BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

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| Dennis D. Gaskin, D.D.S. | ) | |
| (License No. 5986) | ) | CONSENT ORDER |

THIS MATTER is before the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners (Board) as authorized by G.S. § 90-41.1(b) and 150B-38 for consideration of a Consent Order, in lieu of a formal contested case hearing. The parties hereby consent to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set out herein and to the entry of the Order of Discipline. Respondent, Dr. Dennis D. Gaskin was represented by Brett Saunders. Douglas J. Brocker represented the Investigative Panel of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted it in Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes (the Dental Practice Act) and the Rules and Regulations of the Board.

2. Respondent was licensed to practice dentistry in North Carolina on August 6, 1990 and has held license number 5986 at all times relevant hereto.

3. Respondent is subject to the Dental Practice Act and the rules promulgated thereunder.

4. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent worked as a general dentist in Virginia but also holds an active license in this state.

5. Respondent disclosed an Order of the Virginia Board of Dentistry entered on April 18, 2025 (Virginia Order).

6. In the Order, the Virginia Dental Board concluded that Respondent had violated its statutes and regulations governing dental practice in the following respects with regard to a patient that had filed a complaint (Patient A):

a. In February 2017, Respondent failed to document a diagnosis to warrant the extraction of teeth #'s 7, 8, 9 and 10 for Patient A;

b. On February 28, 2017, Respondent extracted teeth #'s 7, 8, 9 and 10 and documented that bone grafts were placed, but he failed to document the sites of the bone graft placement, the manufacturer of the bone grafting material and the corresponding lot numbers for Patient A;

c. On June 20, 2017, Patient A returned for an implant consultation and Respondent failed to take radiographs to ensure Patient A had sufficient bone to support mini-implants.

d. On September 1, 2017, Respondent placed mini-implants in Patient A's #'s 4, 5, 11, 12 sites and on October 2, 2017 he placed mini-implants in #19 and 30 sites without utilizing a surgical stent to ensure proper placement or utilizing imaging to ensure Patient A had sufficient bone width to support implants. He also failed to take post operative radiographs to ensure proper placement of the implants, and he failed to document the manufacturer, length/width and lot numbers of the mini implants.

e. On December 5, 2017, Respondent noted that the #12 implant needed to be removed, and without utilizing a surgical stent or imaging, he attempted to place an implant in the area of #7. The implant in #7 perforated through the

buccal wall into the surrounding soft tissues and was removed by a subsequent provider to whom Respondent referred the patient on December 7, 2017.

7. In the Order, the Virginia Board of Dentistry:

   a. reprimanded Respondent,

   b. assessed a $3,000 monetary penalty and imposed administrative costs of $684.04 on Respondent, and

   c. required Respondent to successfully complete Board-approved continuing education courses on the subjects of recordkeeping, risk management, dental diagnosis, and implant treatment planning utilizing CBCT scans within six months from the date of entry of the Order.

8. By its terms and pursuant to Virginia statutes, the Order is a public record.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and the consent of the parties hereto, the Dental Board enters the following:

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and over the person of Respondent.

2. The Virginia Board of Dentistry Order entered against Respondent on April 18, 2025, constitutes professional discipline imposed by the dental licensing authority of another state on Respondent.

3. Respondent's conduct and the entry of the Virginia Board of Dentistry Order constitutes unprofessional conduct in violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 41(a)(6) and (26) and 21 N.C.A.C. 16V .0101(1).

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and with the consent of the parties hereto, it is ORDERED as follows:

ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

1. Respondent is hereby **REPRIMANDED** for his violation of 21 NCAC 16V .0101(1) and G.S. §90-41(a)(26).

This the 16th day of June, 2026.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

By: Casie S Goode
Casie S. Goode
Director of Investigations

**STATEMENT OF CONSENT**

I, Dennis Gaskin, DDS, consent as follows solely for the purposes of this proceeding and any future proceedings before or involving the Board: I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing Consent Order in its entirety. I assent to its terms and conditions set out herein and desire to resolve this matter without the need for formal proceedings. I freely and voluntarily acknowledge that I will not contest the findings of fact, the conclusions of law, the additional findings and conclusions regarding discipline, or the order in any future proceedings before or involving the Board. I knowingly waive any right to seek judicial review, appeal, or otherwise later challenge this Consent Order once entered. In exchange for resolving this matter without further proceedings or action and upon entry of the Consent Order, I forever release the Board, and all its members, officials, agents, counsel, representatives, and employees, both past and present, in their individual or official capacities, from any and all liability, suits, claims, and causes of action arising prior to or as a result of the execution of this Consent Order. I agree to service of the Consent Order to the email address of my counsel/to the email or mailing address of record with the Board and waive service by any other method. I understand that the Board will report the contents of this Consent Order to the National Practitioner Data Bank and that this Consent Order will become part of the Board's permanent public record. I further acknowledge that this required reporting may have adverse consequences in other contexts, and any potential effects will not be the basis for a reconsideration of this Consent Order. I have consulted with my/had an opportunity to consult with an attorney prior to signing this Consent Order.

This the 27 day of May, 2026.

Dennis D. Gaskin, DDS