## STATE OF MAINE BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE

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Meryl Nass, M.D. Case Nos. CR21-191, CR21-210 & CR22-4

## **CONFERENCE ORDER**

On January 24, 2022, a Notice of Hearing was issued scheduling the hearing in this matter for February 8, 2022. On January 28, 2022, a prehearing videoconference was convened. Ron Jenkins, Esq., and David Bauer, Esq., representing Dr. Meryl Nass ("Licensee") and Assistant Attorneys General Timothy Steigelman, Esq., and Lisa Wilson, Esq., representing Board Staff, participated.

On January 25, 2022, the Licensee requested a continuance of the hearing date on the basis that she had retained counsel that day and counsel did not have time to adequately prepare to meaningfully participate in a hearing on February 8, 2022. Board Staff does not object to the continuance if it is predicated on the Licensee agreeing that the license suspension imposed by the Board on January 12, 2022, would be continued until final Board action. The parties have not been able to agree on the language of an Interim Consent Agreement to continue the hearing under these conditions.

Nevertheless, the Licensee agrees as follows: during the period of the continuance the Order of Immediate Suspension issued on January 12, 2022 will remain in effect until either one of the following contingencies happen: (a) the Board makes a final decision on the allegations identified in the Notice of Hearing issued on January 24, 2022, or (b) a court of competent jurisdiction adjudicates the validity of the Order of Immediate Suspension and vacates or terminates the same before the Board makes its final order on the merits.

Violation of this stipulation by the Licensee would be subject to discipline by the Board.

As such, the Licensee's continuance request is granted without objection. The parties were provided with the opportunity to reschedule the hearing on the March, April, or May Board meeting dates. The Licensee requested that the hearing be scheduled in May. As a result, it is anticipated that the hearing will be rescheduled to the Board meeting on May 10. Board Staff will also survey the Board to determine an additional day in May on which the hearing may be held. If the hearing is not concluded on the two set days in May, it is likely that the hearing will be continued until a June date, either the Board meeting date or an alternative date.

Once an Amended Notice of Hearing has been issued confirming the new hearing date and time, a prehearing videoconference will be convened to establish deadlines for the submission of information prior to hearing.

Dated: February 1, 2022

Rebekah Smith, Esq. Administrative Hearing Officer