

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

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4 **In The Matter of an Investigation of**)

Case No. 10-8162-1

5 **JOEL WASHINSKY, M.D.,**)

FILED

6 **License No. 5955**)

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8 **NEVADA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

9 **ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

10 On May 5, 2010, Board Staff presented evidence and information to the Investigative
11 Committee, composed of Charles N. Held, M.D., Chair, Theodore B. Berndt, M.D., Member, and
12 Valerie Clark, BSN, RHU, LUTCF, Member, regarding Joel Washinsky, M.D. Upon review of the
13 evidence and information presented by Board Staff, the Investigative Committee hereby
14 **IMMEDIATELY SUSPENDS** the license to practice medicine of Dr. Joel Washinsky (hereinafter
15 "Dr. Washinsky") pursuant to NRS 630.326(1) based upon the following preliminary findings:

16 1. Dr. Washinsky is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Nevada and
17 was originally licensed on December 2, 1989. Dr. Washinsky resides and practices medicine in the
18 Las Vegas area. His primary specialty is listed with the Board as internal medicine.

19 2. Through investigation it was discovered that on April 20, 2010, Dr. Washinsky was
20 arrested by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department in conjunction with the Nevada
21 Department of Public Safety for sixty-seven (67) felony counts of dispensing controlled substances
22 and/or prescriptions without a license. Dr. Washinsky is currently not in custody.

23 3. During the arrest of Dr. Washinsky he admitted to taking Clonazepam and Lorazepam,
24 both schedule IV controlled substances, on a continuing basis, without a prescription for said
25 substances and indicated that he may have a dependence on said substances.

26 4. On April 27, 2010, Dr. Washinsky was served with an Order from this Investigative
27 Committee ordering him to submit to a urine and hair drug screen and ordering him to complete an
28 evaluation for drug and/or alcohol dependency with Larry Espardaro at the PRN/PRN of Nevada
located at Montevista Hospital in Las Vegas.

1 5. Dr. Washinsky did submit to the urine and hair drug screen as ordered on April 27,
2 2010. The results from the hair test were positive for opiates, specifically hydrocodone at
3 >2000 pg/mg. The cut off for the positive test is 100 pg/mg. The urine results are still pending.

4 6. On May 3, 2010, Dr. Washinsky did appear for the ordered evaluation with Larry
5 Espadaro of PRN/PRN of Nevada. At the time of the evaluation, Mr. Espadaro required
6 Dr. Washinsky to submit to a urine drug screen. The urine screen indicated Dr. Washinsky positive
7 for opiates.

8 7. During his evaluation with Mr. Espadaro, Dr. Washinsky indicated that he prescribed
9 for himself and that he had no prescribing physician at the time of the interview.


10 The Investigative Committee believes that due to Dr. Washinsky's continuing use of opiates
11 without a prescription from a physician as evidence by both a positive hair and urine screen, his
12 admitted use of benzodiazepines without a prescription and his alleged conduct of dispensing
13 prescription drugs without a license, that the health, safety and welfare of the public is at imminent
14 risk of harm and that a summary suspension of Dr. Washinsky's medical license is necessary to
15 remove said risk of imminent harm to the health, safety and welfare of the public. Accordingly,
16 pursuant to NRS 630.326(1):

17 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the license to practice medicine in the state of Nevada of
18 Joel Washinsky, M.D., (License No. 5955) is hereby suspended until further order of the Investigative
19 Committee or Board; and

20 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a hearing be set within forty-five (45) days of this Order
21 regarding this matter pursuant to NRS 630.326(2) to determine whether this suspension may continue
22 unless the parties mutually agree to a longer period of time.

23 DATED this 5th day of May, 2010.

24 INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF
25 NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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27 By: _____

28 Charles N. Held, M.D.
 Investigative Committee Chair