

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA
BOARD OF EXECUTIVES FOR LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

In the Matter of
Luke Knauf, LALD
License No. 3649

**STIPULATION AND
CONSENT ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by Luke Knauf, LALD ("Licensee"), and the Minnesota Board of Executives for Long-Term Services and Supports ("Board") Standards of Practice Committee ("Committee") as follows:

I.

JURISDICTION

1. The Board is authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes chapter 144A to license and regulate assisted living directors and to take disciplinary action as appropriate.

2. Licensee holds a license from the Board to practice as an assisted living director in the State of Minnesota and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board with respect to the matters referred to in this Stipulation and Consent Order.

II.

REPRESENTATION

3. The Committee is represented by Alex Mountain, Assistant Attorney General. Licensee is self-represented in this matter.

III.

FACTS

For the purpose of this Stipulation and Consent Order only, the Board finds the following:

4. On July 28, 2023, the Board granted Licensee an Assisted Living Director ("LALD") license.

5. From August 21, 2023 until July 22, 2025, Licensee was the Director of Record ("DOR") for Edgewood East Grand Forks Senior Living (HFID #:30631) ("Facility") in East Grand Forks, Minnesota. The following incidents occurred while Licensee was the DOR:

a. On September 11, 2024, the Minnesota Department of Health ("MDH") substantiated that Facility perpetuated maltreatment by neglecting a resident when it failed to properly assess and document the resident's worsening rash. The Facility did not have an adequate system in place to monitor skin concerns. When the resident was finally transported to the hospital, she was diagnosed with cellulitis, an MRSA infection, a UTI, and sepsis.

b. On February 3, 2025, the MDH substantiated that Facility perpetuated maltreatment by neglecting a resident when Facility failed to have a system in place to ensure availability of medication refills. As a result, the resident missed ten days of prescribed medication.

6. On April 22, 2025, Licensee entered into an Agreement for Corrective Action ("Agreement") with the Board to resolve the above-mentioned misconduct. Licensee agreed, among other things, to complete consultation within six months of the date of the Agreement. Licensee failed to comply with the Agreement.

7. Licensee failed to renew his license by October 31, 2025.

8. In lieu of completing the Agreement, Licensee will voluntarily surrender his license.

IV.

REGULATIONS

9. Licensee acknowledges the conduct described in section III. above constitutes a violation of Minnesota Rules 6400.7095, subpart 1.I. (unprofessional conduct), I.J. (failed to exercise true regard for safety, health, or life of a resident), I.U. (failure to cooperate) and justifies the disciplinary action described in section V. below.

V.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

10. Upon this stipulation and all the files, records, and proceedings herein, and without further notice or hearing, Licensee agrees the Board may make and enter an order as follows:

A. Voluntary Surrender

11. The Board accepts Licensee's **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER** of his Minnesota assisted living director license.

12. Licensee shall not practice, attempt to practice, offer to practice, or advertise or hold himself out as authorized to practice as an assisted living director in Minnesota and shall not use the title "assisted living director" or any other designation which indicates licensure as an assisted living director.

B. Petition for Reinstatement

13. Licensee may petition for reinstatement of his assisted living director license following twelve (12) months from the date of this Order. The burden of proof shall be on Licensee to demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that he is capable of practicing as an assisted living director in a fit, competent, and ethical manner and with reasonable skill and

safety to clients. At the time of Licensee's petition, Licensee shall meet with the Committee and comply with, at a minimum, the following:

a. ***Licensure Requirements.*** Licensee shall meet all requirements for licensure in effect at the time of his petition including, but not limited to, completing the appropriate application, paying the requisite fees, and completing any necessary education requirements.

b. ***Additional Information.*** Licensee shall provide any additional information relevant to his petition reasonably requested by the Committee.

14. The Board may, at any regularly scheduled meeting following Licensee's petition for reinstatement pursuant to paragraph 13 above, take any of the following actions:

a. Grant a license to Licensee;

b. Grant a license to Licensee with limitations upon the scope of Licensee's practice and/or with conditions for Licensee's practice; or

c. Deny Licensee's petition for assisted living director licensure based upon his failure to meet the burden of proof.

15. In the event the Board in its discretion does not approve this settlement or a lesser remedy than indicated in this settlement, then, and in that event, this Stipulation is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon nor introduced by either party to this Stipulation, except that Licensee agrees that should the Board reject this Stipulation and this case proceeds to hearing, Licensee will assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this Stipulation or of any records relating to this matter.

16. Any appropriate court may, upon application of the Board, enter its decree enforcing this order of the Board.

17. Licensee waives all formal hearings on this matter and all other procedures before the Board to which Licensee may be entitled under the Minnesota or United States constitutions, statutes, or rules and agrees that the order to be entered pursuant to the Stipulation shall be the final order herein.

18. Licensee hereby knowingly and voluntarily waives any and all claims against the Board, the Minnesota Attorney General, and the State of Minnesota and their agents, employees, and representatives which may otherwise be available to Licensee relative to the action taken or authorized against Licensee's license to practice as an assisted living director under this Stipulation.

19. Licensee hereby acknowledges that he has read, understands, and agrees to the Stipulation and has freely and voluntarily signed the Stipulation without threat or promise by the Board or any of its members, employees, or agents. When signing the Stipulation, Licensee acknowledges he is fully aware the Stipulation is not binding unless and until it is approved by the Board. The Board may either approve the Stipulation and Consent Order as proposed, approve the Stipulation and Consent Order subject to specified change, or reject it. If the changes are acceptable to Licensee, the Stipulation will then take effect and the order as modified will be issued. If the changes are unacceptable to Licensee or the Board rejects the Stipulation, it will be of no effect except as specified herein. Licensee shall submit the signed Stipulation and Consent Order to the Minnesota Board of Executives for Long-Term Services and Supports, c/o Stephen Jobe, Executive Director, 335 Randolph Avenue, Suite 210-B, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102.

20. This Stipulation and Consent Order contains the entire agreement between the parties there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies this stipulation.

VI.


DATA PRACTICES NOTICES

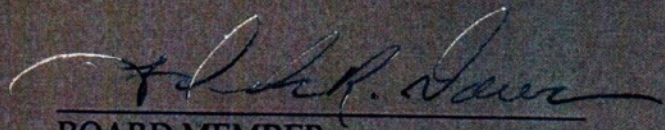
21. This Stipulation and Consent Order constitutes disciplinary action by the Board and is classified as public data pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13.41, subdivision 5. This Stipulation and Consent Order is a public document and will be sent to all appropriate data banks and entities consistent with Board policy.

CONSENT:

LICENSEE

FOR THE STANDARDS OF
PRACTICE COMMITTEE


LUKE KNAUF, LALD


BOARD MEMBER

Dated: 1/9/25

Dated: 1/22/2026

ORDER

Upon consideration of the Stipulation and all the files, records, and proceedings herein, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Licensee's license is hereby **SURRENDERED**, and all other terms of this stipulation are adopted and implemented by the Board this 28 day of January, 2026.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF EXECUTIVES FOR
LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS



STEPHEN JOBE
Executive Director