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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
DOCKET NO.

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION :  
BY :

ARNOLD STUART WINN, D.C. :

FOR LICENSURE TO PRACTICE :  
CHIROPRACTIC IN THE STATE :  
OF NEW JERSEY :

Administrative Action  
ORDER DENYING LICENSURE

Application has been made to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners by Dr. Winn, of 3 Lynfield Lane, Apt 12, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 for licensure to practice chiropractic in this State. Licensure is sought based upon his diploma from Life Chiropractic College (hereinafter LCC) in Marietta, GA, a chiropractic school previously listed as acceptable by this Board, and upon endorsement of his passing score on an examination given by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE)\* and on asserted satisfaction of all requirements of law. The Board finds that, notwithstanding the passing score attained on the NBCE exam, the applicant does not meet the requirements for licensure pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-41.5. and the application is therefore denied.

Dr. Winn's application states that he attended City College of New York from September 1970 to June 1975, earning a GPA

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\* The NBCE is not a governmental licensing agency but a private professional chiropractic testing organization deemed acceptable to the New Jersey Board.

of 1.93.\* However, the transcript shows registration for the following year also, with all of the June 1976 courses listed as withdrawals. After a lengthy gap, he attended Sullivan County Community College from Spring 1981 through Spring 1982, although he included no dates on his application. His second semester GPA was 1.5. He thereafter attended DeKalb Community College during the Fall semester of 1982 (not 1981 as he stated) and then went to Marietta, Georgia where he took the Winter 1983 (not Spring 1982), semester at Kennesaw College. During all this period, it appears that he earned no degree from this itinerant and uncoordinated succession of studies. His grades included 11 Ds, 5 Fs, and 10 withdrawals/incompletes.

Despite this unpromising educational background and the lack of a credited course in physics which is reportedly required for admission to Life Chiropractic College (LCC), he was admitted to that college. There, he earned grades including 14 Ds, 3 Fs and three academic probations, but was nevertheless permitted to graduate with a doctorate in chiropractic in September 1986. He had attained passing scores previously on the examination given by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners in Parts I and II in 1985, attaining scores on ten components ranging from 425 to 577;

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\* His curriculum vitae claims that he earned a Bachelor of Science from City College, but the transcript does not support that assertion.

that examination deems 375/800 to be a passing score. He now seeks licensure in this State by endorsement of the NBCE scores.

The Board has reviewed the disjointed and deficient quality of his education, and finds that it is not of sufficient quality to form the foundation for a professional education eligible for licensure here. A thorough and comprehensive mastery of basic physical sciences as well as of all aspects of both didactic and clinical instruction in chiropractic, with a demonstrated capacity for continued learning in the ever-developing health care field, are essential prerequisites for licensure in this State. N.J.S.A. 45:9-41.5 and Board rule N.J.A.C. 13:35-2.4 (a) and (h) require that an applicant demonstrate, in addition to the mere possession of a diploma, successful completion of a comprehensive course of chiropractic education and presume that a chiropractic college will not give academic credit when a student fails to satisfactorily complete course requirements. Those requirements are not met by simple attainment of a passing score on a summary test which necessarily excerpts, in a small sampling of questions, from the large body of knowledge intended to be absorbed during four years of professional education. Ability to comprehend and integrate the extensive knowledge needed for professional practice is, on the other hand, normally well demonstrated by an applicant's scholastic experience, and we find no reason to alter that view in this case.

The Board further notes that it reasonably expects candor and good faith from applicants asked to present their background to

demonstrate eligibility for licensure, so that the Board can make a fully informed and fair decision. Notwithstanding the specific questions set forth in the application, this applicant has not aided the Board in that endeavor, with regard to the locations and times of his prior studies nor as to his representation of a Bachelor of Science degree belied by the transcript he has submitted.

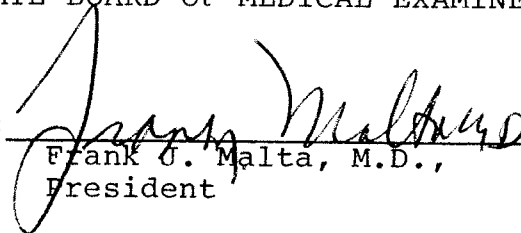
For this Board to ignore all of these indicia of proposed professional practice, including overwhelming and undisputed evidence of marginal grasp of basic as well as chiropractic education would be a disservice to the New Jersey public, which expects the Board to make all reasonable efforts to license only those applicants who are fit, honest and competent. In summary, the applicant has not met the criteria required for licensure in this State, for good cause shown.

IT IS, on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1988,

ORDERED that the application of Arnold Stuart Winn, D.C. for licensure to practice chiropractic in the State of New Jersey is hereby denied.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Frank J. Malta, M.D.,  
President