IN THE MATTER OF

\* BEFORE THE

**OLUFUNKE R. ANIFOWOSE,** 

MARYLAND STATE

(Unlicensed)

\* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

\* Case Number: 2225-0031

**CONSENT ORDER** 

On February 20, 2025, Disciplinary Panel B ("Panel B") of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") issued a notice to Olufunke R. Anifowose (the "Applicant"), notifying the Applicant of Panel B's intent to deny her application for a license to practice radiography, under the Maryland Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology and Radiology Assistance Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 14-5B-101 *et seq.*, and § 14-205 of the Health Occupations Article.

The notice of intent to deny was based upon the following provisions:

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

- (b) Additional powers....
  - (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 . . . 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.

§ 14-5B-09. Qualification for license.

- (a) In general. To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the requirements of this section:
- (b) Requirements. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the applicant shall:
  - (1) Be of good moral character[.]

## § 14-5B-14. Denial of license.

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- (a) In general. Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14-405 of this subtitle, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of a disciplinary panel, may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the licensee or applicant:
  - (3) Is guilty of unprofessional or immoral conduct in the practice of radiation therapy, radiography, nuclear medicine technology, or radiology assistance;
  - (10) Willfully makes or files a false report or record in the practice of radiation therapy, radiography, nuclear medicine technology, or radiology assistance; and/or
  - (17) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or is convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country or is disciplined by any branch of the United States uniformed services or the Veterans' Administration for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes[.]

On May 28, 2025, 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 makes the following factual findings:

### I. Prior Denials of Application for Licensure

- 1. On or about August 22, 2012, the Board received the Applicant's Application for Licensure: Radiographer (the "2012 Application").
  - 2. The Applicant answered "yes" to the following questions:
    - (a) Has your employment by any health care employer been affected by disciplinary actions including probation, suspension, loss of privileges, transfer to other duties or termination of employment or contract?
    - (b) Have you been charged with or convicted of any criminal act for which you pled nolo contendere, could receive, or did receive probation before judgement, or were sentenced to probation or confinement?
- 3. The Board's investigation revealed that in 2011, the Applicant, who was then certified by the Maryland Board of Nursing as a medication technician, had been terminated from her employment as a direct healthcare provider and was charged in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County with vulnerable adult physical injury, first degree assault, and abuse/neglect of a vulnerable adult/custodian.
- 4. In September 2012, the Applicant entered an Alford plea and was found guilty of abuse/neglect of a vulnerable adult/custodian. The Applicant was sentenced to 18 months incarceration, suspended, and 18 months of supervised probation.
- 5. On October 23, 2012, the Maryland Board of Nursing issued to the Applicant an Order of Reprimand.

- 6. On October 25, 2013, the Board of Physicians notified the Applicant of its intent to deny the 2012 Application. The Board of Physicians based its intent to deny the Applicant's application on the Applicant's failure to demonstrate good moral character and her being disciplined by a licensing authority for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-5B-09(b)(1) and Health Occ. § 14-5B-09(a)(17), respectively.
- 7. The Applicant waived her right to an evidentiary hearing to contest the Board of Physicians' notice of intent to deny her application.
- 8. By Final Order dated March 14, 2014, the Board of Physicians denied the Applicant's 2012 Application.
- 9. On November 5, 2014, the Maryland Board of Nursing took additional action against the Applicant's medical technician certificate and charged the Applicant with violating the Maryland Nurse Practice Act under the following disciplinary grounds:

# Health Occ. § 8-6A-10. Denial, suspension, or revocation of certification

- (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 8-317 of this title and § 8-6A-10.1 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a certificate or grant a certificate, including a certificate subject to a reprimand, probation, or suspension, to any applicant, reprimand any certificate holder, place any certificate holder on probation, or suspend or revoke the certificate of a certificate holder, if the applicant or certificate holder:
  - (3) Is disciplined by a...court in this State...for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes; to wit,

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- (4) Is convicted of or pleads guilty or *nolo contendere* to a felony or to a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or any proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside;
- (15) Has physically, verbally, psychologically abused, neglected or otherwise harmed a person under the applicant or certificate holder's care[.]
- (4) Is convicted of or pleads guilty or *nolo contendere* to a felony or to a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or any proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside;
- (26) After failing to renew a certificate, commits any act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section[.]
- 10. The Applicant failed to submit a request for an evidentiary hearing on the charges, thereby waiving her right to a hearing. On August 22, 2016, the Maryland Board of Nursing issued to the Applicant a Default Final Order of Revocation of Medication Technician Certificate.

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- 11. On or about December 4, 2019, the Maryland Board of Physicians received a second Application for Licensure: Radiographer (the "2019 Application") from the Applicant.
- 12. The Applicant answered "no" to Character and Fitness Questions (b) and (c) that inquire:
  - (b) Has a state licensing or disciplinary board (including Maryland), a comparable body in the armed services or the Veterans Administration, ever taken action against your license? Such actions include, but are not limited to, limitations of practice, required education admonishment or reprimand, suspension, probation or revocation?

- (c) Has any licensing or disciplinary board in any jurisdiction (including Maryland), a comparable body in the armed services or the Veterans Administration, ever filed any complaints or charges against you or investigated you for any reason?
- 13. In responding "no" to Character and Fitness Questions (b) and (c), the Respondent failed to report to the Board of Physicians that the Board of Nursing had revoked her Medication Technician Certificate in 2016.
- 14. On November 6, 2020, the Respondent entered into a Consent Order wherein the Board of Physicians concluded as a matter of law that the Applicant was guilty of unprofessional or immoral conduct in the practice of radiation therapy, radiography, nuclear medicine technology, or radiology assistance, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-5B-14(3); willfully makes or files a false report or record in the practice of radiation therapy, radiography, nuclear medicine technology, or radiology assistance in violation of Health Occ. § 14-5B-14(10); and that the Applicant was not of good moral character, as required by Health Occ. § 14-5B-09(b)(1) and denied the Applicant's 2019 Application.

### The Applicant's Current Application for Licensure

- 15. On April 22, 2024, the Applicant submitted a third Application for Licensure: Radiographer (the "2024 Application").
- 16. The Applicant answered "yes" to Character and Fitness Questions (a), (b), (c), and (g) that inquire:
  - (a) Has a state licensing or disciplinary board (including Maryland), a comparable body in the armed services of the Veterans Administration, ever denied your application for licensure, reinstatement, or renewal?

- (b) Has a state licensing or disciplinary board (including Maryland), a comparable body in the armed services or the Veterans Administration, ever taken action against your license? Such actions include, but are not limited to, limitations of practice, required education admonishment or reprimand, suspension, probation or revocation?
- (c) Has any licensing or disciplinary board in any jurisdiction (including Maryland), a comparable body in the armed services or the Veterans Administration, ever filed any complaints or charges against you or investigated you for any reason?...
- (g) Have you ever pleaded guilty or *nolo contendere* to any criminal charge, been convicted or a crime, or received probation before judgement because of a criminal charge.

## 17. The Applicant provided the following explanations:

Question 15(a)	"The State Board of Physicians denied my application for initial licensure for Radiography license."
Question 15(b)	"The Maryland Board of Nursing revoked my license as a Medical Technician."
Question 15(c)	"The State Board of Physicians investigated me."
Question 15(g)	"The Baltimore County Circuit Court, on September 20, 2012, I was put on an 18 month probation for the Neglect of a Vulnerable Adult."

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Panel B concludes as a matter of law that, pursuant to Health Occ. §§ 14-205(b)(3)(i) and 14-5B-14(a), it may deny the Applicant's license to practice radiography for reasons that are grounds for action under Health Occ. § 14-5B-14. Panel B concludes that the Applicant is guilty unprofessional conduct in the practice of radiography, in violation of

Health Occ. § 14-5B-14(a)(3); willfully made or filed of a false record or report in the practice of radiography, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-5B-14(a)(10); and was convicted by a court of any state for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-5B-14(a)(17). Panel B further concludes that the Applicant does not meet the good moral character requirement, under Health Occ. § 14-5B-09(b)(1).

### **ORDER**

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

**ORDERED** that Applicant Olufunke R. Anifowose's application for a license to practice radiography in Maryland, which was submitted to the Board, on April 22, 2024, is **DENIED**; 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 this Consent Order goes into effect on the date this Consent Order is signed by the Executive Director of the Board or her designee. The Executive Director or her designee signs this Consent Order on behalf of Panel B; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Consent Order is a public document.

Signature On File

Christine A. Farrelly

06/30/2025 Date

Executive Director

Maryland State Board of Physicians

#### CONSENT

I, Olufunke R. Anifowose, 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. 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 notice of intent to deny application. 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 this case. 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

6/24/25

Date

Olufunke R. Anifowose

# **NOTARY**

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