

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2025-54A

Steven Mullins, Executive Director State Board of Osteopathic Examiners 4848 N. Lincoln Blvd., Ste. 100 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 October 7, 2025

Re: Lehman, Case No. 2021-201 and 2024-111

Dear Executive Director Mullins:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding the action that the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners intends to take in Case Number 2021-201 and 2024-111. Respondent holds a license to practice as an osteopathic physician in the State of Oklahoma, license number 4090.

The Oklahoma Osteopathic Medicine Act (the "Act") authorizes the Board to "suspend or revoke any license issued or reinstated by the Board upon proof that the . . . holder of such a license" "[h]as obtained a license, license renewal or authorization to sit for an examination . . . through , , , deception, misrepresentation ... or has been granted a . . . license renewal . . . based upon material mistake of fact." 59 O.S.Supp.2023, § 637(A)(1). Or if a license holder "[h]as engaged in . . . unethical conduct or unprofessional conduct, as may be determined by the Board, in the performance of the functions or duties of an osteopathic physician," or has "engaged in repeated acts of negligence, malpractice or incompetence." 59 O.S.Supp.2023, §§ 637(A)(2)(f); (A)(4).

Respondent has been before the Board in 2010, also in case number 2021-201, and case number 2024-111. In the 2010 case the Board implemented a one-year probation and required Respondent to complete certain training. An order terminating probation was entered September 22, 2011. Respondent's board certification lapsed in 2016, and he has not renewed certification since that time. In case 2021-201 the Board found that Respondent practiced outside the standard of care and exceeded the scope of his practice and training on four (4) separate occasions between 2017 and 2020. The Board issued an Interim Order finding Respondent violated the Act and directed Respondent to have a competency evaluation within six (6) months. On June 19, 2025, Respondent appeared before the Board for a hearing in case 2024-111. At that time Respondent had been suspended from the hospital at which he was employed after reviewing four (4) separate cases of sub-par OBGYN care provided at the time of multiple births. After the June 19, 2025 hearing, the Board entered an Interim Order finding Respondent in violation of the Act and temporarily suspended his license to practice osteopathic medicine and further ordered the KSTAR evaluation

to be completed at Respondent's expense for Board consideration. Respondent applied for licensure renewal on July 2, 2024, but failed to report his suspension to the Board of disclose his suspension on his renewal application. At the hearing on September 18, 2025, the Board found as follows:

- i. In case 2021-201 Respondent is found to have violated the Act by deviating from the standard of care four times, constituting four instances of malpractice.
- ii. In case 2024-111 Respondent is found to have violated the Act by practicing outside the standard of care constituting malpractice on two (2) counts and constituting incompetence in the other two (2) counts.

Therefore, the Board orders that Respondent's license to practice osteopathic medicine in the state of Oklahoma shall remain suspended pending the completion of the following terms:

- 1. Respondent must pass a board approved certifying exam in obstetrics and gynecology.
- 2. Respondent must pass the KSTAR ethics exam with a score greater than 75%.
- 3. Respondent must pass the KSTAR pharmacology exam with a score greater than 75%.
- 4. Respondent must complete 100 hours of approved CME in his specialty area annually for the duration of this Order or until further Order of the Board.
- 5. Respondent shall sign any and all authorizations necessary to release exam results to the Board.
- 6. Following receipt of the requirements outlined in paragraphs 1-5, Respondent may petition the Board to appear at the next scheduled meeting for further consideration regarding his suspension.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State's policy to protect the public welfare.

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