

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL
LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION**

BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

**In Re: Marina Eugene Becker, DMD
License # 03448**

**ORDER OF TEMPORARY LICENSE
SUSPENSION – 10/14/2022**

Docket No.: 2022-DEN-015

I. CASE SUMMARY/PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

On 06/17/22, the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, Division of Enforcement (“Enforcement”), acting on behalf of the Board of Dental Examiners (“Board”), received a complaint alleging Marina Becker (“Licensee”) was performing dental services in unsafe and unsanitary conditions at her Dental practice, Queen City Dental. On 10/03/22, the Board reviewed the complaint and voted to refer the case to Enforcement, requesting an unannounced inspection be performed, pursuant to RSA 317-A:18. On 10/14/22, Myra Nikitas, RGH, Dental Board Investigator, and Eric Goulet, Enforcement Investigative Paralegal performed an unannounced inspection of the Licensee’s dental practice. Upon inspection, Mrya Nikitas and Eric Goulet found a lack of sanitary conditions including but not limited to lack of appropriate sterilization of metal implements, improper medication storage including but not limited to expired

medication (1 year expired), improper needle storage, improper disposal of biohazards, among other health and safety matters. On 10/14/22, the Board held an emergency meeting at which it voted to suspend Licensee's license on a temporary basis pursuant to RSA 541-A:30(III), RSA 317-A:18-b. This Order of Temporary Suspension follows. Notice of Emergency Hearing shall be issued concurrently with this Order.

II. LEGAL STANDARD:

“In cases involving imminent danger to life or health, the board shall order a suspension of a license or privileged granted under this chapter pending a hearing for a period of no more than 60 days.” RSA 317-A:18-b.

III. EVIDENCE PRESENTED AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

A. Evidence Presented

The Board was presented with and/or considered the following evidence: a complaint dated 06/29/22, and the testimony of Myra Nikitas, RGH, Dental Board Investigator, and Eric Goulet, Enforcement Investigative Paralegal given 10/14/22. The Board also relied on its expertise in the field it regulates. A review of the evidence presented, and the reasonable inferences taken there from, allows the Board to find the following facts.

B. Findings of Fact

The Board hereby adopts and incorporates by reference into its findings of fact the complaint dated 06/29/22, and the testimony of Myra Nikitas, RGH, Dental Board Investigator,

and Eric Goulet, Enforcement Investigative Paralegal given on 10/14/22. Licensee's practice is an imminent danger to life or health due to the lack of sanitary conditions including but not limited to lack of appropriate sterilization of metal implements, improper medication storage including but not limited to expired medication (1 year expired), improper needle storage, improper disposal of biohazards, among other health and safety matters.

IV. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The Board concludes there is a reasonable basis to suspend the Licensee's New Hampshire license on a temporary basis pursuant to RSA 317-A:18-b pursuant to the evidence presented and findings of fact detailed in Section III of this Order.

V. ORDER:

Pursuant to RSA 541-A:30(III) and 317-A:18-b, the Board hereby orders the immediate temporary suspension of Marina Becker, DMD license as a Dentist, pending a follow up emergency hearing in this matter.

DATED: 10/14/2022

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