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¹ The statements regarding Panel A's investigative findings are intended to provide the Respondent with reasonable notice of the basis of the suspension. 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.

I. BACKGROUND

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was and is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. The Respondent initially was licensed to practice medicine in Maryland on June 20, 2007, under License Number D66302. The Respondent's license is current through September 30, 2025.

2. The Respondent was employed as an acute care surgeon at a health care facility (the "Facility")² located in Anne Arundel County, Maryland from November 1, 2014, until her termination on January 2, 2025.

3. On or about January 14, 2025, the Board opened an investigation into the Respondent after receiving a complaint from the Facility, reporting that the Respondent had exhibited impaired behavior while on duty and tested positive for an elevated blood alcohol level on November 29, 2024.

II. BOARD INVESTIGATION

4. As part of its investigation, the Board obtained medical records, administrative documents, and emergency department records from the Facility. The Board also interviewed the Respondent and several individuals associated with the incident.

5. The Facility's records confirm that Respondent admitted to consuming alcohol while on duty. The Respondent began her shift on or about November 29, 2024, at 7:00 a.m., and at approximately 11:00 a.m., she retrieved wine from her vehicle,

² 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.

poured a substantial amount into a thermos, and brought it into the hospital. She drank from the thermos throughout the remainder of her shift until 7:00 p.m., when a colleague arriving for the night shift found her visibly intoxicated. The colleague described her as confused, slow to respond to questions, struggling to log into the hospital's computer system, and having difficulty putting on her shoes.

6. The Respondent was escorted to the Facility's Emergency Department for an evaluation. Her blood alcohol concentration was recorded at 0.387%. Emergency Department records indicate that Respondent was not safe to be discharged until after alcohol metabolization and psychiatric evaluation.

7. On or about November 30, 2024, the Respondent was relieved of all duties pending further investigation by the Facility.

8. During a Board interview on February 20, 2025, the Respondent acknowledged that she had been impaired by alcohol while on duty on November 29, 2024. She confirmed the essential details of her conduct that day, including her consumption of alcohol during her shift and the resulting elevated blood alcohol level documented in the Emergency Department.

CONCLUSIONS 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, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2024 Supp.) and Md. Code Regs. ("COMAR") 10.32.02.08B(7).

ORDER

It is, by a majority of the quorum of Panel A, hereby:

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested in Panel A by Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) and COMAR10.32.02.08B(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 10.32.02.05B(7) and E, a post deprivation hearing on the summary suspension will be held on **Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 10:30 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 at the conclusion of the post-deprivation 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 this Order for Summary Suspension shall be filed by Panel A in accordance with Health Occ. § 14-407 (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2023 Supp.); and it is further

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

03/26/2025
Date

Signature On File

Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians