

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION
BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
MARK E. BELT, MD
License No. MMD.22374**

OIE # 2011-71

Respondent.

ORDER

This matter is before the State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") pursuant to the petition of the above named licensee/respondent ("Petitioner" or "Respondent") received April 11, 2013 for release from restrictions imposed by the Board's July 29, 2011 Interim Order of Reinstatement and pursuant to the Notice of Hearing sent to Respondent on July 13, 2013 to consider Respondent's Memorandum of Agreement and Stipulations dated January 20, 2012 ("MOA"). At its meeting on August 5, 2013, the Board considered this request with a quorum present. Petitioner appeared without counsel and offered testimony in support of the petition. The State was represented by Suzanne Hawkins, Assistant General Counsel. After consideration, the Board voted to deny Petitioner's request and to request the State to proceed with the process for issuance of a Formal Complaint.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner is licensed as a physician in South Carolina, with license number MMD.22374, which license was first issued on June 12, 2001
2. On June 15, 2011, the Board temporarily suspended Respondent's license for failing to comply with the Board's private order dated March 29, 2011.
3. Respondent subsequently promptly complied with the Board's March 29, 2011 Order.
4. On July 29, 2011, the Board issued its Interim Order of Reinstatement, a public document, reinstating Respondent's license to practice medicine, and requiring among other things that Respondent not work more than five or six continuous days without one or two days of complete rest and that Respondent continue with family therapy.
5. By order dated March 15, 2012, the Board did not accept the MOA and requested the matter be referred to the Medical Disciplinary Panel for a hearing, which hearing has not yet occurred because no Formal Complaint has yet been issued.
6. Respondent has requested to be released from the restrictions imposed by the Interim Order of Reinstatement.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

In a hearing for reconsideration or modification of an order, the burden of proof is on the Petitioner to provide new or additional evidence that a release from the previous judgment by the Board is appropriate. Petitioner has not met that burden of proof.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's request for modification of or release from the conditions of the Board's July 29, 2011, Interim Order of Reinstatement is DENIED.
2. The Board requests the State to pursue the process of the issuing a Formal Complaint with respect to the matters addressed in the MOA.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: *Louis E. Costa II DMD, MD*

LOUIS E. COSTA, II, D.M.D., M.D.
President of the Board

Date: October 8, 2013