BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF MISSISSIPPI: DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSE NO. 4698-21DH

* DOCKET NO. 2025-058

LOURDES HERNANDEZ MCINTYRE 14 DEERMONT LANE PETAL, MS 39465

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RESPONDENT

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, RESPONDENT, LOURDES HERNANDEZ MCINTYRE, has been vested with the right and privilege to practice dental hygiene in the State of Mississippi by virtue of License No. 4698-21DH, issued by the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners (hereinafter referred to as "Board").

WHEREAS, RESPONDENT, LOURDES HERNANDEZ MCINTYRE, has agreed to enter into a CONSENT ORDER, pursuant to 30 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2302, R. 1.10, which would, upon approval and execution by the Board, avoid initiation of formal disciplinary proceedings.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. **RESPONDENT** holds an active Mississippi dental hygiene license, License No. 4698-21DH, which was initially issued on or about November 01st, 2020.
- 2. In or around March 2025, the Board conducted a random compliance audit for the biennial renewal period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024, to ensure compliance with 30 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2301, R. 1.41 (Board Regulation No. 41 Continuing Education). RESPONDENT was randomly selected to participate in the audit. In response to the Board's audit, RESPONDENT submitted evidence of completion of sixteen (16) hours of Board-approved continuing education.
 RESPONDENT'S failure and/or refusal to produce records evidencing completion of the required twenty (20) hours of Board-approved continuing education for the biennial

renewal period January 01st, 2023, to December 31st, 2024, constitutes a violation of 30 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2301, R. 1.41.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners is established pursuant to Title 73, Chapter 9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and is charged with the duty of licensing and regulating the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene in the State of Mississippi. The **RESPONDENT** is the holder and/or applicant of a license issued by the Board and is, therefore, subject to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-1, et seq.
- 2. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-61 (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: (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 appropriate dental licensure agency of another state or jurisdiction.
- 3. Pursuant to Board Regulation 41, <u>Miss. Admin. Code</u> Pt. 2301, R. 1.41 (2), *Licensed dental hygienists must complete twenty (20) hours of Board-approved CDE per biennial renewal period*.
- 4. **RESPONDENT'S** conduct violates <u>Miss. Code Ann.</u> § 73-9-61 (1)(b) and Board Regulation 41, 30 <u>Miss. Admin. Code</u> Pt. 2301, R. 1.41., and constitutes grounds for disciplinary action by the Board, pursuant to <u>Miss. Code Ann.</u> § 73-9-61 (1).

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED AND ORDERED:

1. **RESPONDENT'S** license shall be subject to the following penalties and actions authorized by Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-61.

- a. **FINE. RESPONDENT** shall pay a FINE in the amount of \$500.00 which must be received in the Board's office *no later than September 01st*, 2025. Certified checks for payment of the FINE should be made payable to the "Mississippi State Treasury."
- b. **COSTS.** Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-61 (4)(d), **RESPONDENT** shall pay the COSTS of these proceedings in the amount of \$150.00, which must be received in the Board's office *no later than September 01st*, 2025. Certified checks for payment of the COSTS should be made payable to the "Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners."
- c. **CONTINUING EDUCATION. RESPONDENT** shall complete at least <u>four</u> (4) hours of Board-approved CONTINUING EDUCATION, and **RESPONDENT** shall submit verifiable evidence of completion to the Board which must be received *no later than September 01st*, 2025. Continuing education hours obtained in satisfaction of this requirement may not be utilized towards satisfaction of the continuing education requirements for the January 01st, 2025, to December 31st, 2026, biennial renewal period.
- d. JURISPRUDENCE EXAM. RESPONDENT shall successfully complete the MISSISSIPPI JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION no later than September 01st, 2025.
- e. **COMPLIANCE. RESPONDENT** shall comply with Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-1 et seq., 30 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2301 et seq., and all laws and regulations related to the practice of dentistry in Mississippi. **RESPONDENT** is responsible for ensuring the Board receives verifiable evidence of compliance with all terms and conditions of this **CONSENT ORDER** within the time frame(s) prescribed herein.

- f. **COMPLETION. RESPONDENT** shall comply with and COMPLETE all terms and conditions of this **CONSENT ORDER** *no later than September 01st*, 2025.
- g. SUSPENSION FOR NON-COMPLIANCE. In the event that RESPONDENT fails to comply with any terms or conditions of this CONSENT ORDER, RESPONDENT'S license shall be SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY for a period of no less than (7) days.
 - During such time that RESPONDENT'S license is SUSPENDED, RESPONDENT shall NOT practice dental hygiene in the state of Mississippi.
 - ii. During such time that RESPONDENT'S license is SUSPENDED, RESPONDENT'S license status with the Board, including for purposes of license verification by the public, shall indicate "SUSPENDED."
 - iii. After expiration of a minimum of seven (7) days SUSPENSION,

 RESPONDENT may be eligible for lifting of the SUSPENSION. Only upon the Board's verification that RESPONDENT is compliant with all terms and conditions of this CONSENT ORDER, shall the Board lift the SUSPENSION from RESPONDENT'S license and update

 RESPONDENT'S license status to reflect lifting of the SUSPENSION.
- 2. That this **CONSENT ORDER** is entered into freely, willingly and voluntarily by all the parties without threats or promises, and further, such **CONSENT ORDER** is entered into in lieu of having a full administrative hearing before the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners.
 - a. That RESPONDENT hereby voluntarily, willingly, and freely waives all of RESPONDENT'S due process rights, including but not limited to, the right to a hearing whereby RESPONDENT could:

- i. Appear either personally or by counsel or both,
- ii. Cross-examine any witnesses who may testify against RESPONDENT,
- iii. Present testimony, evidence, and witnesses on **RESPONDENT'S** behalf, and
- iv. Have subpoenas issued by the Board on **RESPONDENT'S** behalf.
- b. That **RESPONDENT** hereby voluntarily, willingly, and freely waives any right to judicial review of this **CONSENT ORDER**.
- c. **RESPONDENT** authorizes the Board to review and examine any documentary evidence or information concerning **RESPONDENT** prior to or in conjunction with its consideration of the **CONSENT ORDER**.
- d. That this **CONSENT ORDER** shall be subject to approval by the Board. If the Board fails to approve the **CONSENT ORDER**, it shall have no force or effect on the parties.
- e. That should this **CONSENT ORDER** not be approved by the Board, it is agreed that the presentation and consideration of the **CONSENT ORDER**, including any documentary evidence and information related thereto, shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from participation in hearings or other proceedings pertaining to these or other matters regarding **RESPONDENT**.
- 3. That RESPONDENT accepts the above penalties and acknowledges that RESPONDENT'S license is conditioned on full compliance with these terms. Failure to adhere to any of the terms of this CONSENT ORDER may result in further disciplinary action against RESPONDENT'S license.
- 4. That the **RESPONDENT** does hereby fully, completely and finally release the Board, its agents, servants or employees from any and all claims, charges, demands, damages,

costs, expenses, actions and causes of action of every kind and nature which the **RESPONDENT** may now or hereafter have related to this **CONSENT ORDER** between the **RESPONDENT** and the Board. The Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners admits no liability in any way related to this **CONSENT ORDER**.

- 5. That this **CONSENT ORDER** is considered a settlement agreement under <u>Mississippi</u>
 Rule of Evidence 408; therefore, this **CONSENT ORDER** does not constitute an admission of guilt or liability.
- 6. That this document is a public record and will be entered as a FINAL ORDER of the Board. This action will be reported to the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) and to all federally mandated data banks.

AGREED TO, on this day,	n 12, 2025	_, 2025.
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SO APPROVED & ORDERED, on this day	Jun 12, 2025	, 2025.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Mark D. Williams, D.m.D.

MARK D. WILLIAMS, D.M.D. PRESIDENT