

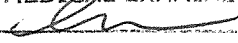
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1 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**
2 **OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

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5 **In the Matter of Charges and**
6 **Complaint Against**
7 **Aris Q. Urbanes, M.D.,**
8 **Respondent.**

Case No. 17-31126-1

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10 **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

11 The Investigative Committee (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners
12 (Board), by and through Robert Kilroy, Esq., General Counsel for the Board and attorney for the
13 IC, and Aris Q. Urbanes, M.D. (Respondent), a previously licensed physician in Nevada, by and
14 through his attorney, Hal Taylor, Esq., hereby enter into this Settlement Agreement (Agreement)
15 based on the following:¹

16 **A. Background**

17 1. Respondent was a physician licensed by the Board, pursuant to Chapter 630 of the Nevada
18 Revised Statutes (NRS) and Chapter 630 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) (collectively, the
19 Medical Practice Act), to practice medicine in Nevada since February 14, 2006 (License No. 11757).

20 2. On March 21, 2017, in Case No. 17-31126-1, the IC filed a formal Complaint (Complaint)
21 charging Respondent with violating the Medical Practice Act. Specifically, this Complaint alleges one
22 (1) violation of NRS 630.301(3) (disciplinary action by another state licensing board), and one (1)
23 count of violation of NRS 306(1)(k)(failure to report disciplinary action by another state licensing
24 board).

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26 ¹ All agreements and admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter
27 and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and
28 Respondent. Therefore, Respondent's agreements and admissions are not intended or made for
any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government regulatory agency
proceeding, state or federal civil or criminal proceeding, any state or federal court proceeding, or
any credentialing or privileges matter.

1 3. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in
2 NRS 630.352.

3 4. Respondent was properly served with a copy of this Complaint, has reviewed and
4 understands this Complaint, and has had the opportunity to consult with competent counsel
5 concerning the nature and significance of this Complaint.

6 5. Respondent is hereby advised of his rights regarding this administrative matter, and of his
7 opportunity to defend against the allegations in the Complaint. Specifically, Respondent has certain
8 rights in this administrative matter as set out by the United States Constitution, the Nevada
9 Constitution, the Medical Practice Act, the Nevada Open Meeting Law (OML), which is contained in
10 NRS Chapter 241, and the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act (APA), which is contained in NRS
11 Chapter 233B. These rights include the right to a formal hearing on the allegations in the Complaint,
12 the right to representation by counsel, at his own expense, in the preparation and presentation of his
13 defense, the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses and evidence against him, the right to
14 written findings of fact, conclusions of law and order reflecting the final decision of the Board, and the
15 right to judicial review of the Board's order, if the decision is adverse to him.

16 6. Respondent understands that, under the Board's charge to protect the public by regulating
17 the practice of medicine, the Board may take disciplinary action against Respondent's license,
18 including license probation, license suspension, license revocation and imposition of
19 administrative fines, as well as any other reasonable requirement or limitation, if the Board
20 concludes that Respondent violated one or more provisions of the Medical Practice Act.

21 7. Respondent understands and agrees that this Agreement, by and between Respondent and
22 the IC, is not with the Board, and that the IC will present this Agreement to the Board for
23 consideration in open session at a duly noticed and scheduled meeting. Respondent understands
24 that the IC shall advocate for the Board's approval of this Agreement, but that the Board has the
25 right to decide in its own discretion whether or not to approve this Agreement. Respondent
26 further understands and agrees that if the Board approves this Agreement, then the terms and
27 conditions enumerated below shall be binding and enforceable upon him and the Board.

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1 **B. Terms & Conditions**

2 **NOW, THEREFORE**, in order to resolve the matters addressed herein, i.e., the matters
3 with regard to the Complaint, Respondent and the IC hereby agree to the following terms and
4 conditions:

5 1. **Jurisdiction.** Respondent is, and at all times relevant to the Complaint has been, a
6 physician licensed to practice medicine in Nevada subject to the jurisdiction of the Board as set
7 forth in the Medical Practice Act.

8 2. **Representation by Counsel/Knowing, Willing and Intelligent Agreement.**
9 Respondent acknowledges he is represented by counsel, and wishes to resolve the matters
10 addressed herein with said counsel. Respondent agrees that if representation by counsel in this
11 matter materially changes prior to entering into this Agreement and for the duration of this
12 Agreement, that counsel for the IC will be timely notified of the material change. Respondent
13 agrees that he knowingly, willingly and intelligently enters into this Agreement with the advice of
14 legal counsel.

15 3. **Waiver of Rights.** In connection with this Agreement, and the associated terms
16 and conditions, Respondent knowingly, willingly and intelligently waives all rights in connection
17 with this administrative matter. Respondent hereby knowingly, willingly and intelligently waives
18 all rights arising under the United States Constitution, the Nevada Constitution, the Medical
19 Practice Act, the OML, the APA, and any other legal rights that may be available to him or that
20 may apply to him in connection with the administrative proceedings resulting from the Complaint
21 filed in this matter, including defense of the Complaint, adjudication of the allegations set forth in
22 the Complaint, and imposition of any disciplinary actions or sanctions ordered by the Board.
23 Respondent agrees to settle and resolve the allegations of the Complaint as set out by this
24 Agreement, without a hearing or any further proceedings and without the right to judicial review.

25 4. **Acknowledgement of Reasonable Basis to Proceed.** Respondent acknowledges
26 that the IC believes it has a reasonable basis to allege that Respondent engaged in conduct that is
27 grounds for discipline pursuant to the Medical Practice Act. The Board acknowledges Respondent
28 is not admitting that the Board's claims/counts as alleged in the Complaint have merit and

1 Respondent is agreeing to resolve this matter to avoid the costs of hearing and potential
2 subsequent litigation. Respondent asserts if this matter were to proceed to hearing, he has
3 evidence, witnesses, expert witness(es) and defenses to the counts/claims alleged in the
4 Complaint, but for the purposes of resolving the matter and for no other purpose, Respondent
5 waives the presentation of evidence, witnesses, expert witnesses, and defenses in order to
6 effectuate this Agreement.

7 **5. Consent to Entry of Order.** In order to resolve this Complaint pending against Respondent
8 without incurring any further costs or the expense associated with a hearing, and without admitting
9 that the Board’s claims have merit, Respondent hereby agrees as follows:

10 a. Respondent will pay the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and
11 prosecution of the above-referenced matter within ninety (90) days of the Board’s
12 acceptance, adoption and approval of this Agreement, the current amount being
13 \$784.58, not including any costs that may be necessary to finalize this Agreement.

14 b. The Complaint shall be dismissed in its entirety with prejudice.

15 **6. Release From Liability.** In execution of this Agreement, Respondent understands and
16 agrees that the State of Nevada, the Board, and each of its members, staff, counsel, investigators,
17 experts, peer reviewers, committees, panels, hearing officers, consultants and agents are immune
18 from civil liability for any decision or action taken in good faith in response to information
19 acquired by the Board. NRS 630.364(2)(a). Respondent agrees to release the State of Nevada, the
20 Board, and each of its members, staff, counsel, investigators, experts, peer reviewers, committees,
21 panels, hearing officers, consultants and agents from any and all manner of actions, causes of
22 action, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, known and unknown,
23 in law or equity, that Respondent ever had, now has, may have or claim to have, against any or all
24 of the persons, government agencies or entities named in this paragraph arising out of, or by
25 reason of, this investigation, this Agreement or the administration of the case referenced herein.

26 **7. Procedure for Adoption of Agreement.** The IC and counsel for the IC shall
27 recommend approval and adoption of the terms and conditions of this Agreement by the Board in
28 resolution of this Complaint. In the course of seeking Board acceptance, approval and adoption of

1 this Agreement, counsel for the IC may communicate directly with the Board staff and the
2 adjudicating members of the Board.

3 Respondent acknowledges that such contacts and communications may be made or
4 conducted ex parte, without notice or opportunity to be heard on his part until the public Board
5 meeting where this Agreement is discussed, and that such contacts and communications may
6 include, but may not be limited to, matters concerning this Agreement, the Complaint and any and
7 all information of every nature whatsoever related to this matter. The IC and its counsel agree that
8 Respondent may appear at the Board meeting where this Agreement is discussed and, if requested,
9 respond to any questions that may be addressed to the IC or the IC's counsel.

10 **8. Effect of Acceptance of Agreement by Board.** In the event the Board accepts,
11 approves and adopts this Agreement, the Board shall issue a final order, making this Agreement
12 an order of the Board, and, pending full compliance with the terms herein, the case shall be closed
13 and the Complaint shall be dismissed with prejudice.

14 **9. Effect of Rejection of Agreement by Board.** In the event the Board does not
15 accept, approve and adopt this Agreement, this Agreement shall be null, void and of no force and
16 effect except as to the following agreement regarding adjudications: (1) Respondent agrees that,
17 notwithstanding rejection of this Agreement by the Board, nothing contained in this Agreement
18 and nothing that occurs pursuant to efforts of the IC to seek the Board's acceptance of this
19 Agreement shall disqualify any member of the adjudicating panel of the Board from considering
20 this Complaint and from participating in disciplinary proceedings against Respondent, including
21 adjudication of this case; and (2) Respondent further agrees that he shall not seek to disqualify any
22 such member absent evidence of bad faith.

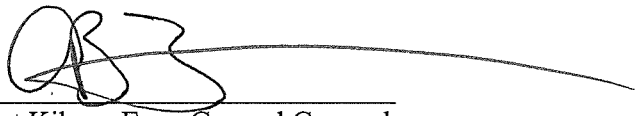
23 **10. Binding Effect.** If approved by the Board, Respondent understands that this
24 Agreement is a binding and enforceable contract upon Respondent and the Board.

25 **11. Forum Selection Clause.** The parties agree that in the event either party is
26 required to seek enforcement of this Agreement in district court, the parties consent to such
27 jurisdiction and agree that exclusive jurisdiction shall be in the Second Judicial District Court,
28 State of Nevada, Washoe County.


1 **12. Attorneys' Fees and Costs.** The parties agree that in the event an action is
2 commenced in district court to enforce any provision of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall
3 be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

4 **13. Failure to Comply with Terms.** Should Respondent fail to comply with any term
5 or condition of this Agreement once the Agreement has been accepted, approved and adopted by
6 the Board, the IC shall be authorized to immediately suspend Respondent's license to practice
7 medicine in Nevada pending an Order To Show Cause Hearing, which will be duly noticed.
8 Failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement, including failure to pay any fines, costs,
9 expenses or fees owed to the Board, is a failure to comply with an order of the Board, which may
10 result in additional disciplinary action being taken against Respondent. NRS 630.3065(2)(a).
11 Further, Respondent's failure to remit payment to the Board for monies agreed to be paid as a
12 condition of this Agreement may subject Respondent to civil collection efforts.

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14 Dated this 29 day of November, 2017.

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16 By: 
17 Robert Kilroy, Esq., General Counsel
18 Aaron Bart Fricke, Esq., Deputy General Counsel
19 Attorneys for the Investigative Committee

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21 Dated this 28th day of November, 2017.

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24 Aris Q. Urbanes, M.D., Respondent

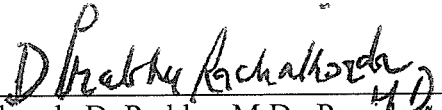
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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the foregoing Settlement Agreement is approved and accepted by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners on the 1st day of December 2017, with the final total amount of costs due of \$784.58.



Rachakonda D. Prabhu, M.D., President
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS