IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE

JAMES C. ROBERSON II, M.D. * MARYLAND STATE

Respondent * BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

License Number: D0068136 * Case Number: 2225-0100 A

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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE

Disciplinary Panel A ("Panel A") of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license of **JAMES C. ROBERSON II, M.D.** (the "Respondent"), License Number D0068136, to practice medicine in the State of Maryland.

Panel A takes such action pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Government ("State Gov't") §10-226(c)(2) (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2024 Supp.) and Md. Code Regs. ("COMAR") 10.32.02.08B(7), concluding that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

Based on information received by, and made known to Panel A, and the investigatory information obtained by, received by, and made known to and available to Panel A, including the instances described below, Panel A has reason to believe that the following facts are true!:

Panel A is summarily suspending the Respondent's license to practice medicine after a Board investigation determined that the Respondent's actions create a substantial likelihood of a

¹ The statements regarding the Respondent's conduct are intended to provide the Respondent with reasonable notice of the basis of Panel A's action. 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 Respondent in connection with this matter.

risk of serious harm to the public health, safety and welfare, and otherwise affect his ability to practice medicine safely.

Background/Licensing Information

- 1. The Respondent was initially licensed to practice medicine in Maryland on September 2, 2008, under license number D0068136. His license expired on September 30, 2025.²
- 2. The Respondent is also licensed to practice medicine in Virginia under license number 0101245740. The Respondent was initially licensed to practice medicine in Virginia on May 21, 2009. His Virginia license is currently active and is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2026.
 - 3. The Respondent is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Rheumatology.
- 4. At all relevant times, the Respondent was employed at a facility (the "Facility")³ with locations in Maryland and Virginia.

The Facility Investigation

- 5. On October 10, 2024, a female patient ("Patient 1") reported to another physician (the "Reporting Physician") that the Respondent touched her inappropriately during a physical examination which occurred on May 24, 2024 at the Facility's Maryland location. The Respondent also asked Patient 1 if she would "mind if [he] gave her oral sex." The Reporting Physician promptly reported the disclosure to the Facility.
 - 6. As a result of this disclosure, the Facility conducted an investigation.

² A license may not "lapse by operation of law while the individual is under investigation or while charges are pending." Health Occ. § 14-403(a); see also *Salerian v. Board of Physicians*, 176 Md. App. 231, 247 (2007).

³ For confidentiality and privacy purposes, the names of individuals and health care facilities involved in this case are not disclosed in this document. The Respondent may obtain the names of all individuals and health care facilities referenced in this document by contacting the Administrative Prosecutor.

- 7. On November 22, 2024, the Board received a Mandated 10-day Report (the "Report") from the Facility stating that the Respondent was "terminated for cause after the investigation revealed that it was more likely than not that the Respondent said something suggestive to [Patient 1] and failed to maintain professional boundaries with this patient."
- 8. Following the Facility's investigation, the Facility became aware of additional complaints from several of the Respondent's patients.
- 9. Based on the Report from the Facility and the additional patient complaints, the Board initiated an investigation of the Respondent.

The Board Investigation

10. As a part of the investigation, Board staff conducted under-oath interviews of Patient 1, the Reporting Physician, and several other patients of the Respondent.⁴ The Board also conducted an under-oath interview of the Respondent and reviewed the patients' and the Respondent's medical records.

Patient 1

- 11. On June 9, 2025, the Board conducted an under-oath interview of Patient 1.
- 12. Patient 1 testified, among other things, that on May 24, 2024, the Respondent used oil or lotion to massage her body in an effort to lower her blood pressure during the physical examination. The Respondent then began to check her lymph nodes in her neck, arm, and pelvic area. The Respondent then grazed over the middle of her vagina with his bare hand. The Respondent then asked Patient 1 if he could "taste her"/"do oral sex." This occurred at the Facility's Maryland location.

⁴ The patients and allegations mentioned in this document do not include a complete description of the allegations disclosed against the Respondent. The Respondent may obtain the names of all individuals and allegations by contacting the Administrative Prosecutor.

Patient 2

- 13. On July 2, 2025, the Board conducted an under-oath interview of a second patient ("Patient 2").
- 14. Patient 2 testified that she was sexually assaulted by the Respondent while he treated her on two occasions.
- 15. In November 2023, the Respondent inappropriately touched the breasts of Patient 2 during an examination at the Facility's Maryland location. The medical record did not document completion of a breast examination.
- 16. In September of 2024, the Respondent digitally penetrated Patient 2's vagina during an examination at the Facility's Virginia location and stated, "this is what you need," and "that's all you needed."

Patient 3

- 17. On March 19, 2025, the Board conducted an under-oath interview of Patient 3.
- 18. Patient 3 testified that she initially contacted the Facility on November 21, 2024 to raise concerns regarding the care she received from the Respondent.
- 19. Patient 3 testified that on April 5, 2023 she presented for an appointment with the Respondent at the Facility's Maryland location at which time he conducted a breast examination. Patient 3 described the breast examination as "like a massage," unusually long and thorough, and she stated that the Respondent squeezed her nipples, which made her feel uncomfortable. The Respondent's medical record for Patient 3 did not document a breast examination on this date.
- 20. The Respondent also commented on the size of Patient 3's breasts and recommended a specific lingerie shop to the Patient.

Respondent's Interview

- On July 30, 2025 the Board conducted an under-oath interview of the Respondent.

 During the interview the Respondent denied all of the allegations presented by Patients 1, 2, and

 3. The Respondent admitted, among other things, the following:
 - a. He did not maintain appropriate boundaries with his patients. He stated that he "lost his way."
 - b. He was "inappropriately flirtatious" when communicating with patients via his personal email.
 - c. He engaged in romantic relationships with four (4) patients. ("Patient's 4, 5, 6, and 7")
 - d. He testified that he has "hugged them, I have kissed them, and I have had oral sex."
 - e. For each encounter with the Patient's 4, 5, 6, and 7, "the first time (oral sex) was in the office."
 - f. The Respondent performed oral sex on Patient 4 in the office on two additional occasions.
 - g. Patients 5 and 6 were each seen by the Respondent at their respective homes on two occasions, during which the Respondent performed oral sex on both Patients.
 - h. The Respondent met Patient 7 at a hotel on three occasions and performed oral sex on Patient 7 on all three occasions.
 - i. "I maybe had different feelings for [Patient 7] and should have recused myself from caring for her, but I didn't."
 - j. The Respondent did not generate progress notes for these visits or otherwise document these visits in the Patients medical records.
- 22. The Respondent testified, "in 2022, I started to slip By 2024, I was doing this to the stage that it became a problem . . . And I know in 2023 it was worse, and 2024, you know, meeting at [a] hotel[.]"

23. The Respondent testified that the sexual encounters with his Patients would "usually start with a kiss, and then a kiss on the body, on the breast. And so it would always start with a kiss. I would say, 'can I put my lips on you?'"

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Investigative Findings, Panel A concludes as a matter of law that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and that pursuant to State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) and COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7), the Respondent's license is summarily suspended.

ORDER

IT IS thus, by Panel A of the Board, hereby:

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested in Panel A by State Gov't. §10-226(c)(2) (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2024 Supp.) and COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7), the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that, during the course of the summary suspension, the Respondent shall not practice medicine in the State of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that, in accordance with COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7) and E, a post-deprivation hearing on the summary suspension will be held on **Wednesday**, **October 15**, **2025**, **at 10:15 a.m.** before Panel A at the Board's offices, located at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215-0095; and it is further

ORDERED that after the **SUMMARY SUSPENSION** hearing before Panel A, the Respondent, if dissatisfied with the result of the hearing, may request, within ten (10) days, an evidentiary hearing, such hearing to be set within thirty (30) days of the request, before an

Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings, Administrative Law Building, 11101 Gilroy Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031-1301; and it is further

ORDERED that a copy of the Order for Summary Suspension shall be filed by Panel A immediately in accordance with Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations ("Health Occ.") § 14-407(a) (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2024 Supp.); and it is further

ORDERED that this is an Order of Panel A, and as such, is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT**. See Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Md. Code Ann., Gen Provisions §4-333(b)(6).

10/01/2025

Signature on file

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