

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 **HUGH ARTHUR BURT, M.D.,**
8 **Respondent.**

Case No. 18-12263-1

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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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10 **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

11 The Investigative Committee¹ (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners
12 (Board), by and through Robert Kilroy, Esq., Board General Counsel and attorney for the IC, and
13 Hugh Arthur Burt, M.D. (Respondent), a licensed physician in Nevada, hereby enter into this
14 Settlement Agreement (Agreement) based on the following:²

15 **A. Background**

16 1. Respondent is a physician licensed by the Board, pursuant to Chapter 630 of the
17 Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Chapter 630 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC)
18 (collectively, the Medical Practice Act) since July 10, 1998 (License No. 8725).

19 2. On July 25, 2018, in Case No. 18-12263-1, the IC filed a formal Complaint
20 (Complaint) alleging that Respondent violated the Medical Practice Act. Specifically, this Complaint
21 alleged one (1) count of violating NRS 630.304(1) (dishonesty in renewing license).

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

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25 ¹ The Investigative Committee (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) at the time
26 the filing of a formal Complaint was approved, was composed of Board members Wayne Hardwick, M.D.,
27 Chairman, Mr. M. Neil Duxbury, Member, and Aury Nagy, M.D..

28 ² All agreements and admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter and any
subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and 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 4. Respondent was properly served with a copy of this Complaint, has reviewed and
2 understands this Complaint, and has had the opportunity to consult with competent counsel
3 concerning the nature and significance of this Complaint.

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

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

18 7. Respondent understands and agrees that this Agreement, by and between
19 Respondent and the IC, is not with the Board, and that the IC will present this Agreement to the
20 Board for consideration in open session at a duly noticed and scheduled meeting. Respondent
21 understands that the IC shall advocate for the Board's approval of this Agreement, but that the
22 Board has the right to decide in its own discretion whether or not to approve this Agreement.
23 Respondent further understands and agrees that if the Board approves this Agreement, then the
24 terms and 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 understands that he may retain and consult counsel prior to entering into this
10 Agreement at his own expense. Respondent acknowledges that he is *not* represented by counsel,
11 and wishes to resolve the matters addressed herein without counsel. Respondent agrees that if
12 representation by counsel in this matter materially changes prior to entering into this Agreement
13 and for the duration of this Agreement, that counsel for the IC will be timely notified of the
14 material change. Respondent agrees that he knowingly, willingly and intelligently enters into this
15 Agreement after deciding *not* to have a full consultation with and upon the advice of retained legal
16 counsel.

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

27 4. Acknowledgement of Reasonable Basis to Proceed. Respondent acknowledges
28 that the IC believes it has a reasonable basis to allege that Respondent engaged in conduct that is

1 grounds for discipline pursuant to the Medical Practice Act.

2 5. Consent to Entry of Order. In order to resolve this Complaint pending against
3 Respondent without incurring any further costs or the expense associated with a hearing, Respondent
4 hereby agrees that the Board may issue an order finding that Respondent engaged in conduct that
5 is grounds for discipline pursuant to the Medical Practice Act. Accordingly, the following terms
6 and conditions are hereby agreed upon:

7 A. Respondent admits to one (1) allegation of violating NRS 630.304(1) (dishonesty
8 in renewing license).

9 B. Respondent will pay the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and
10 prosecution of the above-referenced matter within sixty (60) days of the Board's
11 acceptance, adoption and approval of this Agreement, the current amount being \$550.00,
12 not including any costs that may be necessary to finalize this Agreement.

13 C. Respondent shall take three (3) hours of continuing medical education (CME) related
14 to medical ethnics within six (6) months from the date of the Board's acceptance, adoption
15 and approval of this Agreement. The aforementioned hours of CME *shall be in addition* to
16 any CME requirements that are regularly imposed upon Respondent as a condition of
17 licensure in the State of Nevada and shall be approved by the Board prior to their
18 completion.

19 D. This Agreement shall be reported to the appropriate entities and parties as required
20 by law, including, but not limited to, the National Practitioner Data Bank.

21 E. Respondent shall receive a Public Letter of Reprimand.

22 6. Release From Liability. In execution of this Agreement, Respondent understands
23 and agrees that the State of Nevada, the Board, and each of its members, staff, counsel,
24 investigators, experts, peer reviewers, committees, panels, hearing officers, consultants and agents
25 are immune from civil liability for any decision or action taken in good faith in response to
26 information acquired by the Board. NRS 630.364(2)(a). Respondent agrees to release the State of
27 Nevada, the Board, and each of its members, staff, counsel, investigators, experts, peer reviewers,
28 committees, panels, hearing officers, consultants and agents from any and all manner of actions,

1 causes of action, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, known and
2 unknown, in law or equity, that Respondent ever had, now has, may have or claim to have, against
3 any or all of the persons, government agencies or entities named in this paragraph arising out of,
4 or by reason of, this investigation, this Agreement or the administration of the case referenced
5 herein.

6 7. Procedure for Adoption of Agreement. The IC and counsel for the IC shall
7 recommend approval and adoption of the terms and conditions of this Agreement by the Board in
8 resolution of the Complaint. In the course of seeking Board acceptance, approval and adoption of
9 this Agreement, counsel for the IC may communicate directly with the Board staff and the
10 adjudicating members of the Board.

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

18 8. Effect of Acceptance of Agreement by Board. In the event the Board accepts,
19 approves and adopts this Agreement, the Board shall issue a final order, making this Agreement
20 an order of the Board.

21 9. Effect of Rejection of Agreement by Board. In the event the Board does not
22 accept, approve and adopt this Agreement, this Agreement shall be null, void and of no force and
23 effect except as to the following agreement regarding adjudications: (1) Respondent agrees that,
24 notwithstanding rejection of this Agreement by the Board, nothing contained in this Agreement
25 and nothing that occurs pursuant to efforts of the IC to seek the Board's acceptance of this
26 Agreement shall disqualify any member of the adjudicating panel of the Board from considering
27 this Complaint and from participating in disciplinary proceedings against Respondent, including
28 adjudication of this case; and (2) Respondent further agrees that he shall not seek to disqualify any

1 such member absent evidence of bad faith.

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

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

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

11 13. Failure to Comply with Terms. Should Respondent fail to comply with any term or
12 condition of this Agreement once the Agreement has been accepted, approved and adopted by the
13 Board, the IC shall be authorized to immediately suspend Respondent's license to practice
14 medicine in Nevada pending an Order To Show Cause Hearing, which will be duly noticed.

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Failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement, including failure to pay any fines, costs, expenses or fees owed to the Board, is a failure to comply with an order of the Board, which may result in additional disciplinary action being taken against Respondent. NRS 630.3065(2)(a). Further, Respondent's failure to remit payment to the Board for monies agreed to be paid as a condition of this Agreement may subject Respondent to civil collection efforts.

Dated this 25th day of October, 2018.

By: [Signature]
Robert Kilroy, Esq.
Attorney for the Investigative Committee

UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED:

[Signature]
Hugh Arthur Burt, M.D., Respondent

Dated this 25 day of October, 2018.

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me
this 25 day of October, 2018.

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC



OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

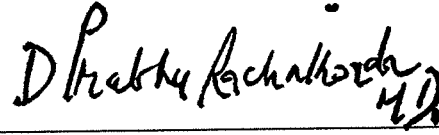
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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the foregoing Settlement Agreement is approved and accepted by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners on the 30th day of November, 2018, with the final total amount of costs due of \$550.00.



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