

**IN AND BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, *ex rel.*)
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD)
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE)
AND SUPERVISION,)
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Plaintiff,)
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vs.)
)
ERIC JOSEPH PIPPI, P.A.,)
LICENSE NO. PA 2468,)
)
Defendant.)

Case No. 20-04-5896

**ORDER ACCEPTING
VOLUNTARY SUBMITTAL TO JURISDICTION**

The State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision (“Board”), by and through the undersigned counsel for the Plaintiff, as represented by the Secretary of the Board, Billy H. Stout, M.D., and the Executive Director of the Board, Lyle Kelsey, along with Eric Joseph Pippi, P.A. (“Defendant”), Oklahoma Physician Assistant License no. 2468, who appears in person, (collectively, the “Parties”), and offer this Order Accepting Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction (herein, “Order” or “Agreement”) for acceptance by the Board. Okla. Admin. Code § 435:5-1-5.1.

By voluntarily submitting to jurisdiction and entering into this Order, Defendant admits to the allegations herein contained and further acknowledges that a hearing before the Board could result in some sanction under the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act (“Act”). 59 O.S. § 480, *et seq.*

Defendant, Eric Joseph Pippi, P.A., states that he is of sound mind and is not under the influence of, or impaired by, any medication or drug and that he fully recognizes his right to appear before the Board for an evidentiary hearing on the allegations made against him. Defendant hereby voluntarily waives his right to a full hearing, submits to the jurisdiction of the Board and agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of this Order. Defendant acknowledges that he has read and understands the terms and conditions stated herein, and that this Agreement may be reviewed and discussed with him by legal counsel prior to execution.

If the Board does not accept this Order, the Parties stipulate that it shall be regarded as null and void. Admissions by Defendant herein, if any, shall not be regarded as evidence against him in a subsequent disciplinary hearing. Defendant will be free to defend himself and no inferences will be made from his willingness to have this Order accepted by the Board. The Parties stipulate that neither the presentation of this Order nor the Board’s consideration of this

Order shall be deemed to have unfairly or illegally prejudiced the Board or its individual members and, therefore, shall not be grounds for precluding the Board nor any individual Board member from further participation in proceedings related to the matters set forth herein.

Findings of Fact

1. Defendant was required to complete twenty (20) hours of continuing education by December 31, 2018. Defendant failed to complete the required twenty (20) hours and, therefore, was then required to complete a total of forty (40) hours of continuing education no later than December 31, 2019.

2. Defendant failed to complete the forty (40) hours by December 31, 2019.

Conclusions of Law

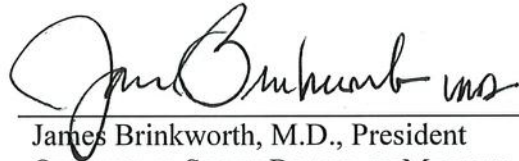
1. This Board is the duly authorized State agency empowered to license and oversee the activities of physician assistants in the State of Oklahoma pursuant to the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act, 59 O.S. 2011 & Supp. 2013, §§ 480-518.1.
2. Notice was given as required by law and the rules of the Board. 59 O.S. 2011, § 504 and Okla. Admin. Code §§ 435:3-3-5, 435:3-3-6.
3. The Board is authorized to suspend, revoke or order any other appropriate sanctions against the license of any Physician Assistant holding a license to practice in the State of Oklahoma for unprofessional conduct. 59 O.S. 519.1 et seq. Okla. Admin. Code § 435:15-5-11 and 59 O.S. § 503 and 509.1(F). This authority is quasi-judicial 59 O.S. § 513(A)(1).
4. Based on the foregoing, Defendant is guilty of unprofessional conduct as follows:
 - a. Licenses issued to the physician assistants shall be renewed annually on a date determined by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. Each application for renewal shall document that the physician assistant has earned at least twenty (20) hours of continuing medical education during the preceding calendar year in violation of Title 59 § 519.8 (A); and
 - b. Any applicant for renewal who does not meet the requirements for continuing education by December 31 of the previous calendar year may not renew until deficient hours are obtained and verified. Additionally, within the next calendar year the licensee will be required to obtain forty (40) hours of Category 1 CME. Failure to meet those additional requirements will result in further disciplinary action, in violation of Okla. Admin. Code § 435:15-3-17(d).

Orders

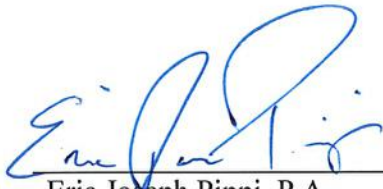
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision as follows:

1. The Board hereby adopts the Agreement of the Parties in this Order Accepting Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction, including the findings of fact and conclusions of law stated herein.
2. **ERIC JOSEPH PIPPI, P.A.**, agrees and understands that he is formally reprimanded and understands that such reprimand will be reported to the National Practitioners Data Bank.
3. **ERIC JOSEPH PIPPI, P.A.**, agrees and understands that he is fined \$2,500.00 (five hundred dollars) which is to be paid within (6) six months of the date of this order.
4. Promptly upon receipt of an invoice, Defendant shall pay all costs of this action authorized by law, including without limitation, legal fees, investigation costs, staff time, salary and travel expenses, witness fees and attorney's fees.
5. A copy of this Order shall be provided to Defendant as soon as it is processed.

Dated this ^{11th} 26th day of Feb ^{MARCH}, 2021.



James Brinkworth, M.D., President
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL
LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION



Eric Joseph Pippi, P.A.
License No. 2468
Defendant



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Subscribed and sworn to before me on Feb 26, 2021, by Eric Joseph Pippi
Defendant above named.

My Commission Expires: 3/22/2023
Commission # 1135953

Lisa M Sadler
Notary Public

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal
Lisa M. Sadler, Notary Public
Allegheny County
My commission expires March 22, 2023
Commission number 1135953