IN THE MATTER OF

* BEFORE THE MARYLAND

NICOLE LYNN CHAVIS

* STATE BOARD

RESPONDENT

* OF PHYSICIANS

LICENSE NO.: Z0000165

* CASE NO.: 2226-0038

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CONSENT ORDER

Based on an investigation conducted by the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board"), Disciplinary Panel B of the Board has grounds to charge **NICOLE LYNN CHAVIS** (the "Respondent"), License Number **Z0000165**, with violating the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations ("Health Occ.") §§ 14-5C *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2024 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, Order, and Consent.

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

§14–5C–17. Denial, suspension or revocation of licensee

- (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14–405 of this title, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the 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 applicant or licensee:
 - (1) Fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a license for the applicant, licensee, or for another[.]

FINDINGS OF FACT

Disciplinary Panel B makes the following Findings of Fact:

- 1. The Respondent was licensed to practice as a Polysomnographic Technologist in Maryland on October 1, 2013. The Respondent's license is active through May 30, 2027, subject to renewal.
- 2. On or about July 10, 2025, the Respondent filed an Allied Health Application for Initial License: Respiratory Care Practitioner (the "Application").
- 3. The Application contained a series of character and fitness questions, to which the Respondent was required to answer "YES" or "NO." The Respondent responded "YES" to the following character and fitness questions:

Have you ever committed an offense involving alcohol or controlled dangerous substances to which you plead guilty or nolo contendere (no contest), regardless of whether adjudication was withheld, or for which you were convicted or received probation before judgment? Such offenses include, but are not limited to, driving while under the influence of alcohol or controlled dangerous substances.

- 4. The Respondent reported a May 2023 charge of driving while impaired ("2023 DWI"), in which she completed a "6-month outpatient alcohol education program, bi-weekly urinalysis testing, and a Victim Impact Panel." She "also had an interlock device installed in [her] vehicle for 6 months."
- 5. A Criminal History Records Check ("CHRC") revealed an additional 2020 conviction for driving while impaired ("2020 DWI") that the Respondent failed to report on the Application.

- 6. The Board discovered that the Respondent failed to disclose this 2020 DWI conviction in her 2021, 2023, and 2025 Polysomnography Technologist renewal applications.
- 7. Additionally, the Board discovered that the Respondent failed to report the 2023 DWI conviction in her 2023 and 2025 Polysomnography Technologist renewal applications.
- 8. On July 24, 2025, the Board requested additional information from the Respondent regarding the discrepancies between her Application, her Polysomnography Technologist renewal applications, and the information noted on her CHRC.
- 9. On or about July 25, 2025, the Respondent provided a written response regarding the discrepancies and stated that she did not report the 2020 DWI offense as she "believed that a Probation before Judgement was not considered a conviction and therefore did not require disclosure." The Respondent also stated that "at the time of [her] 2023 renewal, the [2023 DWI] case was still pending, and [she] believed [she] was only required to report finalized convictions or court dispositions."
- 10. On October 21, 2025, the Respondent entered into a Consent Order wherein the Board concluded as a matter of law that the Respondent was deceptive in failing to report the 2020 driving offense on her Application of Initial Licensure to practice as a Respiratory Care Practitioner. The Board granted the Respiratory Care Practitioner license with a Reprimand.¹

11. The Board's investigation determined that the Respondent was deceptive in failing to report prior DWI's on her Polysomnography Technologist renewal applications in 2021, 2023 and 2025.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Panel B concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent is guilty of deceptively obtaining a license to practice polysomnography in Maryland in violation of Health Occ. § 14–5C–17(a)(1).

ORDER

It is thus by a majority of a quorum of Disciplinary Panel B of the Board hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent is **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order is a public document. *See* Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-5C-18.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6).

11 25 2025 Date Signature on file

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

¹ The Respondent was licensed to practice as a Respiratory Care Practitioner in Maryland, license number L0008304, on October 21, 2025. The Respondent's license is active through May 30, 2026, subject to renewal.

CONSENT

I, NICOLE LYNN CHAVIS 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 acknowledge that I have consulted with counsel before signing this document.

By this Consent, I agree to be bound by this Consent Order and understand that the disciplinary panel will not entertain any request for amendments or modifications.

I assert that I am aware of my right to a formal evidentiary hearing, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 14-405 and 14-5C-17(d)(1) 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 its 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 the Consent Order as a resolution of the investigation. 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.

11-17-25 Date Signature on file

Nicole Lynn Chavis (Printed Name)

Signature on file

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND CITY/COUNTY OF	
I HEREBY CERTIFY that o	n this day of November
2025, before me, a Notary Public of the foregoing State and City/County personally	
appeared	, NICOLE LYNN CHAVIS, and made an
oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act	
and deed.	
AS WITNESSETH my hand and	notary seal.
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