IN THE MATTER OF

**BEFORE THE MARYLAND** 

MARCIE OSER WERTLIEB, M.D.

STATE BOARD OF

Respondent

\* **PHYSICIANS** 

**License Number: D0062700** 

Case Number: 2225-0005 B

### **CONSENT ORDER**

On October 24, 2024, Disciplinary Panel B ("Panel B") of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") charged MARCIE OSER WERTLIEB, M.D. (the "Respondent"), License Number D0062700, under the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 14-101 et seq. (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2023 Supp.).

Panel B charged the Respondent with violating the following statute of the Act:

## § 14-601. License required to practice medicine

Except as otherwise provided in this title:

A person may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice **(1)** medicine in the State unless licensed by the Board[.]

On December 18, 2024, Panel B was convened as a Disciplinary Committee for Case Resolution ("DCCR") in this matter. Based on the negotiations occurring as a result of this DCCR, the Respondent agreed to enter into this Consent Order, consisting of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Consent.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

Panel B finds the following:

### I. Background

- 1. The Respondent was licensed to practice medicine in Maryland on February 15, 2005. The Respondent's license expired on September 30, 2023, and was later reinstated on February 2, 2024. The Respondent's license is active through September 30, 2025, subject to renewal.
  - 2. The Respondent is board-certified in Ophthalmology.
- 3. At all relevant times, the Respondent maintained a solo practice (the "Practice") in Laurel, Maryland.

### II. Board Investigation

- 4. On October 19, 2023, the Board received a Maryland License Reinstatement Application (the "First Application") filed by the Respondent.
- 5. On October 20, 2023, November 27, 2023, December 28, 2023, and January 10, 2024, the Board contacted the Respondent via email and advised that the First Application was missing information required to complete the application.
- 6. On January 30, 2024, the First Application was closed because the Respondent did not provide an updated criminal history record check and did not provide the required continuing medical education ("CME") documentation required in Part 4a of the application.
- 7. The Board received a second Maryland License Reinstatement Application (the "Second Application") filed by the Respondent which included an updated criminal history check completed on February 1, 2024.

- 8. Part 2 of the Second Application asks the applicant to describe their employment history since their medical license expired on September 30, 2023. The Respondent stated that she worked as an Ophthalmologist at her Practice from September 2023 to February 2024.
- 9. Part 3, Question II on the Second Application asks the applicant to explain their reasons for expiration. The Respondent provided the following explanation; "I was not aware that my license expired; it was never my intent to allow it to do so. My office manager initiated my license renewal on 10/20/2023..."
- 10. Part 3, Question III on the application asks the applicant to explain the reasons for seeking reinstatement of their medical license. The Respondent explained that she never intended for her license to expire and that there "was poor communication during the time that she waited for reinstatement."
- 11. The Respondent's Second Application was approved and her license was reinstated effective February 2, 2024.
- 12. As part of its investigation, the Board subpoenaed records from the Practice from October 1, 2023, to April 8, 2024. The records document that the Respondent was continuing to treat patients at the Practice from October 2023 through February 1, 2024.
- 13. The Board has determined that the Respondent was practicing medicine in the State of Maryland without a license from October 2, 2023, through February 1, 2024.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the Findings of Fact, Disciplinary Panel B of the Board concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent practiced medicine in Maryland without a license from the Board, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-601(1).

### **ORDER**

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

**ORDERED** that, within **ONE YEAR**, the Respondent shall pay a civil fine of \$5,000. The Payment shall be by money order or bank certified check made payable to the Maryland Board of Physicians and mailed to P.O. Box 37217, Baltimore, Maryland 21297. The Board will not renew or reinstate the Respondent's license if the Respondent fails to timely pay the fine to the Board; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Consent Order shall not be amended or modified, and future requests for amendment or modification will not be considered; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

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

**ORDERED** that this Consent Order is a public document. *See* Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6).

Signature On File

 $\frac{01/08/2025}{\text{Date}}$ 

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

### **CONSENT**

I, Marcie Oser Wertlieb, M.D. acknowledge that I have consulted with counsel before signing this document.

By this Consent, I agree to be bound by this Consent Order and all its terms and conditions and understand that the disciplinary panel will not entertain any request for amendments or modifications to any condition.

I assert that I am aware of my right to a formal evidentiary hearing, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-405 and Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§ 10-201 et seq. concerning the pending charges. I waive this right and have elected to sign this Consent Order instead.

I acknowledge the validity and enforceability of this Consent Order as if entered after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections as provided by law. I waive those procedural and substantive protections. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the disciplinary panel to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order. I voluntarily enter into and agree to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the Consent Order as a resolution of the charges. I waive any right to contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order set out in the Consent Order. I waive all rights to appeal this Consent Order.

I sign this Consent Order, without reservation, and fully understand the language and meaning of its terms.

1/7/25 Date Signature On File

Marcie Oser Wertlieb, M.D. Respondent

# **NOTARY**

STATE OF Maryland.					
CITY/COUNTY OF Montgomes	(1)				
I HEREBY CERTIFY	that on	this	7	day	of
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State and City/County, Marcie Oser We	rtlieb, M.D.,	personally	y appeared and	l made o	ath
in due form of law that signing the fore	egoing Conse	ent Order	was her volunt	ary act	and
deed.					
AS WITNESSTH my hand and notarial seal.					
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