

**ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**Complainant,**

**vs.**

**JERRY BRUCE HANKINS, M.D.**

**Respondent.**

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**BEFORE THE MEDICAL  
LICENSURE COMMISSION  
OF ALABAMA**

**CASE NO. 12-051**

**ORDER**

This matter is before the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama upon a request by the Respondent, Jerry Bruce Hankins, M.D., to remove all restrictions on his license to practice medicine in Alabama. Dr. Hankins' license is subject to certain conditions placed on his license by Order of the Commission dated May 3, 2013. Having reviewed the file, and having considered Dr. Hankins' request, it is the Order of the Medical Licensure Commission that all restrictions on Dr. Hankins' license to practice medicine in Alabama be removed and that he shall henceforth have a full, unrestricted license to practice medicine in Alabama.

ENTERED this 2nd day of September, 2016.

James E. West, M.D.  
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Chairman, Medical Licensure  
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ORDER

This matter is before the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama upon a request by the Respondent, Jerry Bruce Hankins, M.D., to modify the Commission's order dated May 3, 2013, so as to allow him to engage in the practice of chronic pain management. Having considered such request, it is the Order of the Medical Licensure Commission that such request is DENIED.

ENTERED this 6th day of November, 2015.

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**ORDER**

This matter is before the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama on an Administrative Complaint heretofore filed by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners seeking to revoke or otherwise discipline the license to practice medicine in Alabama of the Respondent, Jerry Bruce Hankins, M.D. A hearing was held on April 24, 2013. Dr. Hankins was present, together with his attorneys Augusta S. Dowd, Esq. and Linda G. Flippo, Esq. William F. Addison, Esq. represented the Board of Medical Examiners.

The Commission considered evidence in the form of patient records, testimony from expert witnesses for both the Board and Dr. Hankins, and Dr. Hankins' own testimony. Specifically, evidence was presented with regard to seven patient records, and the Commission had the opportunity to review additional patient records. With regard to such records, the Commission makes the following findings of fact:

1. There was an absence of physical examinations, test results or other objective data to support the prescribing of controlled substances.

2. There were insufficient physical examinations and patient histories.

3. There were repeated drug screen results indicating noncompliance with patient treatment plans without any appropriate action being taken by Dr. Hankins.

4. There was inadequate documentation and clinical notes with regard to the prescribing of opiates and other controlled substances.

5) There was insufficient documentation of treatment and reasons for treatment.

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact, the Medical Licensure Commission makes the following conclusions of law:

1. Dr. Hankins has committed unprofessional conduct as defined in Ala, Code § 34-24-360 and in the rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission, a violation of Ala. Code § 34-24-360(2), specifically Commission Rule 545-X-4.06(11), failing or refusing to maintain adequate records on a patient or patients.

2. Dr. Hankins has practiced medicine in such a manner as to endanger the health of his patients, a violation of Ala. Code § 34-24-360(3).

3. Dr. Hankins failed to maintain for patients medical records which meet the minimum standards stated in the rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission, a violation of Ala. Code § 34-24-360(22).

4. Dr. Hankins has failed to comply with a rule of the Board of Medical Examiners or Medical Licensure Commission, a violation of Ala. Code § 34-24-360(23).

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, it is the ORDER

of the Medical Licensure Commission that the license to practice medicine in Alabama of the Respondent, Jerry Bruce Hankins, M.D., be and the same is hereby REPRIMANDED, and placed on INDEFINITE PROBATION subject to the following:

1. Dr. Hankins shall complete, within six (6) months of the date of this Order, an intensive course in medical record keeping. Such course shall be pre-approved by the Medical Licensure Commission.

2. Dr. Hankins shall complete, within six (6) months of the date of this Order, an intensive course in prescribing. Such course shall be pre-approved by the Medical Licensure Commission.

3. Dr. Hankins' medical records shall be subject to periodic, random reviews by the Medical Licensure Commission.

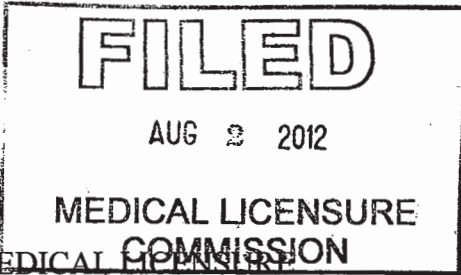
4. Dr. Hankins shall not engage in the practice of chronic pain management.

5. Dr. Hankins shall be assessed an administrative fine in the amount of \$20,000.00. Such fine shall be due and payable prior to renewing his medical license for the calendar year 2014.

It is the further Order of the Medical Licensure Commission that the Board of Medical Examiners shall submit a bill of its administrative costs, which shall include supporting documents, pursuant to Medical Licensure Commission Administrative Code 545-X-3-.08(12)(e) within fifteen (15) days of this Order. If no objection is made to such administrative costs within fifteen (15) days of the filing of such cost bill, such costs shall be due and payable by Dr. Hankins within thirty (30) days of the filing of such cost bill.

ENTERED this 3rd day of May, 2013.

James E. West, M.D.  
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Chairman, Medical Licensure  
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ORDER SETTING HEARING

The Medical Licensure Commission has received the verified Administrative Complaint of the State Board of Medical Examiners filed in this cause. The Commission has determined that this matter is due to be set down for hearing under the provisions of §34-24-361, Code of Alabama 1975.

Accordingly, it is the Order of the Commission that this matter be set for hearing before the Commission on the 23rd day of January, 2013 at 9:30 o'clock in the a.m. at the offices of the Medical Licensure Commission, 848 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama. The Respondent, JERRY BRUCE HANKINS, M.D. is directed to respond to the allegations of the verified Complaint in the manner prescribed in Rule 545-X-3-.03 of the Rules and Regulations of the Medical Licensure Commission. Such answer shall be filed **within 20 days** of service of a copy of the Administrative Complaint and the Order Setting Hearing.

This hearing shall be conducted in accordance with §34-24-361(e), Code of Alabama 1975 and Chapter 3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Medical Licensure Commission concerning hearings in contested cases. The Respondent is entitled to be present at the hearing

and to be represented by counsel, is entitled to cross examine witnesses presented by the Complainant, and is entitled to present testimony and other evidence touching on the allegations contained in the Complaint.

Wayne P. Turner, Esq., is hereby appointed to act as legal counsel for the Commission under the authority of Rule 545-X-3-.08 of the Rules and Regulations of the Medical Licensure Commission.

It is the further order of the Commission that a copy of the verified Complaint of the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners and a copy of this Order Setting Hearing is forthwith served upon the said JERRY BRUCE HANKINS, M.D., by personally delivering the same to him if he can be found within the State of Alabama or by overnight courier, signature required, to his last known address if he cannot be found within the State of Alabama. The Commission further directs that personal service of process shall be made by Randy Dixon, who is designated as the duly authorized agent of the Medical Licensure Commission.

The Complainant and Respondent are directed to comply strictly with the Commission's Standing Order and Scheduling Order, which are attached hereto.

It is further ordered that the parties and their attorneys immediately check their calendars for scheduling conflicts. No requests for continuance based upon schedule conflicts of attorneys or parties will be considered unless such request is made prior to December 7, 2012.

ORDERED at Montgomery, Alabama, this 22nd day of August, 2012.

James E. West, M.D.  
James E. West, M.D., Chairman  
Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama