BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
IN THE MATTER OF:
MICHAEL EDWIN JONES., D.D.S.

ORDER

(License Number 6834)

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THIS MATTER is before the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners (the "Board") as authorized by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-41.1(b) for consideration of a Consent Order in lieu of formal administrative hearing. Respondent, Michael Edwin Jones D.D.S. ("Respondent") submitted a request that the Board terminate his probationary status based on his compliance with a Consent Order entered September 14, 2015. The Investigative Panel (the "IP") consents to the request. The parties freely and voluntarily consent to the following:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Board is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding pursuant to the authority granted to it in Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes, including the Dental Practice Act in Article 2 and the rules and regulations of the Board set forth in 21 North Carolina Administrative Code Chapter 16.
  - 2. The Respondent was licensed to practice dentistry in North Carolina on June 25, 1988 and held license number 6834 at all times relevant hereto.
- 3. Respondent is subject to the Dental Practice Act and the rules promulgated thereunder.
  - 4. The Respondent is also licensed to practice dentistry in the State of Illinois.

- 5. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent resided and worked in the State of Illinois.
- 6. On March 25, 2014, the Respondent entered into a Consent Order (hereafter, March 2014 Consent Order) with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, whereby his Illinois dental license and controlled substance dispenser/prescriber licenses were suspended indefinitely.
- 7. Pursuant to the March 2014 Consent Order, the Respondent was required to follow all recommendations and requirements of all substance abuse treatment programs in which he was then participating and of those in which he will participate in the future.
- 8. Petitioner presented evidence to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation that he fulfilled all of the terms and conditions of the previous Consent Order as related to his license to practice dentistry and that he continues to meet the requirements set forth thereunder and under the Dental Practice Act. Petitioner has presented proof of successful completion of a chemical dependence treatment program and has demonstrated compliance with all aftercare recommendations.
- 9. Based on proof of compliance by the Respondent, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation restored Respondent's Illinois license to an unencumbered status on July 30, 2015
- 10. On May 16, 2019, Respondent successfully completed his participation with the Illinois Health Professionals Program (IPHP) on May 16, 2019.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and over the person of Respondent.
- 2. The Respondent has demonstrated that the probationary terms and conditions are no longer necessary for Respondent to safely practice dentistry in North Carolina or to protect the public.

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and with the consent of the parties hereto, it is ORDERED as follows:

## **ORDER OF DISCIPLINE**

1. The probationary terms and conditions of the 2015 Consent Order are hereby terminated. Respondent's dental license number 6834 is no longer subject to probationary status and is transferred to good standing without restrictions.

This the al ST day of DCTOBER 2024,

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

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