge, and exonerate the Member Board, the Commission, and their employees, agents, or representatives, of any, and all liability of every nature and kind arising out of any disclosure to the Member Board.

I acknowledge that I have read, understand and answered all questions contained in the Renewal Application truthfully and completely. I further acknowledge that failure on my part to answer questions truthfully and completely may lead to a refusal to renew a medical license or permit, or disciplinary action against one or more medical licenses or permits I hold, as well as my being prosecuted under appropriate federal and state laws.

I understand and acknowledge that the Member Board may require submission of information in addition that provided with this Renewal Application; that I am required to comply with all of the Member Board's continuing professional development or medical education requirements; and, that my failure to submit such information to the Member Board, or to comply with the Member Board's continuing professional development or medical education requirements, may constitute grounds for revocation of, or other disciplinary action against, the medical license issued to me and renewed by the Member Board in response to this Renewal Application.

I hereby release, discharge, and exonerate the SPL, the Member Board, and the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission ("Commission"), their agents or representatives, and any person, entity, hospital, clinic, government agency (local, state, federal, or foreign), court, association, institution, or law enforcement agency having custody or control of any documents, records, and other information pertaining to me of any and all liability of every nature and kind arising out of investigation made by the SPL or the Member Board.

I will immediately notify the SPL, the Member Board, and the Commission in writing of any changes to the answers to any of the questions contained in the Renewal Application if such a change occurs at any time prior to a medical license being renewed by the Member Board.

I understand my failure to answer questions contained in the Renewal Application truthfully and completely may lead to denial of my renewal of a medical license in the Member Board, and revocation of, or other disciplinary action against, my license(s) or permit(s) to practice medicine in one or more Compact Member States.

Applicant's Signature

Applicant's Name Laura Purdy

Applicant's National Provider Identifier (NPI) Number 1093058463

Laura Purdy

Date 05/15/2023



#### PHYSICIAN'S CORE DATA SHEET

(Must be the physician's accurate information to avoid delay or rejection)

Personal Email Address LCONFIDENTIAL

Residential address CONFIDENTIAL

Office address 317 6th Ave, Ste 400, Des Moines, IOWA 50309

Where do you wish to receive mail. Residential

Physician's cellular or alternative telephone number (CONFIDENTIAL

Physician's office or practice telephone number of public record (910) 644 - 8373

- 1. The majority of my practice in:
  - o Direct Patient Care False
  - o Telemedicine True o Teaching False
  - o Research False
  - o Other (explain)
- 2. With this license, I provide care to patients in federally and state defined medically underserved areas or medically underserved populations, which include rural and frontier areas., in the following amounts.

| 0 | None                | False |
|---|---------------------|-------|
| 0 | Less than 25%       | False |
| 0 | Between 25% and 50% | False |
| 0 | Between 50% and 75% | True  |
| 0 | More than 75%       | True  |
| 0 | 100%                | False |

- 3. Did you find the IMLC license process beneficial?
  - Strongly Agree False
  - o Agree False
  - o Neutral True
  - Disagree False
  - o Strongly Disagree False



#### MEDICAL LICENSE ISSUANCE INFORMATION

| Physician's                    | s Name_            | Laura          | Ellen         | Purdy      |              |               |      |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|------|
|                                |                    | First          | Middle        |            | Last         |               |      |
| Please fill in your respabove. | pective N          | Aember B       | oard's inform | nation for | the qualifie | d Physician n | amed |
| National Provider Ide          | ntifier N          | umber1         | 093058463     |            |              |               |      |
| Medical Board Name             | KANS               | SAS STA        | ΓE BOARD (    | OF HEAL    | LING ARTS    |               |      |
| Member Board Licen             | se Numb            | er <u>0442</u> | 2519          |            |              |               |      |
| Date License Issued _          | 5/15/20<br>mm/dd/y |                |               |            |              |               |      |
| Date of Expiration             | 7/31/20<br>mm/dd/y |                |               |            |              |               |      |

Member Board Signature

Colleen Krallman

Name Colleen Krallman Date 5/15/2023

# BOARD EXHIBIT # 2

# Physician Data Center Report

| In the matter of | Laura E. Purdy, MD |
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| Docket No. TBD   |                    |





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Prepared for:

DAS North Dakota Board of Medicine

As of Date:6/20/2023

#### PRACTITIONER INFORMATION

Name:

Purdy, Laura Ellen

Alternate Name(s):

Schiess, Laura Ellen

DOB:

CONFIDENTIAL

Medical School:

Uniformed Services Univ of the Health Sciences

Bethesda, Maryland, UNITED STATES

Year of Grad:

2011

Degree Type:

MD

NPI:

1093058463

#### **BOARD ACTIONS**

Reporting Entity:

Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure

Date of Order:

6/19/2023

Action(s):

RESTRICTIONS/LIMITATIONS PLACED ON MEDICAL LICENSE/PRACTICE

CONDITION(S) PLACED ON MEDICAL LICENSE

Basis:

Conduct Likely to Deceive or Defraud or Harm the Public

Violation of Statute or Rule of the Board

| NATIONAL PROVIDER | <b>IDENTIFIER (NPI)</b> |                          |                          |               |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| NPI               | NPI Type                | <b>Deactivation Date</b> | <b>Reactivation Date</b> | Last Reported |
| 1093058463        | Individual              |                          |                          | 04/18/2023    |
| LICENSE HISTORY   |                         |                          |                          |               |
| Jurisdiction      | License Number          | Issue Date               | <b>Expiration Date</b>   | Last Updated  |
| ALABAMA           | 00038219                | 04/29/2019               | 12/31/2023               | 06/20/2023    |
|                   | FSM                     | MB License Status: A     | ctive                    |               |
| ALASKA            | 154787                  | 01/27/2022               | 12/31/2024               | 06/20/2023    |
|                   | FSN                     | MB License Status: A     | ctive                    |               |
| ARIZONA           | 56179                   | 09/14/2018               | 02/25/2025               | 05/30/2023    |
|                   | FSM                     | MB License Status: A     | ctive                    |               |
| ARKANSAS          | E-14267                 | 04/29/2021               | 10/31/2024               | 05/15/2023    |
|                   | FSN                     | MB License Status: A     | ctive                    |               |





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| CALIFORNIA         | A-158424        | 09/06/2018<br>FSMB License State | 09/30/2024<br>us: Active | 06/14/2023           |
| COLORADO           | 0000467         | 08/14/2019<br>FSMB License State | 04/30/2025<br>us: Active | 06/20/2023           |
| CONNECTICUT        | 06 <b>1</b> 781 | 08/14/2018<br>FSMB License State | 10/31/2023<br>us: Active | 05/22/2023           |
| DC                 | MD047905        | SMB License Status:              | Withdrawn                | 05/01/2023           |
| DC                 | MD20000025      | 06/14/2022<br>FSMB License Statu | 12/31/2024<br>us: Active | 05/01/2023           |
| DELAWARE           | C1-0024357      | 07/27/2021<br>FSMB License Statu | 03/31/2025<br>us: Active | 06/01/2023           |
| FLORIDA            | ME137014        | 06/21/2018<br>FSMB License Statu | 01/31/2024<br>us: Active | 06/14/2023           |
| GEORGIA            | 69427           | 03/08/2013<br>FSMB License State | 10/31/2024<br>us: Active | 06/16/2023           |
| HAWAII             | MD-21807        | 04/06/2021<br>FSMB License State | 01/31/2024<br>us: Active | 05/24/2023           |
| IDAHO              | MC-0275         | 08/12/2019<br>FSMB License State | 06/30/2024<br>us: Active | 06/02/2023           |
| ILLINOIS           | 036144665       | 11/16/2017<br>FSMB License State | 07/31/2026<br>us: Active | 05/24/2023           |
| INDIANA            | 01078559A       | 05/09/2017<br>FSMB License State |                          | 06/01/2023           |
| IOWA               | MD-46566        | 08/13/2019<br>FSMB License State | 10/01/2024<br>us: Active | 06/20/2023           |
| KANSAS             | 04-42519        | 08/23/2019<br>FSMB License State |                          | 06/06/2023           |

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| KENTUCKY             | 50375              | 06/15/2017<br>SMB License Statu | 02/29/2024<br>as: Active | 05/24/2023           |  |
| LOUISIANA            | 3247 <b>4</b> 9    | 10/16/2020<br>SMB License Statu | 10/31/2023<br>is: Active | 05/24/2023           |  |
| MAINE                | MD22378            | 08/14/2019<br>SMB License Statu | 10/31/2024<br>s: Active  | 06/16/2023           |  |
| MARYLAND             | D86195             | 09/13/2018<br>SMB License Statu | 09/30/2023<br>s: Active  | 06/01/2023           |  |
| MASSACHUSETTS        | 282282<br>FS       | 01/06/2022<br>SMB License Statu | 10/25/2024<br>s: Active  | 06/20/2023           |  |
| MINNESOTA            | 66206<br>FS        | 08/13/2019<br>SMB License Statu | 10/31/2023<br>s: Active  | 06/15/2023           |  |
| MISSISSIPPI          | 25959<br>F         | 06/29/2018<br>SMB License Stat  | 06/30/2024<br>us: N/A    | 06/01/2023           |  |
| MISSOURI             | 2018030465<br>FS   | 08/15/2018<br>SMB License Statu | 01/31/2024<br>s: Active  | 06/02/2023           |  |
| MONTANA              | 78317<br>FS        | 08/12/2019<br>GMB License Statu | 03/31/2025<br>s: Active  | 06/14/2023           |  |
| NEBRASKA             | 30509<br>FS        | 12/01/2017<br>SMB License Statu | 10/01/2024<br>s: Active  | 06/02/2023           |  |
| NEVADA               | 18753<br>FS        | 03/19/2019<br>SMB License State | 06/30/2025<br>s: Active  | 06/20/2023           |  |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE        | 19927<br>FS        | 08/14/2019<br>GMB License Statu | 06/30/2023<br>s: Active  | 05/23/2023           |  |
| NEW JERSEY           | 25MA10869400<br>FS | 06/30/2020<br>SMB License Statu | 06/30/2025<br>s: Active  | 05/30/2023           |  |
| NEW MEXICO           | TM2020-0750        | 07/23/2020                      | 07/01/2024               | 05/25/2023           |  |

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|                    |             | FSMB License State                   | us: Active               |                      |
| NEW YORK           | 302031      | 11/20/2019<br>FSMB License State     | 09/30/2023<br>us: Active | 06/14/2023           |
| NORTH CAROLINA     | 2018-01536  | 06/14/2018<br>FSMB License Statu     | 10/25/2023<br>us: Active | 06/05/2023           |
| NORTH DAKOTA       | 15937       | 08/13/2019<br>FSMB License Statu     | 10/25/2023<br>us: Active | 06/16/2023           |
| OHIO               | 35.133756   | 04/27/2018<br>FSMB License Statu     | 04/01/2024<br>us: Active | 06/15/2023           |
| OKLAHOMA           | 33235       | 08/15/2017<br>FSMB License Statu     | 08/01/2024<br>is: Active | 06/16/2023           |
| OREGON             | MD207007    | 09/30/2021<br>FSMB License Statu     | 12/31/2023<br>is: Active | 06/15/2023           |
| PENNSYLVANIA       | MD475082    | 07/26/2021<br>FSMB License Statu     | 12/31/2024<br>is: Active | 05/04/2023           |
| RHODE ISLAND       | MD17084     | 04/28/2020<br>FSMB License Stat      | 06/30/2024<br>tus: N/A   | 05/10/2023           |
| SOUTH CAROLINA     | 52766       | 06/15/2018<br>FSMB License Statu     | 06/30/2025<br>ss: Active | 06/05/2023           |
| SOUTH DAKOTA       |             | FSMB License Stat                    | 03/01/2025<br>tus: N/A   | 05/25/2023           |
| TENNESSEE          | 55905       | 05/03/2017<br>FSMB License Statu     | 10/31/2024<br>ss: Active | 05/19/2023           |
| TEXAS              | S8483       | 10/02/2020<br>FSMB License Statu     |                          | 06/09/2023           |
| UTAH               | 11418160-12 | 205 08/13/2019<br>FSMB License Statu |                          | 06/01/2023           |

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| WASHINGTON         | MD60917579 |                                 |                          | 05/31/2023           |
|                    | FSM        | MB License Status               | : Canceled               |                      |
| WASHINGTON         | TD60921992 |                                 |                          | 05/31/2023           |
|                    | FSM        | MB License Status               | Canceled                 |                      |
| WASHINGTON         | MD60995742 | 08/13/2019                      | 10/25/2022               | 05/31/2023           |
|                    | FS         | SMB License Statu               | s: Active                |                      |
| WEST VIRGINIA      | 29240      | 08/16/2019                      | 06/30/2025               | 05/24/2023           |
|                    | FS         | SMB License Statu               | s: Active                |                      |
| WISCONSIN          | 528-320    | 09/05/2019                      | 10/31/2023               | 05/01/2023           |
|                    | FS         | SMB License Statu               | s: Active                |                      |
| WYOMING            | 12348C     | 08/15/2019                      | 06/30/2024               | 06/02/2023           |
|                    | FS         | SMB License Statu               | s: Active                |                      |





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Prepared for:

DAS North Dakota Board of Medicine

As of Date: 6/20/2023

Practitioner Name:

Purdy, Laura Ellen

#### **ABMS® CERTIFICATION HISTORY**

Certifying Board:

American Board of Family Medicine

Certificate:

Family Medicine

Certification Type:

General

Certification Status:

Certified

Participating in MOC:

Yes

Status Duratio

Effective Expiration Date

Reverification Occurrence

Last Reported

Active

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Duration MOC Date 08/12/2014

Date 02/15/2024

Initial

05/25/2023

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No AOA Certifications found.

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# BOARD EXHIBIT # 3

### Mississippi Order

In the matter of Laura E. Purdy, MD Docket No. TBD

#### BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF: LAURA PURDY, M.D.

#### CORRECTED DETERMINATION AND ORDER

THIS MATTER came before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, on May 18, 2023, pursuant to a Summons and Affidavit issued to Laura Purdy, M.D. (hereinafter "Licensee"). A hearing was conducted on May 18, 2023.

At the hearing, Board Counsel Paul Barnes, Esq. presented the charges set forth in the Affidavit. Licensee, having been served with the Summons and being fully informed of her rights to a formal hearing before the Board, was present and represented by Johnny Chapman, Esq. Alexis Morris, Esq., Special Assistant Attorney General, served as Administrative Hearing Officer, presided at the hearing and was directed to prepare the Board's written decision in accordance with its deliberations.

Board members present for the proceedings were David McClendon, M.D.; Ken Lippincott, M.D.; Thomas Joiner, M.D.; Kirk Kinard, D.O.; Allen Gersh, M.D.; Roderick Givens, M.D.; and William Eugene Loper, III, M.D. The Consumer member

present was Koomarie "Shoba" Gaymes. Accordingly, a quorum of the Board members was present throughout the hearing and deliberation in this matter.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Board is established pursuant to the Mississippi State Board Medical Licensure Act, Title 73, Chapter 43 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended, and is charged with the duty of licensing and regulating the practice of medicine in the State of Mississippi pursuant to Title 73, Chapter 25 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended.
- Sections 73-25-29, 73-25-83 and 73-25-87 of the Mississippi Code Annotated (1972) as amended provide that the Board may revoke or suspend a license or take any other actions as deemed necessary if a license has violated any provisions therein.
- 3. All parties have been properly noticed of the matter now pending.
- Laura Purdy, M.D., hereby referred to as "Licensee," currently holds Mississippi Medical License Number 25959, and said number is valid until June 30, 2023.
- Licensee is licensed to practice medicine in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.
- 6. On or about May 23, 2022, the Board received a complaint from a physician alleging that Licensee was prescribing medications such as Ozempic via telehealth with no audio and or video contact with at least one (1) patient. It

- was also alleged that side effects of those drugs were not discussed with the patient prior to prescribing.
- 7. During the Board's investigation, it was discovered that Licensee was also prescribing medications to at least two (2) other patients in the State of Mississippi. The investigation found that that all patient encounters were conducted via instant messages through a phone application and website called "Push Health."
- Communication for all patient encounters was conducted via instant messages
  on the website "Push Health." See MSB 000036-MSB 000043 and MSB
  000054-000055.
- 9. Licensee testified that she only reviewed questionnaires completed by patients when they registered for "Push Health" prior to prescribing medication. Other than the instant messages, Licensee testified that she does not ask any questions or engage in any relevant communication with patients to establish the physician/patient relationship needed to practice telemedicine in the state of Mississippi.
- 10. Licensee did not contest Count I of the Affidavit; however, she testified that she did not willfully violate the Board's Administrative Code, Title 30, Part 2635, Rules 5.4 and 5.5.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

 The Board has jurisdiction in this matter under Miss. Code Ann. 73-25-29 and 73-25-83(a). Venue is likewise properly placed before the Board to hear this

- matter in Hinds County, Mississippi.
- These proceedings were duly and properly convened, and all substantive and procedural requirements under law have been satisfied. This matter is, therefore, properly before the Board.
- The Board is authorized to license and regulate persons who apply for or hold medical licenses and prescribe conditions under which persons may practice to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.
- 4. The Board made certain amendments to the regulations in Part 2635, Chapter 5: Practice of Telemedicine, effective July 26, 2022. The violations of the Board's Administrative Code by Licensee occurred prior to July 26, 2022, which required that Licensee be charged under the old version(s) of the applicable regulations, and the old version(s) were cited in the Affidavit.
- 5. Based on the evidence and testimony presented, Licensee is guilty of Count I of the Affidavit, that is guilty of failing to establish a valid physician patient relationship and utilizing a questionnaire in lieu of a physical examination, all in violation of Miss Code Ann. § 73-25-29(13).
- 6. Based on the evidence and testimony presented, Licensee is guilty of Count II of the Affidavit, that is, guilty of unprofessional conduct, which includes but is not limited to, being guilty of any dishonorable or unethical conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public, all in violation of Miss. Code Ann. §§ 73-25-29(8)(d) and 73-25-83(a).

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board finds the following order to be appropriate under the circumstances.

#### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Mississippi Medical license No. 25959, issued to Laura Purdy, M.D. is hereby suspended for three ("3") months—with the suspension immediately stayed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Licensee shall successfully complete the PROBE course offered by CPEP and provide confirmation of completion to the Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Licensee is prohibited from practicing medicine via telehealth in the state of Mississippi until June 17, 2023.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Licensee must report to the Board for review of her current telehealth standard operating procedures prior to returning to practicing telehealth in the state of Mississippi.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-25-27, that a copy of this Order shall be sent by registered mail or personally served upon Laura Purdy, M.D.

#### SO ORDERED, this the 18th day of May 2023.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

BY: WILLIAM D. MCCLENDON, JR., M.D., PRESIDENT