STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

In Re: Marina Becker DMD Lic. # 03448

Docket No.: 2022-DEN-015

MARGIN ORDER ON EMERGENCY LICENSE SUSPENSION – 12/05/22

I. CASE SUMMARY/PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

On 10/03/22, the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board") reviewed a Complaint and Memo to the Board from Enforcement regarding Marina Eugene Becker ("Licensee"), alleging unsanitary conditions, tools not sterilized, and unclean office conditions. The Board voted to conduct an unannounced inspection of licensee's office, Queen City Dental, 60 Rogers Street Unit 1A Manchester, New Hampshire. On October 14, 2022, Investigators Myra Nikitas and Eric Goulet performed an unannounced inspection at licensee's office. After receiving oral testimony from the Investigators regarding the lack of sanitary conditions including but not limited to lack of appropriate sterilization or metal implements, improper medication storage, expired medications, improper needle storage, improper disposal of biohazards, among other health and safety matters, the Board voted to suspend the Licensee's license on an emergency basis pursuant RSA 541-A:30(III), RSA 317-A:18-b, N.H. Code Admin. R., Title Den 207.04 ("Rule"), N.H. Code Admin. R., Title Plc 206.07 ("Plc"). A Hearing on the Emergency Suspension was conducted on October 28, 2022. After reviewing all the evidence and accounting for the presentation and demeanor of all the witnesses, the Board finds and concludes, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the Licensee still currently presents an "imminent danger to life or health", RSA 317-A:18-b, such that her license shall remain temporarily suspended. The facts are rather straightforward and largely uncontested—upon the filing of a complaint alleging sanitation and hygiene concerns in the Licensee's office, the Board ordered

an unannounced inspection that generally confirmed the concerns in the complaint. The Licensee then

hired an expert to inspect her office for cleanliness and hygiene-related issues as well and she also found

issues in the office that confirm some of the allegations in the complaint. While the Licensee is working

diligently to correct those issues, Ms. Packard opined that the Licensee's office is not currently ready to

open from a sanitation and hygiene standpoint. The facts presented by Ms. Nikitas confirms this opinion.

Based upon the foregoing, the Board affirms its emergency suspension and provides orders related thereto.

On or about November 9, 2022, Board Administrator Jessica Whelehan was informed that the licensee

had corrected any issues and was ready for an inspection. On November 29, 2022, Investigators Myra

Nikitas and Eric Goulet performed a reinspection of the licensee's office. The reinspection confirmed that

the office of Dr. Marina Becker is in full compliance with OSHA/CDC Guidelines. This Marginal Order

On Emergency Suspension Hearing follows.

II. **ORDER:**

Pursuant to RSA 317-A:18-b, and Rule Den 207.04, the Board hereby immediately lifts the

emergency suspension on Marina Becker's license as a Dentist.

DATED: 12/8/2022

/s/ Jessica M. Whelehan

Board Administrator

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