

IN THE MATTER OF

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BEFORE THE

JUSTICE WOODS

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MARYLAND STATE

Respondent

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BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

License Number: A0001540

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Case Number: 7726-0025

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**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION
OF LICENSE TO PRACTICE AS AN ATHLETIC TRAINER**

Disciplinary Panel A (“Panel A”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license of **JUSTICE WOODS**, Athletic Trainer (the “Respondent”), License Number A0001540, to practice athletic training in the State of Maryland.

Panel A takes such action pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Gov’t § 10-226(c) (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2025 Supp.), and Md. Code Regs. (“COMAR”) 10.32.02.08B(7), concluding that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

Based on information received by, and made known to Panel A, and the investigatory information obtained by, received by and made known to and available to Panel A, including the instances described below, Panel A has reason to believe that the following facts are true:¹

¹ The statements regarding Panel A’s investigative findings are intended to provide the Respondent with reasonable notice of the basis of the suspension. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent, a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Respondent in connection with this matter.

I. BACKGROUND

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was and is licensed to practice athletic training in the State of Maryland. The Respondent initially was licensed to practice athletic training in Maryland on May 4, 2023, under License Number A0001540. The Respondent's license expires on September 30, 2027, subject to renewal.

2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was also licensed to practice athletic training in the District of Columbia and Virginia.

3. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as an athletic trainer in a school system in the District of Columbia.

II. PRIOR DISCIPLINARY ORDERS

4. On August 12, 2025, Panel A charged the Respondent with violating the Maryland Athletic Trainers Act. Specifically, Panel A charged the Respondent with having been disciplined by a certifying authority for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-5D-14(a)(17) and violating the Board's sexual misconduct regulations under Md. Code Regs. 10.32.17.03C.

5. The Respondent resolved Panel A's charges by entering into a Consent Order, dated November 12, 2025 (the "Consent Order"). In the Consent Order, Panel A found as a matter of fact that on January 5, 2025, the Respondent entered into a Consent Agreement (the "Consent Agreement") with the Board of Certification for Athletic Trainers ("BOC") in which the BOC found that the Respondent was "intimately involved with a female student athlete while he was employed as a Staff Athletic Trainer" at an educational

institution. BOC disciplined the Respondent by placing him on probation for three years with terms and conditions. Panel A further found that between September 2022 and April 2023, the Respondent engaged in multiple sexual acts and sexual intercourses with the female student athlete, including when he was employed as a Staff Athletic Trainer at the same educational institution as the female student athlete.

6. In the Consent Order, Panel A found as a matter of law that the Respondent was disciplined by a certifying authority for acts that would constitute engaging in unprofessional and immoral conduct in the practice of athletic training and violating the Board's sexual misconduct regulations, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-4D-14 (a)(17).

7. Pursuant to the Consent Order, Panel A reprimanded the Respondent and placed him on probation for minimum of 27 months during which he was required to enroll in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program ("MPRP") and "fully and timely cooperate and comply with all MPRP's referrals, rules, and requirements, including, but not limited to, the terms and conditions of the Participant Rehabilitation Agreement(s) and Participant Rehabilitation Plan(s) entered with MPRP, and shall fully participate and comply with all therapy, treatment, evaluations, and screenings as directed by MPRP." The Consent Order further ordered the Respondent to successfully complete a course in Appropriate Professional Boundaries within six months; provide a copy of the Consent Order to his employer within 10 days; and pay a fine of \$1,000 within one year.

III. CURRENT BOARD INVESTIGATION

8. On or about December 2, 2025, the Respondent enrolled in MPRP and underwent an in-person comprehensive intake evaluation with MPRP's clinical staff. On

the same day, the Respondent signed a Participant Rehabilitation Agreement with MPRP, which included, among others, the following provisions:

- (3) I agree to follow the Program's treatment recommendation(s), as detailed in my Plan, and I understand that all treatment costs are my responsibility.
 - a) Treatment recommendations may include inpatient, outpatient, and/or residential treatment.
 - b) Potential treatment costs may include, but are not limited to, hospitalization, chemical screens, doctor fees, meeting fees and other therapeutic interventions and treatments.

- (17) I understand that the Program will report my actions, and the requirements of this Agreement and my Plan to the Board upon request and on a quarterly basis. I will be reported to the Board if I fail to, or refuse to:
 - a) Go for recommended/required treatment(s).

- (20) I agree that my individual circumstances may require me to temporarily cease practicing medicine [*sic*]. In that event, I will sign a Voluntary Practice Cessation Agreement.

- (23) I agree that if that if I violate any terms and conditions of this Agreement or my Plan, the Board may issue public charges against me for violation of this Agreement and, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, may impose disciplinary sanctions against my medical license [*Sic*] authorized under the Medical Practice Act [*Sic*], including, but not limited to:
 - a) A reprimand
 - b) Suspension
 - c) Probation
 - d) Revocation
 - e) A monetary fine

9. Based on the intake evaluation, the MPRP clinical staff required that the Respondent undergo a more comprehensive evaluation (the "Comprehensive Evaluation").

On or about February 18 and 19, 2026, the Respondent underwent the Comprehensive Evaluation. In a preliminary report, dated February 20, 2026, the clinical team that administered the Comprehensive Evaluation found that the Respondent was “currently not able to practice” athletic training “with reasonable safety.”²

10. After receiving the preliminary report, the MPRP clinical staff met with the Respondent on or about February 23, 2026, and informed him of the findings from the Comprehensive Evaluation.³ Furthermore, the MPRP clinical staff requested that the Respondent sign a Practice Cessation Agreement, which the Respondent declined to sign.

11. On or about February 27, 2026, the MPRP clinical staff spoke with the Respondent by telephone during which the Respondent again declined to sign the Practice Cessation Agreement.

12. On or about March 10, 2026, the MPRP clinical staff met with the Respondent in person for a monthly clinical meeting. The MPRP clinical staff informed the Respondent that based on the findings from the Comprehensive Evaluation he was required to be admitted to a treatment program and provided the Respondent with multiple options for the treatment program.

13. On or about March 12, 2026, MPRP clinical staff again spoke with the Respondent by telephone. During the call, the MPRP clinical staff informed the

² For confidentiality and privacy reasons, the specific information contained in the report of the Comprehensive Evaluation will not be disclosed in this document. This information will be disclosed to the Respondent upon request. The Panel reviewed this information prior to the issuance of this Summary Suspension Order.

³ On March 16, 2026, the Board received a full report of the Comprehensive Evaluation, dated March 11, 2026.

Respondent that he had to secure an April admission date to the treatment program to be in compliance. The MPRP clinical staff gave the Respondent until April 3, 2026, to secure an April admission date for the treatment program.

14. The Respondent failed to confirm that he secured an admission date to the treatment program by April 3, 2026. On the same day, the MPRP clinical staff informed the Respondent that his participation with MPRP was closed for his non-compliance, effective immediately.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Investigative Findings, Panel A concludes as a matter of law that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and that pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) (2021 Repl. Vol. and 2025 Supp.) and Md. Code Regs. ("COMAR") 10.32.02.08B(7)(a), the Respondent's license is summarily suspended.

ORDER

It is, by a majority of the quorum of Panel A, hereby:

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested in Panel A by Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) and COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7)(a), the Respondent's license to practice athletic training in the State of Maryland is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that, during the course of the summary suspension, the Respondent shall not practice athletic training in the State of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that in accordance with COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7) and E, a post-deprivation hearing on the summary suspension will be held on **Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** before Panel A at the Board's offices, located at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215-0095; and it is further

ORDERED that at the conclusion of the post-deprivation hearing before Panel A, the Respondent, if dissatisfied with the result of the hearing, may request within ten (10) days an evidentiary hearing, such hearing to be set within thirty (30) days of the request, before an Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings, Administrative Law Building, 11101 Gilroy Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031-1301; and it is further

ORDERED that a copy of this Order for Summary Suspension shall be filed with the Board in accordance with Health Occ. § 14-407 (2021 Repl. Vol. and 2025 Supp.); and it is further

ORDERED that this is an Order of Disciplinary Panel A, and as such, is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT**. See Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Provisions § 4-333(b)(6).

04/29/2026
Date

Signature on File

Christine A. Farrelly 
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians