IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE

KAI IMANI PARKER * MARYLAND STATE

Applicant * BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

License Number: J00046 (Expired) * Case Number: 2226-0006B

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO DENY APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE

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Disciplinary Panel B ("Panel B") of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") hereby notifies **KAI IMANI PARKER** (the "Applicant") of its intent to deny her *Application for Reinstatement of License*, filed on July 2, 2025, under the Maryland Medical Practice Act, codified at Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations ("Health Occ.") §§ 14-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. and 2024 Supp.) and the Maryland Naturopathic Medicine Act, Health Occ. §§ 14-5F-01 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2024 Supp.).

The pertinent provisions of the Maryland Medical Practice Act and the Maryland Naturopathic Medicine Act provide:

Health Occ. § 14-205. Miscellaneous powers and duties.

- (b)(3) Subject to the Administrative Procedure Act and the hearing provisions of § 14-405 of this title, a disciplinary panel may deny a license to an applicant or, if an applicant has failed to renew the applicant's license, refuse to renew or reinstate an applicant's license for:
 - (i) Any of the reasons that are grounds for action under § 14-404, § 14-5A-17, § 14-5B-14, § 14-5C-17, § 14-5D-14, § 14-5E-16, or § 14-5F-18 of this title, as applicable.

Health Occ. § 14-5F-11. Licenses – Qualifications.

(b) The Applicant shall be of good moral character.

Health Occ. § 14-5F-18. Denials, suspension, or revocation of license; reprimands, probation.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14-405 of this title, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the disciplinary panel, may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license of any licensee if the applicant or licensee:

. . . .

(26) Violates any provision of this title or any regulation adopted by the Board[.]

The provisions of this title the Respondent violated include:

Health Occ. § 14-5F-29. Practicing without license.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, an individual may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice naturopathic medicine in this State without a license.

Health Occ. § 14-5F-30. Unauthorized practice – Representations to public.

- (a) Unless an individual is licensed to practice naturopathic medicine, the individual may not:
 - (1) Represent to the public by title, by description of services, methods, or procedures, or otherwise, that the individual is licensed by the Board to practice naturopathic medicine;
 - (2) Use the title "doctor of naturopathic medicine", "doctor of naturopathy", "naturopathic doctor", or "naturopath"; or
 - (3) Use the initials "N.D.", "ND", "NMD", or "N.M.D." after the name of the individual.
- (b) An individual licensed to practice naturopathic medicine in the State may not use the title "physician".

Health Occ. § 14-602. Misrepresentation as a practitioner of medicine.

- (a) In general. -- Unless authorized to practice medicine under this title, a person may not represent to the public, by description of services, methods, or procedures, or otherwise, that the person is authorized to practice medicine in this State.
- (b) Certain representations prohibited. -- Except as otherwise provided in this article, a person may not use the words or terms "Dr.", "doctor", "physician", "D.O.", or "M.D." with the intent to represent that the person practices medicine, unless the person is:
 - (1) Licensed to practice medicine under this title[.]

ALLEGATIONS OF FACT¹

Disciplinary Panel B bases its action on the following facts that it has reason to believe are true:

- 1. The Applicant was initially licensed to practice naturopathic medicine in the State of Maryland on December 18, 2018, under License Number J00046. On March 31, 2022, the Applicant allowed her license to expire without filing for a renewal. The Applicant never has been licensed by the Board to practice medicine as a medical doctor or as a doctor of osteopathic medicine.
- 2. On January 10, 2024, Panel B issued a Cease and Desist Order (the "C&D Order") in Case No. 2223-0098 against the Applicant ordering her to immediately cease and desist from the practice of naturopathic medicine and representing to the public that she was authorized to practice medicine and naturopathic medicine in the State of Maryland.

¹ The allegations set forth in this Notice are intended to provide the Applicant with reasonable notice of the asserted facts. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent, a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Applicant in connection with this Notice.

Panel B's C&D Order stemmed from a referral on or about April 7, 2023, from the Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office, which alleged potential unlicensed practice by the Applicant. The referral stated that during an investigation of an incident that resulted in a fetal demise, the Applicant held herself out "to be a doctor of naturopathic oriental medicine, a midwife, and a 'physician,'" which the agency was unable to verify. The Applicant did not contest the C&D Order.

- 3. On February 16, 2024, in Case No. 2223-0098, Panel B charged the Applicant with violating various provisions of the Maryland Medical Practice Act and the Maryland Naturopathic Medicine Act. On or about June 3, 2024, the Applicant entered into a Consent Order in which Panel B concluded as a matter of law that the Applicant practiced naturopathic medicine without a license, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-5F-29; misrepresented to the public that the Applicant was licensed by the Board to practice naturopathic medicine and misused the titles and initials associated with the practice of naturopathic medicine, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-5F-30(a) and (b); and misrepresented to the public that the Applicant was licensed by the Board to practice medicine and misused the titles and initials associated with the practice of medicine, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-602(a) and (b).
- 4. In the Consent Order, Panel B found as a matter of fact that after her Maryland naturopathic medicine license expired on March 31, 2022, the Applicant continued to represent to the public through internet websites that she was licensed to practice naturopathic medicine in Maryland. On various internet websites, the Applicant continued to represent herself as a "Naturopathic Doctor-Certified", used the initials "ND"

after her name, and referred to herself as "Dr. Parker." In one description, the Applicant represented herself as a "trained primary care physician." Even as late as September 23, 2023, the Applicant sent an email to Board staff in which she affixed "ND" and "Naturopathic Physician" after her name with a business address in Maryland.

- 5. Panel B further found as a matter of fact that on October 30, 2022, during the police investigation involving the Applicant delivering a newborn without a heartbeat in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, the Applicant told the officers that she was a "doctor", a "naturopathic physician", and a "ND", even though her naturopathic medicine license expired approximately seven months prior on March 31, 2022, and she has never been licensed to practice medicine in Maryland.
- 6. Finally, Panel B found as a matter of fact that from April 2022 to April 2023 after her Maryland naturopathic medicine license had expired, the Applicant was under contractual obligations and continued to provide naturopathic medical services to patients in Maryland.
- 7. Pursuant to the Consent Order, Panel B ordered the Applicant to pay a civil fine of \$5,000 within two (2) years and, unless duly licensed, to cease and desist from practicing naturopathic medicine; representing to the public that she was licensed by the Board to practice naturopathic medicine; or representing to the public that she was licensed by the Board to practice medicine.
- 8. On or about July 2, 2025, the Applicant filed an *Application for Reinstatement of License* (the "Application") to practice naturopathic medicine in Maryland with the Board.

GROUNDS FOR DENIAL

Pursuant to Health Occ. § 14-205(b)(3)(i), Panel B is authorized to deny the Applicant's Application on the basis that she lacked good moral character, a prerequisite for licensure under Health Occ. § 14-5F-11(b) and that she violated any provision of this title or any regulations adopted by the Board, *to wit*, Health Occ. §§ 14-5F-29(a), 14-5F-30(a) and (b), and 14-602(a) and (b), in violation of Health Occ. § 14-5F-18(a)(26).

NOTICE OF AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§ 10-201 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. and 2024 Supp.), Disciplinary Panel B of the Board hereby notifies the Applicant of her opportunity for a hearing before a Disciplinary Panel of the Board makes a final decision in this case. The Applicant must request a hearing **WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS** of service of this notice. The request for a hearing must be made in writing to:

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If a written request is made within thirty (30) days of service of this notice, a Disciplinary Committee for Case Resolution ("DCCR") will be scheduled before Disciplinary Panel B of the Board. If the case cannot be resolved by consent, a prehearing conference and a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge will be scheduled.

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If the Panel does not receive a written request for a hearing within thirty (30) days of service of this notice, the Panel will sign the attached Final Order, denying the Applicant's Application for a license to practice medicine in Maryland.

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November 20, 2025

Date

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