BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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In the Matter of Charges and

Complaint Against

ENRIQUE FERIA-ARIAS, M.D.,

Respondent.

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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

COMPLAINT

The Investigative Committee (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) hereby issues this formal Complaint (Complaint) against Enrique Feria-Arias, M.D. (Respondent), a licensed physician in Nevada. After investigating this matter, the IC¹ has a reasonable basis to believe that Respondent has violated provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 630 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 630 (collectively Medical Practice Act). The IC alleges the following facts:

- 1. Respondent was licensed by the Board, pursuant to the provisions of the Medical Practice Act, on January 10, 2017, and is currently licensed in active status (License No. 16883).
- On August 24, 2018, Respondent voluntarily surrendered his California Medical Board license due to his inability to satisfy the terms and conditions of the California probationary license issued to him on September 28, 2017.

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¹The Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, at the time of filing of this Complaint was approved, was composed of Board members Wayne Hardwick, M.D., Chairman, Ms. April Mastroluca, and Aury Nagy, M.D.

COUNT I

NRS 630.301(3) (Out of State Discipline Imposed)

- 3. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 4. NRS 630.301(3) provides that disciplinary action taken by other jurisdiction constitutes grounds for initiating disciplinary action.
- 5. NRS 630.301(3) specifically provides any disciplinary action, including, without limitation, the revocation, suspension, modification or limitation of a license to practice any type of medicine, taken by another state, the Federal Government, a foreign country or any other jurisdiction or the surrender of the license or discontinuing the practice of medicine while under investigation by any licensing authority, a medical facility, a branch of the Armed Services of the United States, an insurance company, an agency of the Federal Government or any employer.
- 6. Respondent was disciplined by the California Medical Board on August 24, 2018, which constitutes grounds for initiating disciplinary action against a licensee.
- 7. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

COUNT II

NRS 630.306(1)(k) (Failure to Report Out-of-State Discipline Imposed)

- 8. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 9. NRS 630.306(1)(k) provides that failure by a licensee to report in writing, within 30 days, any disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state constitutes grounds for initiating disciplinary action.
- 10. Respondent was disciplined by the California Medical Board on August 24, 2018, and was required to inform the Board of the aforementioned discipline in accordance with NRS 630.306(1)(k).
- 11. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

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WHEREFORE, the IC prays:

- That the Board give Respondent notice of the charges herein against him and give 1. him notice that he may file an answer to the Complaint herein as set forth in NRS 630.339(2) within twenty (20) days of service of the Complaint;
- That the Board set a time and place for a formal hearing after holding an Early 2. Case Conference pursuant to NRS 630.339(3);
- That the Board determine what sanctions to impose if it finds and concludes that 3. there has been a violation or violations of the Medical Practice Act committed by Respondent;
- That the Board make, issue and serve on Respondent its findings of fact, 4. conclusions of law and order, in writing, to include sanctions to be imposed; and,
- That the Board take such other and further action as may be just and proper in these 5. premises.

day of March, 2019. DATED this

> INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

Robert Kilroy, Esq. General Counsel and

Attorney for the Investigative Committee

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEVADA
COUNTY OF WASHOE
Wayne Hardwick
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Respondent herein; that
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Dated this 29

Wayne Hardwick, M.D., hereby deposes and states under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Nevada that he is the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners that authorized the foregoing Complaint against the Respondent herein; that he has read the foregoing Complaint; and that based upon information discovered during the course of the investigation into a complaint against Respondent, he believes the allegations and charges in the foregoing Complaint against Respondent are true, accurate and correct.

Dated this 29 day of March, 2019.

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INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Wayne Hardwick, M.D.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I am employed by Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and that on the 9th day of April, 2019, I served a filed copy of the formal COMPLAINT, via USPS e-certified, return receipt mail to the following:

Enrique Feria-Arias, M.D. 2238 E. Romona Avenue Salt Lake, UT 84018

Dated this <u>9th</u> day of April, 2019.

Sheri L. Quigley, Legal Assistant