IN THE MATTER OF	BEFORE THE
EASTON MANDERSON, M.D.	MARYLAND STATE
Respondent	BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
License Number: D21599	Case Number: 2226-0078 B

ORDER OF DEFAULT

On December 7, 2025, the Maryland State Board of Physicians ("Board") received an Application for Reinstatement from Easton Manderson, M.D. seeking to reinstate his medical license that had expired on September 30, 2025. While reviewing Dr. Manderson's application, the Board received information that he might have a condition that impacts his ability to practice medicine safely. On March 31, 2026, Disciplinary Panel A of the Board issued a Notice of Intent to Deny Reinstatement under Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §14-205(b)(3)(i) and Health Occ. §14-404(a)(4)(i) and (iii) (is professionally or mentally incompetent). On May 19, 2026, the case was referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") for an evidentiary hearing.

On May 27, 2026, OAH sent a Notice of Remote Scheduling Conference to the parties that informed Dr. Manderson that a Scheduling Conference would be held on July 10, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., by video conference. The scheduling conference notice was sent by U.S. first-class mail to Dr. Manderson at his address of record. It was not returned as undeliverable. Dr. Manderson did not request a postponement. On May 4, 2026, at 9:46 a.m., approximately sixteen minutes after the scheduled start time, the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") commenced the Scheduling Conference by video conference. The

administrative prosecutor appeared on behalf of the State. Dr. Manderson did not appear, nor did anyone appear on his behalf. During the Scheduling Conference, a Prehearing Conference was scheduled for September 14, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

On July 20, 2026, OAH sent a Notice of Remote Prehearing Conference to the parties that notified the parties that a Prehearing Conference would be held on September 14, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. The Notice of Prehearing Conference informed Dr. Manderson that his failure to appear or to give timely notice of his inability to appear at the Prehearing Conference could result in a decision against him. The Notice was mailed to Dr. Manderson's address of record. The mailed copy was not returned as undeliverable. On July 30, 2026, the ALJ issued a Scheduling Order, which again, notified the parties that the Prehearing Conference would be held on September 14, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. by video conference. The Scheduling Order was mailed to Dr. Manderson at his address of record and was not returned as undeliverable.

On September 14, 2026, the ALJ held the Prehearing Conference by video conference. The administrative prosecutor appeared on behalf of the State. Dr. Manderson did not appear. At 9:45 a.m., after waiting fifteen minutes after the scheduled start time for Dr. Manderson to appear, the ALJ commenced the Prehearing Conference. The State made a motion for an order of default against Dr. Manderson and requested the ALJ to deny Dr. Manderson's application for reinstatement.

Under OAH's rules of procedure, "[i]f, after receiving proper notice as provided in Regulation .05C of this chapter, a party fails to attend or participate, either personally or

through a representative, in a Prehearing Conference, hearing, or other stage of a proceeding, the ALJ may proceed in that party's absence or may, in accordance with the hearing authority delegated by the agency, issue a final or proposed default order against the defaulting party." COMAR 28.02.01.23A.

On September 16, 2026, the ALJ issued a Proposed Default Order. In the Proposed Default Order, the ALJ found that Dr. Manderson had proper notice of the Prehearing Conference and failed to appear or participate in the remote Prehearing Conference. The ALJ proposed that the Panel find Dr. Manderson in default, adopt as findings of fact the statements set forth in the allegations of fact section of the Notice of Intent to Deny, and deny Dr. Manderson's application for reinstatement.

The ALJ mailed, by regular first-class mail, copies of the Proposed Default Order to Dr. Manderson, the administrative prosecutor, and the Board at each respective address of record. The Proposed Default Order notified the parties that they may file written exceptions to the proposed order but must do so within 15 days of the date of the Proposed Default Order. The Proposed Default Order stated that any exceptions and requests for a hearing must be sent to the Board with a copy provided to the opposing party. Neither party filed any exceptions to the Proposed Default Order. On October 28, 2026, this matter came before Disciplinary Panel B for a final decision.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Because Panel B concludes that Dr. Manderson has defaulted and has not filed exceptions to the ALJ's Proposed Default Order, the following findings of fact are adopted

from the allegations of fact in the Notice of Intent to Deny Reinstatement and are deemed proven by the preponderance of the evidence:

Background

1. The Applicant was licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland on February 16, 1978, under License Number D21599.

2. On September 30, 2025, the Applicant's Maryland medical license expired.

3. On or about December 7, 2025, the Applicant submitted his Application to the Board.

4. While reviewing the Applicant's Application, the Board received information that the Applicant may have a condition that impacts his ability to practice medicine safely.

5. By letter dated February 11, 2026, the Board, pursuant to Health Occ. § 14-402(a), instructed Dr. Manderson to appear at the office of the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program ("MPRP") for an intake evaluation for the purpose of scheduling an examination.

6. By letter dated February 23, 2026, MPRP's Medical Director notified the Board that MPRP clinicians had conducted a screening assessment of the Applicant, the results of which fell within the range of a condition that would likely impact the Applicant's ability to practice medicine safely.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Panel B finds Dr. Manderson in default based upon his failure to appear or participate at the Prehearing Conference on September 14, 2026, at OAH. *See* State Gov't § 10-210(4). Based upon the foregoing findings of fact, Panel B concludes that Dr. Manderson is professionally and mentally incompetent, in violation of Health Occ. §14-404(a)(4)(i) and (iii), which gives the Panel grounds to deny Dr. Manderson's Application for Reinstatement under Health Occ. §14-205(b)(3)(i).

ORDER

It is, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of Panel B, hereby

ORDERED that Easton Manderson, M.D.'s December 7, 2025, Application for Reinstatement is **DENIED;** and it is further

ORDERED that this Order of Default goes into effect upon the signature of the Board's Executive Director or her designee. The Board's Executive Director or her designee signs this Order of Default on behalf of Panel B; and it is further

ORDERED that this is a public document.

11/18/2026
Date

Signature on File

Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-408, Dr. Manderson has the right to seek judicial review of this Order of Default. Any petition for judicial review shall be filed within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of this Order of Default. The date of the cover letter accompanying this Order is the date the decision was mailed. Any petition for judicial review shall be made as provided for in the Administrative Procedure Act, Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-222 and Title 7, Chapter 200 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

If Dr. Manderson files a petition for judicial review, the Board is a party and should be served with the court's process at the following address:

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Notice of any petition should also be sent to the Board's counsel at the following address:

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