WHEREAS, Section 9 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8981 or the PRC Modernization Act of 2000 authorizes the various Professional Regulatory Boards to conduct summary proceedings on violations of the General Instructions to Examinees as embodied in Commission Resolution No. 163, dated 27 November 1996;

WHEREAS, General Instruction No. 6 thereof penalizes the bringing of cellular phones or other similar gadgets/devices inside the examination rooms;

WHEREAS, Section 1, Rule XV of the 2017 Rules and Regulations in Administrative Investigations\(^1\) provides that the penalties imposable on examinees shall either be (1) the withholding or cancellation of the results of his licensure examination, (2) deferment of his registration, or (3) debarment from taking a licensure examination within a specified period or any future licensure examination;

WHEREAS, Ms. Cellona (hereinafter referred to as Examinee) was able to take the September 2019 Physician’s Licensure Examination;

WHEREAS, the Professional Regulatory Board of Medicine (Board) received Incident Reports, dated 9 September 2019, from the room watchers and floor supervisor designated at the pertinent examination venue, that the Examinee was in custody of her cellular phone inside the examination room during the Pathology examination, on the afternoon of 8 September 2019;

WHEREAS, the Board issued Board Resolution No. 26, dated 18 September 2019, mandating the exclusion of the name of the Examinee from the Table of Results pending final determination of her liabilities under the rules and regulations governing licensure examinations;

\(^1\) By virtue of Section 2, Rule I of the 2017 Revised Rules and Regulations in Administrative Investigations, the same applies to examinees who commit any of the prohibited acts provided in the professional regulatory law, rules and regulations, as well as, violate the resolutions, policies and other administrative issuances promulgated by the Commission or the concerned Board.
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WHEREAS, on 1 October 2019, the Board issued a Formal Charge against the Examinee upon finding the existence of a prima facie case for violation of General Instruction No. 6 of the General Instructions to Examinees;

WHEREAS, the Board issued a Decision, dated 14 February 2020, finding the Examinee guilty of the charges against her, and imposing the penalty of deferment of her initial registration as a physician for six (6) months, to be reckoned from the date of the official release of examination results for the Physician’s Licensure Examination concerned, on 19 September 2019;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Decision became final and executory on 19 March 2020 and the administrative investigation against the Examinee was thereby terminated;

WHEREFORE, the Board RESOLVES, as it is hereby RESOLVED, to release the September 2019 examination results of Ms. Edlin Mae B. Cellona.

Done in the City of Manila this 21st day of May 2020.

[Signatures and stamps of the Board members]

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