

BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

KS State Board of Healing Arts

In the Matter of)	
) Docket No.: 20-HA00089	
Kenneth A. Fischer, M.D.)	
Kansas License No. 04-28013)	

JOURNAL ENTRY VACATING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY SUSPENSION AND ORDERING

On this 31st day of July 2020, the above captioned matter comes before the Board for a hearing on whether the temporary emergency order suspending Licensee's license should remain in effect pending the formal hearing on the Petition. The hearing was conducted via video conference. Licensee appeared with counsel of record including J. Fox DeMoisey, John Hicks, and Courtney McCray. Board litigation counsel Steven Lehwald and Tammie Mundil appeared on behalf of the Disciplinary Panel of the Board. The presiding officer of the Board was Robin Durrett, D.O., who appeared with General Counsel for the Board, Tucker L. Poling. Exhibits were pre-filed by the parties, with additional exhibits offered at the hearing. All offered exhibits were admitted without objection. Testimony from witnesses, including the Licensee, was heard by the presiding officer.

On the evidence and testimony received at the hearing, the presiding officer finds, on present evidence, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2838(c) and K.S.A. 77-536, there is insufficient showing at this time of an *imminent* danger to public health and safety to support continuing an emergency temporary suspension. The emergency temporary suspension is **VACATED**.

A supplemental journal entry may be entered more fully addressing the issues raised in the hearing. Counsel for the Disciplinary Panel is given leave to file a response to the objections filed on July 30, 2020 by Licensee within 10 days. Licensee is granted leave to file a reply within 5 days thereafter.

As orally announced at the hearing, Licensee is **ORDERED**, pursuant to K.S.A. CONFIDENT IAL

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Based on the evidence and testimony admitted at the hearing, although the presiding officer does not find sufficient showing at this time of an imminent danger to public health and safety posed by Licensee's immediate continuation in practice, the presiding officer finds reasonable suspicion exists that Licensee's ability to practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety is impaired CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDEN TIAL is warranted. The parties shall confer in good faith to agree on an individual or entity to conduct such examination and communicate the identity of the chosen examiner to the presiding officer via email to <u>tucker.poling@ks.gov</u> no later than August 8, 2020. If the parties cannot agree on an examiner, the presiding officer will select an examiner. The examination shall be conducted within 30 days of today's date unless an extension is granted by the presiding officer for good cause shown.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED THIS 31st day of July 2020.

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS

<u>/s/ Tucker Poling, KS #23266</u> Tucker Poling, on behalf of Robin Durrett, D.O.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true copy of the foregoing was served this 31st day of July 2020 by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, and via email addressed to:

Kenneth A. Fischer, M.D. CONFIDENTIAL

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