

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC LICENSURE

In re:	)	CONSENT AGREEMENT
STEVEN NUANES, D.O.	)	
Complaint Nos. CR2022-21	)	

This document is a Consent Agreement, effective when signed by all parties, regarding disciplinary action against the license to practice osteopathic medicine in the State of Maine held by Steven Nuanes, D.O. The parties to the Consent Agreement are: Steven Nuanes, D.O. ("Dr. Nuanes"), the State of Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure ("the Board"), and the State of Maine Office of the Attorney General. This Consent Agreement is entered into pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5)(B) and 32 M.R.S. § 2591-A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. Dr. Nuanes has held a license to practice osteopathic medicine in the State of Maine since March 12, 2022 (license number DO3382) and specializes in internal medicine.

2. On May 9, 2022, the Board received a complaint from the spouse of a patient. The patient was admitted to the hospital overnight with back pain and other symptoms, and another licensee ordered an MRI and blood culture. Dr. Nuanes took over the patient's care the next morning. After examining the patient, Dr. Nuanes did not think an MRI was indicated, so, after a discussion with the patient, he cancelled the MRI and discharged the patient home. Early the next day, the blood culture came back positive, and the patient was called back to the Hospital for treatment. He was subsequently diagnosed with a spinal abscess. The Board docketed the complaint as CR2022-21 and sent it to Dr. Nuanes for a response.

3. By letter dated September 27, 2024, Dr. Nuanes responded to the complaint. In his response, Dr. Nuanes stated that he examined the patient that morning and provided osteopathic manipulative therapy. He did not think the patient had symptoms that would indicate a spinal infection, so, after discussing his findings with the patient, he cancelled the MRI.

4. Pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 2591-A(2)(E), the Board may impose discipline if the licensee has engaged in incompetence. A licensee is considered to have engaged in incompetence if the licensee engaged in conduct evidencing a lack of ability or fitness to discharge the duty owed by the licensee to a patient, or engaged in conduct evidencing a lack of knowledge, or inability to apply principles or skills to carry out the practice of medicine.

5. Pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 2591-A(2)(F), the Board may impose discipline if the licensee has engaged in unprofessional conduct. A licensee is considered to have engaged in unprofessional conduct if the licensee violates a standard of professional behavior that has been established for the practice of medicine.

6. On November 14, 2024, the Board reviewed Complaint No. CR2022-21 and voted to offer Dr. Nuanes a Consent Agreement to resolve this matter without further proceedings.

7. Dr. Nuanes's Maine license was up for renewal on February 28, 2025. He did not file an application for renewal. His license is currently active under 5 M.R.S. § 10002, meaning it is active as long as this matter is pending, but when this matter is resolved, his Maine license will have expired.

8. On March 13, 2025 the Board held an informal conference with Dr. Nuanes.

9. On March 13, 2025, the Board voted to offer Dr. Nuanes this Consent Agreement to resolve this matter without further proceedings. Absent Dr. Nuanes's acceptance of this Consent Agreement by signing and dating it in front of a notary and sending it to the Board of Osteopathic Licensure, 142 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0142, osteop.pfr@maine.gov, on or before July 9, 2025, the matter will return to the Board to consider proceeding to an adjudicatory hearing.

COVENANTS

10. Dr. Nuanes does not admit the facts stated above but acknowledges that the Board could find by a preponderance of the evidence at an adjudicatory hearing that grounds for discipline exist pursuant to §2591-A(2)(E) and §2591- A(2)(F).

11. To resolve this matter, to make an adjudicatory hearing unnecessary, and as discipline for the foregoing conduct, Dr. Nuanes agrees to accept, and the Board imposes a CIVIL PENALTY of \$3000.

12. Violation by Dr. Nuanes of any of the terms or conditions of this

Consent Agreement shall constitute grounds for discipline, including but not limited to modification, suspension, or revocation of licensure or the denial of re-licensure.

13. This Consent Agreement is not appealable and is effective until modified or rescinded in writing by the parties hereto.

14. The Board and the Office of the Attorney General may communicate and cooperate regarding Dr. Nuanes or any other matter relating to this Consent Agreement.

15. This Consent Agreement is a public record within the meaning of 1 M.R.S. § 402 and will be available for inspection and copying by the public pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 408-A.

16. This Consent Agreement constitutes discipline and is an adverse licensing action that is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), and other licensing jurisdictions.

17. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall be construed to affect any right or interest of any person not a party hereto. If any clause of this Consent Agreement is deemed illegal or invalid, then that clause shall be deemed severed from this Consent Agreement.

18. This Consent Agreement may be signed in counterparts, with all counterparts together constituting one original instrument. Signatures below may be applied and/or saved electronically, and such electronic signatures will be given the same effect as a paper document signed in ink.

19. For the purposes of this Consent Agreement, the terms “execution” and “effective date” mean the date on which the final signature is affixed to

this Consent Agreement.

20. Dr. Nuanes acknowledges by his signature hereto that he has read this Consent Agreement, that he has had an opportunity to consult with an attorney before executing this Consent Agreement, that he executed this Consent Agreement of his own free will and that he agrees to abide by all terms and conditions set forth herein.

I, STEVEN NUANES, D.O., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING CONSENT AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING IT, THAT I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT VOLUNTARILY, WITHOUT ANY THREAT OR PROMISE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND, VERBAL, WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE.

DATED: 7/31/2025

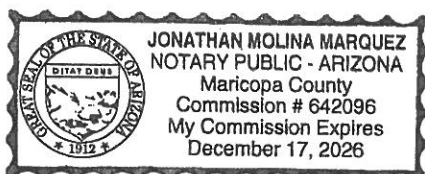

STEVEN NUANES, D.O.

STATE OF Arizona
Maricopa, S.S. (County)

Personally appeared before me the above-named Steven Nuanes, D.O., and swore to the truth of the foregoing based upon his own personal knowledge, or upon information and belief, and so far as upon information and belief, he believes it to be true.

DATED: 7/31/2025


NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION ENDS:

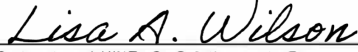


DATED: 08/14/2025



CHRISTINE MUNROE, D.O., Chair
MAINE BOARD OF
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DATED: 08/15/2025



LISA A. WILSON, AAG
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CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS

Rachel V. MacArthur states:

1. I am employed as the Executive Secretary for the State of Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure, and have my office at 161 Capitol Street, Augusta, Maine.
2. The Board of Osteopathic Licensure ("the Board") is an affiliated board with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation (PFR) and maintains at its office the records of the Board, including the records of reports and complaints filed against Board licensees. My duties include docketing all submissions relating to reports and complaints and maintaining those files in general.
3. In accordance with the provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, 5 M.R.S. § 11005, I certify that filed herewith are true copies of the requested documents in the case of Dr. Laurie Deerfield.

Dated: November 12, 2025

Attest:

Rachel V. MacArthur
Rachel V. MacArthur, Executive Secretary

