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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY	:	ORDER DENYING
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	REINSTATEMENT
	:	OF FULL LICENSURE
ROBERT B. PULTZ, D.D.S.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER LS 0701312 DEN

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TO: Robert B. Pultz, D.D.S.  
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Niagra, WI 54151

Department Monitor  
Division of Enforcement  
1400 East Washington Avenue  
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

The Dentistry Examining Board considered this matter at its meeting on March 7, 2012.

BACKGROUND

On January 31, 2007, for the reasons stated in the Final Decision and Order of the same date, the Dentistry Examining Board suspended Robert B. Pultz's dentistry license, number 3804-15, for an indefinite period. The Board's Order provided for a stay of the suspension upon receipt of Dr. Pultz's petition for a stay and proof deemed sufficient by the Board that he was in compliance with the terms of Sections C and D of the Order, and that his Treater believed Dr. Pultz could safely practice dentistry under the Order's restrictions.

On or about January 29, 2007, Dr. Pultz submitted a letter requesting an initial stay of his suspension. On May 2, 2007, the Board granted an initial stay of Dr. Pultz's suspension retroactive to January 31, 2007. The grant of the initial stay was based on the prosecutor's oral representations at the January 31, 2007 Board meeting that Dr. Pultz was in substantial, if not technically complete, compliance with the proposed Order, and that not granting a stay would unduly disrupt patient care under the circumstances. The grant of the initial stay was also based on the Board's inadvertent oversight in granting an initial stay at the Board's meeting on January 31, 2007.

On July 7, 2008, the Board granted the petition from Dr. Pultz to reduce his drug screening frequency. The Board reduced the frequency to 72 times per year and reduced the therapy sessions to twice per month.

On April 16, 2010, the Board granted a second reduction of the frequency of Dr. Pultz's drug screens to 28 times per year, and ordered that he submit to annual hair tests for the remainder of the time the Order dated January 31, 2007 is in effect.

On December 8, 2011, Dr. Pultz submitted a letter petitioning the Board for a full reinstatement of his license. The Board reviewed Dr. Pultz's petition at its March 7, 2012 meeting, and based upon the record presented, makes the following:

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Department Monitor has not received any reports from the Dr. Pultz's Professional Mentor, pursuant to the terms of Section C.20 through C.21 of the Final Decision and Order dated January 31, 2007.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Dr. Pultz has complied with the treatment and sobriety requirements set forth in the Final Decision and Order dated January 31, 2007.

2. Dr. Pultz has not provided evidence of his compliance with Sections C.20 and C.21 of the Final Decision and Order dated January 31, 2007, which pertain to the professional mentoring requirements. The Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 447.07(3)(a) and Wis. Admin. Code § DE 5.02(17).

### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the petition to remove all limitations placed on Robert B. Pultz's dentistry license, number 3804-15, in the Final Decision and Order dated January 31, 2007 is hereby DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the drug and alcohol screening requirements of the Final Decision and Order dated January 31, 2007 are hereby TERMINATED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Pultz shall comply with all practice limitations under Items C.19 – C.20 and C.23 – C.28 of the Final Decision and Order dated January 31, 2007. Dr. Pultz shall arrange for his Professional Mentor to provide formal written reports assessing Dr. Pultz's work performance to the Department Monitor on a monthly basis for three (3) consecutive months, using the address listed above. The Professional Mentor shall immediately report to the Department Monitor any conduct or condition of Dr. Pultz that may constitute unprofessional conduct, a violation of this Order, or a danger to the public or patient.

The Board will not consider a request for full licensure until such time as full compliance with this Order has been achieved.

This order is effective on the date signed below.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

By: BA Mattsson  
for Lyndsay Knoell  
Chairperson

3-26-12  
Date