



BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS KS State Board of Healing Arts
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of)	
Terrence L. Lakin, D.O.)	
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Application for Active License)	Case No. 25-HA00023
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FINAL ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

NOW ON THIS 8th day of August 2025, comes on for hearing with due and proper notice, the matter of the application of Terrence L. Lakin, D.O. for an active license to practice medicine and surgery (“Application”) in Kansas. Terrence L. Lakin, D.O. (“Applicant”) appears in person and by counsel Diane L. Bellquist. Matthew P. Gaus, Litigation Counsel for the Board, appears on behalf of the Board’s Disciplinary Panel # 40 (“DP#40”). Sherri Wattenbarger, President of the Board, appears with a lawfully convened Board.

DP#40 members, Dr. Bradbury, Dr. DeGrado, Dr. Kuhlmann, and Dr. Sweet were recused and took no part in the decision of this matter

I. Summary

Applicant’s present application for active licensure follows a previous denial of an application for licensure filed by Applicant in 2011 that was denied at that time because the Applicant was general court-martialed convicted and discharged from the military for

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refusing to deploy to Afghanistan when ordered to provide medical services in support of the Operation Enduring Freedom mission. For purposes of Applicant's application, the Board considers whether he presently poses a threat to the public and whether he is sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust. In deciding this matter, the Board does not rehear or redetermine matters decided previously in prior final orders of the Board.

II. Statement of Facts

1. On or about September 18, 2024, Applicant applied for a license to practice Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Kansas, his current application at issue. Respondent's Exhibit 1.
2. Since Applicant's first Kansas application denial in 2011, Applicant has:
 - a. Practiced medicine as an occupational and urgent care physician in Colorado at Southern Colorado Clinic from 2011 to 2021,
 - b. Worked as a telemedicine physician from 2021 through present and as a family medicine physician in Oklahoma. Respondent's Exhibit 1 (Applicant's application), p. 8; Applicant's Exhibit B.
3. Applicant's letters of recommendation show positive work experience, good character, and extensive experience in certain areas since 2011. Applicant's Exhibit 1, pp. 71-76; CONFIDENTIAL Oklahoma, filed with the Board on July 18, 2025. Applicant's Exhibit C (Applicant's Reply in Support of Application), pp. 25-26.
4. Applicant stepped in to help support the CONFIDENTIAL clinic, when it lost its primary physician to health issues. Id., at Exhibit C.
5. Applicant has worked for CONFIDENTIAL Clinic in Tulsa since March of 2024. Applicant's Exhibit B (Curriculum Vitae).

6. During Applicant's 6-month confinement for the general court martial at issue in his 2011 Application denial, Applicant was released a month early for good behavior for teaching math classes to other imprisoned soldiers for GED equivalence. See Agency Record, Applicant's testimony.
7. Since completing his court martial sentence, Applicant received a Colorado license to practice medicine and in so doing was forthright with the Colorado licensing board about his court martial case and practiced successfully for 10 years at an occupational medicine clinic. See Agency Record, Applicant's testimony.
8. After practicing in Colorado, Applicant moved to Wichita, Kansas CONFIDENTIAL . Applicant commutes to Oklahoma to practice medicine. In order to receive his Oklahoma physician license, Applicant disclosed his court martial matter to the Oklahoma licensing board and submitted a written statement to the Oklahoma licensing board regarding the same. See Agency Record, Applicant's testimony.
9. In the 12 months preceding his present application, Applicant worked at the CONFIDENTIAL clinic in Oklahoma for which he overtook the care of the clinic's patients after the primary physician passed way and Applicant's work has allowed the clinic to maintain operation, thereby maintaining employment for twelve or more clinic employees. See Agency Record, Applicant's testimony.
10. Since the time of Applicant's court marital case, Applicant has been licensed and has actively practiced in multiple states with no history of adverse action. See Agency Record, Applicant's testimony; See also Respondent's Exhibit 1.
11. Applicant has acknowledged that he disobeyed orders when he failed to deploy in support of the Operation Enduring Freedom mission and acknowledged that his conduct at that time was wrong. See Agency Record, Applicant's testimony.
12. Applicant demonstrates sufficient remorse for his past conduct and regrets the disrepute it caused to the profession.

13. Applicant is sufficiently rehabilitated since the Board's 2011 decision to warrant the public's trust.

V. Conclusions of Law

Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2836(c), Applicant's Application shall be denied due to his general court-martial conviction unless a 2/3 majority of the board members present and voting determine by clear and convincing evidence that Applicant will not pose a threat to the public in his capacity as a licensee and that Applicant has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust.

Vakas involved re-instatement of a license, nonetheless, the Board refers to the factors outlined under *Vakas v. Kansas State Board of Healing Arts*, 248 Kan. 589, 808 P.2d 1355 (1997) as a guide to determine whether Applicant meets the standard required to grant applicant a license in this instance.

The factors outlined in *Vakas* for considering whether an applicant for a license to practice medicine should be granted are as follows: "(1) the present moral fitness of the petitioner; (2) the demonstrated consciousness of the wrongful conduct and disrepute which the conduct has brought the profession; (3) the extent of petitioner's rehabilitation; (4) the nature and seriousness of the original misconduct; (5) the conduct subsequent to discipline; (6) the time elapsed since the original discipline; (7) the petitioner's character, maturity, and experience at the time of the original revocation; and (8) the petitioner's present competence in medical skills." *Id.*

Applicant's numerous additional years of successful practice with no discipline, and his contributions to the communities in which he has worked shows his present moral and clinical fitness to practice medicine, substantial rehabilitation, and an increased level of maturity and experience since his court-martial and the events preceding the court martial. The Board also finds that Applicant, demonstrates his consciousness of the wrongful conduct he committed and the resulting disrepute brought the profession.

The Board does not discount the seriousness of Applicant's past misconduct however, by analyzing this matter through the lens of the Vakas standards, the Board finds that the Applicant benefits from the maturity and opportunity for self-reflection that time provides.

In conclusion, the Board finds by greater than 2/3 majority of the members present and voting, that Applicant presents clear and convincing evidence that he does not pose a threat to the public and that he has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust.

Wherefore, the Board **GRANTS the APPLICATION** effective on the date shown by the filing of this order.

FOR THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS

Susan Gile

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Executive Director

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **FINAL ORDER** was served this 16th day of September, 2025 by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class, postage prepaid, and via email, addressed to:

Terrence L. Lakin, D.O.

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And the original was filed with the office of the Executive Director.



Staff Member

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