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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR	:	
A MEDICAL LICENSE	:	ORDER GRANTING
	:	LIMITED LICENSE
STEPHEN POLANSKI,	:	
APPLICANT.	:	ORDER 0008660

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Stephen Polanski
Palmyra, PA 17078

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
P.O. Box 8366
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Policy Development
Department of Safety and Professional Services
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The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Stephen Polanski, (Applicant) filed an application for a Wisconsin license to practice medicine and surgery (#IA-0000026112).
2. Applicant's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is located in Palmyra, Pennsylvania 17078.
3. Information received in the application process indicates that the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine (PA Board) required the Applicant to undergo a Fitness to Practice evaluation on or about May 17, 2018. The results of the evaluation were that the Applicant was diagnosed with depression, anxiety, and alcohol abuse, and the opinion of the evaluator was that the Applicant was not safe to practice medicine unless under monitored.

4. Information received in the application process indicates that, on or about May 6, 2019, the Applicant's license to practice medicine in the state of Pennsylvania was summarily suspended following a disclosure that the Applicant had suffered an "acute exacerbation of his psychiatric illness which required him to be placed on leave from his residency program."

5. Information received in the application process indicates that the Applicant's license to practice medicine has since been fully reinstated in Pennsylvania and that the Applicant has completed treatment and monitoring as ordered by the PA Board.

6. The Board determined that limitations on the Applicant's license are the least restrictive action available to the Board to adequately protect the public health and safety.

7. In resolution of this matter, Applicant consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 448.02 and may deny an application for licensure pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.06(2), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Applicant Stephen Polanski engaged in unprofessional conduct pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(2)(a) by practicing or attempting to practice under any license when unable or unwilling to do so with reasonable skill and safety.

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Applicant Stephen Polanski engaged in unprofessional conduct pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(3)(c) by having any credential pertaining to the practice of medicine and surgery or any act constituting the practice of medicine and surgery become subject to adverse determination by any agency of this or another state, or by any federal agency or authority.

4. As a result of the above conduct, Dr. Stephen Polanski is subject to limitations on his license pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.06(1m) and (2). The Board has determined that these limitations are the least restrictive options available to the Board to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Applicant's application for a license to practice medicine and surgery is granted subject to the following limitations.

3. The applicant's ability to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin, and his privilege to practice in Wisconsin is LIMITED for a period of at least one (1) year from the date of this Order.

- a. Beginning on the effective date of this Order, it is Applicant's responsibility to arrange for quarterly written reports to be submitted to the Department Monitor from his supervisor or employer at each setting in which Applicant practiced in the previous quarter. These reports shall be submitted as directed by the Department Monitor and shall assess Applicant's work performance. If a report indicates poor performance, the Board may institute additional limitations on Applicant's license, or may suspend Applicant's license(s), in its discretion.

4. Applicant may petition the Board on an annual basis for modification of the terms of this Order, however no such petition shall occur until Applicant has demonstrated one (1) year of continuous and successful compliance. After one (1) year of continuous and successful compliance, including the timely submission of work reports, the Applicant may petition the Board for full licensure. The Board may grant or deny any petition, in its discretion, or may modify this Order as it sees fit.

5. Any requests, petitions, reports and other information required by this Order shall be mailed, e-mailed, faxed or delivered to:

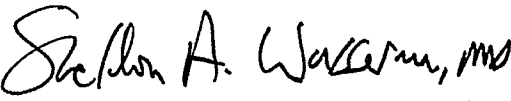
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6. In the event Applicant violates any term of this Order, Applicant's license, or Applicant's right to renew his license, may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing. The Board or its designee may terminate the suspension if provided with sufficient information that Applicant is in compliance with the Order and that it is appropriate for the suspension to be terminated. Whether to terminate the suspension shall be wholly in the discretion of the Board or its designee. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

7. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By: 
A Member of the Board

7/27/2023

Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR :
A MEDICAL LICENSE :

STEPHEN POLANSKI, :
APPLICANT. :

STIPULATION

ORDER 0008660

It is stipulated between the Applicant and the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board) as follows:

1. The Applicant has filed an application for a license to practice medicine and surgery.
2. Information received by the Board reflects a basis for denial of licensure.
3. Based upon the information of record, the Board agrees to issue, and the Applicant agrees to accept, an Order granting a license to practice medicine and surgery, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Order adopting the Stipulation.
4. Applicant understands that by signing this Stipulation, Applicant voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:
 - the right to request a hearing related to the denial of the application;
 - the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Applicant;
 - the right to call witnesses on Applicant's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
 - the right to testify on Applicant's own behalf;
 - the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
 - the right to petition for rehearing; and
 - all other applicable rights afforded to the Applicant under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
5. Applicant is aware of Applicant's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. The Applicant is represented by Attorney Mario Mendoza.
6. Applicant agrees to the adoption of the attached Order Granting Limited License by the Board. The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Order Granting Limited License without further notice, appearance, or consent of the parties.

7. Applicant waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's Order, as adopted in the form as attached.

8. Applicant is informed that the Order Granting Limited License is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard procedure.



Stephen Polanski, Applicant
Palmyra, PA 17078

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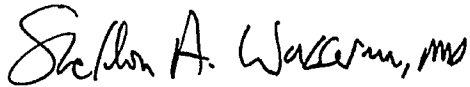
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