#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2024-058

In the Matter of

MEENA D. CHAUDHARY, M.D.

## **STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS**

The Board of Registration in Medicine (Board) has determined that good cause exists to believe the following acts occurred and constitute a violation for which a licensee may be sanctioned by the Board. The Board therefore alleges that Meena D. Chaudhary, M.D. (Respondent) has practiced medicine in violation of law, regulations, or good and accepted medical practice as set forth herein. The investigative docket numbers associated with this order to show cause are Docket Nos. 23-432 and 23-806.

### Biographical Information

1. The Respondent graduated from Temple University School of Medicine in 2000. She was licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 230105 in 2007. The Respondent's license lapsed in 2009 but was renewed in approximately 2013. The Respondent specializes in Ophthalmology and ran a private practice in Fall River. Her license to practice medicine subsequently lapsed on December 20, 2023, when she failed to renew it.

# Factual Allegations

- 2. Between April and July 2023, Board staff received a series of offensive and incomprehensible emails from the Respondent's Gmail account, which raised questions about her competency and fitness to practice medicine.
- 3. The emails were unsolicited and sent to a staff member who assisted the Respondent with a licensing matter in approximately 2013.
- 4. On or about July 8, 2023, Enforcement staff docketed Complaint No. 23-432 and commenced an investigation into whether the Respondent was fit to practice medicine.
- 5. On or about July 14, 2023, Investigator Simard called the Respondent's cell phone but was unable to leave a message or speak with her directly. He then sent an email to her Gmail account, which she had used to contact Board staff in the past and listed on her license renewal application as a current email address.
- 6. On August 8, 2023, Investigator Simard drove to the business address the Respondent listed on her 2021 license renewal application but was unable to find an office for her at that location.
- 7. On August 9, 2023, Investigator Simard mailed a letter to the Respondent's residential address on file with the Board via overnight delivery.
- 8. On August 10, 2023, Investigator Simard confirmed through the United States Postal Service (USPS) tracking system the letter was delivered to the Respondent's home at approximately 8:59 that morning.
- 9. On August 14, 2023, Investigator Simard received a voicemail from a number associated with the Respondent's G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c)

  The female caller, who

left the voicemail, asked Investigator Simard to send a copy of the complaint to the Respondent's address.

- 10. On August 17, 2023, Investigator Simard sent a copy of Complaint No. 23-432 to the Respondent's residential address on file with the Board.
- 11. On August 22, 2023, Investigator Simard confirmed via the USPS tracking system that the materials he sent on August 17, 2023, were delivered to the Respondent's home address on August 21, 2023, at approximately 9:23 am.
- 12. On August 22, 2023, Investigator Simard called the cell phone number he received the voicemail message from on August 14, 2023, and spoke with a female caller who identified herself as the Respondent. The caller stated she was still waiting on the complaint materials. Investigator Simard informed the caller the materials were delivered on August 21, 2023, according to the USPS. The caller told Investigator Simard she would review her mail and call him back.
- 13. On August 24, 2023, Investigator Simard called the cell phone number he had called on August 22, 2023, and left a voicemail message for the Respondent.
- 14. On November 16, 2023, the Complaint Committee issued a Ten-Day Order directing the Respondent to reply to Investigator Simard's notification letter, which had gone unanswered.
- 15. The Ten-Day Order was mailed to the Respondent's residential address on file with the Board.
- 16. On November 29, 2023, Investigator Simard confirmed the Ten-Day Order was delivered to the Respondent's address on November 20, 2023, at approximately 10:19 am.

- 17. The Respondent neither answered Investigator Simard's notification letter, nor respond to the Ten-Day Order issued by the Complaint Committee.
- 18. On or about December 8, 2023, Enforcement staff docketed Complaint No. 23-806 for failure to respond to the Complaint Committee.

## Legal Basis for Proposed Relief

- A. Pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §5, eighth par. (h) and 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)(11), the Board may discipline the Respondent upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board, that she has violated any rule or regulation of the Board governing the practice of medicine. More specifically, the Board may discipline the Respondent upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board that she:
  - 1. Violated 243 CMR 2.07(12)(a) by failing to respond to a written communication from the Board within thirty days;
  - 2. Violated 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)(16) by failing to respond to a subpoena or to furnish the Board, its investigators or representatives, documents, information or testimony which the Board is legally entitled; or
  - 3. Violated 243 CMR 1.03(7) and 243 CMR 2.07(12)(b) by failing to respond within ten days to an Order to Respond issued by the Complaint Committee.

The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §§ 5, 61 and 62. This adjudicatory proceeding will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A and 801 CMR 1.01.

Nature of Relief Sought

The Board is authorized and empowered to order appropriate disciplinary action, which

may include revocation or suspension of the Respondent's license to practice medicine. The

Board may also order, in addition to or instead of revocation or suspension, one or more of the

following: admonishment, censure, reprimand, fine, the performance of uncompensated public

service, a course of education or training or other restrictions upon the Respondent's practice of

medicine.

Order

Wherefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Respondent show cause why the Board

should not discipline the Respondent for the conduct described herein.

By the Board of Registration in Medicine,

Signed by Booker T. Bush, M.D.

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**Board Chair** 

Date: November 7, 2024

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