COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS. Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. RM-20-0232

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BOARD OF REGISTRATION )

IN MEDICINE, )

Petitioner )

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v. )

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ANGELA STEINHARDT, M.D., )

Respondent. )

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**STIPULATION**

Angela Steinhardt, M.D. (the “Respondent”), the Respondent’s attorney, and Complaint Counsel (hereinafter referred to jointly as the “Parties”) agree that this Stipulation shall be filed with the Administrative Magistrate for the Division of Administrative Law Appeals (“DALA”) as a resolution of questions of material fact and law as set forth by the Statements of Allegations in the above matter.  The Respondent admits to the Findings of Fact described below and agrees that the Administrative Magistrate and the Board of Registration in Medicine (the “Board”) may make the Conclusion of Law as set forth below.

**STIPULATED FACTS**

1. The Respondent was born on May 30, 1976. She graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine in 2007. She is board-certified in Anatomic Pathology and Clinical Pathology. She has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 242648 since 2010. She is also presently licensed to practice medicine in California. As of the time of this writing, she works at the Anchor Medical Group and Wellness Center in Weymouth, Hudson and New Bedford, MA, and also works as a Laboratory Director and Technical Supervisor at three (3) different labs; one (1) in Massachusetts and two (2) in California.
2. On July 17, 2018, officers of the Milton Police Department confronted the Respondent on suspicion of Operating Under the Influence of an Intoxicating Liquor (“OUI”) in Violation of Mass. Gen. Laws c. 90 § 24(1)(a)(1).
3. The Respondent was arraigned on November 6, 2018 in Quincy District Court for an OUI charge and a civil charge for a state highway traffic violation (Quincy District Court Docket No. 1856CR004496).
4. On August 20, 2019, the Respondent resolved Docket No. 1856CR004496 by admitting to sufficient facts to warrant a finding of guilty on the OUI charge and receiving a Continuance Without a Finding pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws c. 276 § 87 for one (1) year pending her compliance with the terms of her probation.
5. On August 20, 2019, Quincy District Court found the Respondent “not responsible” for the aforementioned state highway traffic violation.
6. The Respondent successfully completed her probation on February 24, 2020.
7. On January 7, 2020, the Respondent voluntarily entered into a monitoring contract with Physician Health Services (“PHS”). This is a two-year contract which is scheduled to end on January 7, 2022. The Respondent has been in full compliance with all of the terms of the contract since entering into it. The Respondent has provided documentation of 18-months of consistent compliance with her PHS Monitoring Contract dating back to January 7, 2020.

**CONCLUSION OF LAW**

1. The Respondent has 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).

**SANCTION AND ORDER**

The Parties expressly acknowledge that the Board may impose sanctions against the Respondent based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.  The Parties hereby jointly agree to recommend to the Board that it impose the sanction set forth below.  The Parties understand that the recommended sanction is not binding on the Board, and that the Board may wish to impose a different sanction on the Respondent.

At the time the Board considers this Stipulation, it will inform the Parties of its inclination as to sanction. If the Board’s sanction is different from the one recommended by the Parties, the Respondent will be given an opportunity to either accept or reject the proposed sanction. If the Respondent rejects the proposed sanction, then the matter will continue through the adjudicatory process pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws c. 30A and 801 CMR 1.00 et seq.

The Respondent’s license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is hereby suspended indefinitely. The suspension may be stayed contingent upon the Respondent’s:

* Documenting eighteen (18) months of consistent compliance with a Physician Health Services (“PHS”) Monitoring Contract. The Parties agree that this condition has beensatisfied;
* Providing PHS with a release that allows PHS to communicate and otherwise exchange information with the Board about the Respondent’s performance pursuant to the aforementioned Monitoring Contract, compliance (or lack thereof) with same, and other related observations of the Respondent; The Parties agree that this condition has been satisfied; and
* Entering into a Probation Agreement with the Board that requires ongoing compliance with a PHS contract, monitoring by Board-approved clinical monitors pursuant to a Board-approved practice plan, and any other conditions that the Board may deem appropriate for a period of time specified by the Board in consideration of the Respondent’s Compliance with a PHS Monitoring Contract since January 7, 2020 as described in ¶ 7, above.

These sanctions are imposed for each violation of law listed in the Conclusion of Law section, above, and not a combination of any or all of them.

# **EXECUTION OF THIS STIPULATION**

The Parties agree that the approval of this Stipulation is left to the discretion of the Administrative Magistrate and the Board. As to any matter this Stipulation leaves to the discretion of the Administrative Magistrate or the Board, neither the Respondent, nor anyone else acting on her behalf, has received any promises or representations regarding the same.

The signatures of the Parties are expressly conditioned on the Administrative Magistrate and the Board accepting this Stipulation.

If the Administrative Magistrate rejects any provision contained in this Stipulation, the entire document shall be deemed null and void and the matter will be scheduled for a hearing pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws c. 30A and 801 CMR 1.00 et seq.

If the Board rejects any provision in this Stipulation or modifies the Sanction and said modification is rejected by the Respondent, the entire document shall be null and void and the

matter will be recommitted to DALA for appropriate proceedings and an eventual hearing pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws c. 30A and 801 CMR 1.00 et seq.

Neither the Parties nor anyone else may rely on the Stipulation in either the proceedings or hearing referenced in the preceding paragraph or in any appeal therefrom.

Signed by Angela A. Steinhardt               09/09/2021\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Angela A. Steinhardt, M.D.                           Date

Respondent

Signed by Richard Haley, Esq.               09/09/2021\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Richard Haley, Esq.                                     Date

Attorney for Respondent

Signed by Lawrence Perchick               9/13/21\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lawrence Perchick                                                     Date

Complaint Counsel