

IN THE MATTER OF * **BEFORE THE MARYLAND**
DRAMANE NIAMBELE, R.T. * **STATE BOARD OF**
Respondent * **PHYSICIANS**
License Number: O00640 * **Case Number: 2224-0188 A**

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CONSENT ORDER

Based on an investigation conducted by the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”), Disciplinary Panel A of the Board has grounds to charge **DRAMANE NIAMBELE, R.T.** (the “Respondent”), License Number O00640, with violating the Maryland Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiology Assistance Act (the “Act”), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. (“Health Occ.”) §§ 14-5B-01 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2023 Supp.). Prior to the issuance of disciplinary charges, the Respondent agrees to enter into this public Consent Order, which consists of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

Specifically, Disciplinary Panel A finds that the Respondent violated the following provisions of the Act:

§ 14-5B-17.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, a person may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice radiation therapy in this State unless licensed to practice radiation therapy by the Board[.]

FINDINGS OF FACT

Disciplinary Panel A makes the following Findings of Fact:

I. Background

1. The Respondent was licensed to practice as a radiation therapist in the State of Maryland on July 16, 2009, under License Number O00640. The Respondent's license expired on April 30, 2023 and was later reinstated on April 26, 2024. The Respondent's license is active through April 30, 2025, subject to renewal.

2. The Respondent is a radiation therapist at a federal health care facility (the "Facility")¹ in Maryland. The Respondent began his employment at the Facility on July 1, 2020.

II. The Complaint

3. On April 4, 2024, the Board received a Radiation Therapist Reinstatement Application filed by the Respondent.

4. Question #9 on the application asked the Respondent to list the reasons for allowing his Maryland Radiation Therapist license to expire. The Respondent provided an attachment explaining that he did not receive a "renewal email" and that he "moved to a new address in April 2020" and that he did not "think that his address was updated in the system."

III. Board Investigation

5. After reviewing the Respondent's application, the Board initiated an investigation of the Respondent since his license expired on April 30, 2023.

¹ The names of facilities and individuals in this document are confidential.

6. As part of its investigation, the Board subpoenaed records; notified the Respondent of the Complaint and investigation; and requested a written response from the Respondent.

7. On June 7, 2024, the Respondent provided a response to the investigation admitting his oversight in allowing his license to expire. The Respondent stated that he became aware of the expiration on March 29, 2024 and “immediately called the ‘Board’, notified [his] supervisor, and stopped practicing at the clinic while [he] went through the reinstatement process.”

8. The Board’s investigation determined that between May 1, 2023 and April 25, 2024 the Respondent practiced as a radiation therapist without a license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Disciplinary Panel A concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent practiced as a radiation therapist without a license, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-5B-17(a).

ORDER

It is, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of Board Disciplinary Panel A, hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent shall pay a civil fine of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500)** payable within six (6) months to the Board. 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 pay the fine; and it is further

ORDERED that the effective date of the Consent Order is the date the Consent Order is signed by the Executive Director of the Board or her designee. The Executive

Director signs the Consent Order on behalf of the disciplinary panel which has imposed the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; 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).

09/30/2024
Date

Signature On File

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

CONSENT

I, **DRAMANE NIAMBELE, R.T.**, assert that I am aware of my right to consult with and be represented by counsel in considering this Consent Order and in any proceedings that would otherwise result from the charges currently pending. I have chosen to proceed without counsel and I acknowledge that the decision to proceed without counsel is freely and voluntarily made.

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.

Signature On File

09/23/22
Date

Dramane Niambele, R.T.

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY OF Prince Georges

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 23rd day of September, 2024, before me, a Notary Public of the foregoing State and City/County personally appear **DRAMANE NIAMBELE, R.T.**, and made an oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and notary seal.

Notary Public  

My commission expires: 12/07/2027