BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

DOCKET NO. 2017-031

RE: Taryon Michelle Seard-Higgins, D.M.D.
1737 East Alexander Street
Greenville, Mississippi 38703

Dental License No. 2838-94

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") has conducted a random compliance audit covering the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016 regarding compliance with Board Regulation No. 41 (continuing education) and/or Board Regulation No. 45 (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation). As a result of said audit, Taryon Michelle Seard-Higgins, D.M.D., holder of Mississippi Dental License No. 2838-94 (hereinafter referred to as "Licensee"), has been found to be in violation of Regulation No. 41 in the following respect, to-wit:

> **Failure to provide proof of forty (40) hours of approved continuing dental education for the previous two-year period.**

WHEREAS, based upon the aforementioned violation, Licensee may be charged with violation of Subsection (1)(b) of Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-61, as amended, which states:

> (1) Upon satisfactory proof, and in accordance with statutory provisions elsewhere set out for such hearings and protecting the rights of the accused as well as the public, the State Board of Dental Examiners may deny the issuance or renewal of a license or may revoke or suspend the license of any licensed dentist or dental hygienist practicing in the State of Mississippi, or take any other action in relation to the license as the board may deem proper under the circumstances, for any of the following reasons:
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> (b) Willful violation of any of the rules or regulations duly promulgated by the board, or of any of the rules or regulations duly promulgated by the ap-

propriate dental licensure agency of another state or jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, Licensee has agreed to enter into a Consent Order which would, upon execution by the Board, avoid initiation of formal disciplinary proceedings.

WHEREAS, the Board, after due consideration, is of the opinion that it should enter into a Consent Order consistent with the preamble heretofore.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board, with the consent of Licensee as indicated by Licensee's joinder herein, does hereby order:

1. In all future random continuing education audits, Licensee shall thoroughly complete the required form and ensure that Licensee is in compliance in every respect with the Rules and Regulations of the Board.
2. Licensee shall pay, pursuant to Board Regulation Number 41(12), a monetary penalty in the amount of $500.00.
3. Licensee shall pay, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §73-9-61(4)(d), the reasonable costs of these proceedings in an amount to be determined by the Board.

SO ORDERED, this the 28 day of July, 2017.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

BY: _____

ROY L. IRONS, D.D.S.
PRESIDENT

AGREED TO, this the 22 day of June, 2017.

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TARYON MICHELLE SEARD-HIGGINS, D.M.D.