

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in

Medicine Adjudicatory Case No.

2024-039

In the Matter of

Salman S. Ghiasuddin, 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 Salman S. Ghiasuddin, M.D., (“Respondent”) has practiced medicine in violation of law, regulations, or good and accepted medical practice as set forth herein. The investigative docket number associated with this order to show cause is Docket No. 22-561.

Biographical Information

1. The Respondent graduated from the Allama Iqbal Medical College at the University of Punjab in 1989. He is certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties in Internal Medicine. The Respondent has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 150483 since 1996.

Factual Allegations

2. At approximately 1:45 a.m. on April 10, 2013, Respondent was driving a car on Route 128 north in the middle lane.

3. Massachusetts State Police (“MSP”) observed the car to be traveling at a speed of

about 40 miles per hour.

4. Respondent swerved into the left travel lane and back into the middle lane.

5. MSP saw Respondent continue to swerve from lane to lane until they stopped Respondent one mile prior to exit 44A.

6. Upon making contact with Respondent, MSP smelled the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from inside the vehicle.

7. When asked by MSP where he was coming from, Respondent said, "Mass General."

8. Respondent admitted to consuming two beers. Yet, a short while later, he said he had four beers.

9. During his interaction with MSP, Respondent had glassy and bloodshot eyes and slurred speech.

10. Respondent exited the vehicle to perform Field Sobriety Tests ("FSTs").

11. Respondent's performance on the FSTs was inadequate.

12. Respondent was placed under arrest and charged with OUI-Liquor in violation of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 24(1)(a)(1).

13. On May 15, 2013, Respondent tendered a plea whereby he admitted to sufficient facts and the matter was continued without a finding of guilt ("CWOFF") with a period of administrative probation until May 14, 2014.

14. Respondent complied with the terms of his CWOFF and the matter was ultimately dismissed on May 14, 2014.

15. On or around November 28, 2022, Respondent submitted his application to renew his license to practice medicine in Massachusetts on which he disclosed a new criminal case with

charges of OUI and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

16. At approximately 12:20 a.m. on May 20, 2022, Respondent was driving a vehicle on Route 1 North in the middle lane.

17. The MSP Arrest Report (“Arrest Report”) states that Respondent was traveling at approximately 80 miles per hour in a 50 mile per hour zone.

18. The Arrest Report states that Respondent was weaving in and out of the middle lane, crossing over the lines for the left travel lane multiple times.

19. The Arrest Report states that as MSP attempted to position its cruiser behind him, Respondent’s speed increased, and he changed to the left lane, cutting off a vehicle that was traveling in the left lane and almost causing a rear end collision.

20. The Arrest Report states that when stopped by MSP, Respondent said he was a cardiologist who works at Beth Israel in Boston and was on his way home from work.

21. The Arrest Report states that Respondent’s breath smelled of alcoholic beverage and his eyes were bloodshot and glassy.

22. Respondent admitted to consuming alcohol but was imprecise in how long ago he last consumed any.

23. Respondent exited the vehicle to perform Field Sobriety Tests (“FSTs”).

24. The Arrest Report states that Respondent’s performance on the FSTs was inadequate.

25. Respondent was placed under arrest and charged with OUI-Liquor 2nd Offense and Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

26. After a bench trial on or around March 21, 2023, Respondent was found not guilty on the charge of OUI and guilty on the Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle charge. He was

sentenced to one year of administrative probation. The Respondent successfully completed the period of probation.

Legal Basis for Proposed Relief

- A. Pursuant to G.L. c. 112, § 5, eighth par. (h) and 243 C.M.R. 1.03(5)(a)(11), the Board may discipline Respondent upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board that he violated any rule or regulation of the Board. More specifically, Respondent may be disciplined for violating 243 C.M.R. 1.03(5)(a)(7) by being convicted of any crime.
- B. The Board may discipline Respondent upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board that he engaged in conduct that undermines the public confidence in the integrity of the medical profession. See Raymond v. Board of Registration in Medicine, 387 Mass. 708 (1982); Levy v. Board of Registration in Medicine, 378 Mass. 519 (1979).

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 C.M.R. 1.01.

Nature of Relief Sought

The Board is authorized and empowered to order appropriate disciplinary action, which may include revocation or suspension of 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 Respondent's practice of medicine.

Order

Wherefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Respondent show cause why the Board should not discipline Respondent for the conduct described herein.

By the Board of Registration in Medicine,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Booker T. Bush', written over a horizontal line.

Booker T. Bush, M.D.
Board Chair

Date: July 18, 2024