



participating in all therapy, treatment, evaluations, and screenings as directed by MPRP; and taking and successfully completing a course in professionalism. The Consent Order provided that the Respondent may submit a written petition to terminate the suspension, upon notification to the Board by MPRP that the Respondent had complied with all terms and conditions of the suspension and is safe to return to the practice of athletic training. The Consent Order further provided that if the Panel determined that the Respondent could safely return to the practice of athletic training, the suspension may be terminated through an order of the Panel, and the Panel may impose any terms and conditions it deemed appropriate on the Respondent's return to practice, including, but not limited to, probation and/or continuation of the Respondent's enrollment in MPRP.

On October 1, 2024, the Board received the Respondent petition to terminate the suspension, as well as written notification from MPRP stating that MPRP's full clinical team endorsed the termination of the Respondent's suspension, and confirming that she has been fully cooperative with her rehabilitation agreement. The Respondent also completed a course in professionalism on June 23, 2024.

On December 18, 2024, the Respondent participated by phone before Panel B for consideration of her petition. Panel B reviewed the Respondent's file and heard oral presentations from the Respondent and the administrative prosecutor for the State.

### **CONSIDERATION OF PETITION**

Throughout her participation with MPRP, the Respondent has demonstrated a strong commitment to all aspects of her treatment and rehabilitation. Before Panel B, the

Respondent expressed awareness and understanding of the nature and gravity of her behavior, and demonstrated insight and reflection by accepting full responsibility for her actions and conveying remorse for her conduct. Panel B commends the Respondent for her dedication to her recovery and her full engagement in taking extensive measures to appropriately address the issues that led to the summary suspension of her license in 2022.

Panel B concludes that the Respondent is fit to practice safely as an athletic trainer. The Panel, therefore, will terminate the suspension of the Respondent's license subject to probation and certain probationary conditions.

### **ORDER**

Disciplinary Panel B finds that the Respondent has complied with the terms of the May 24, 2023 Consent Order and is safe to return to the practice of athletic training if specific terms and conditions are in place. It is, thus, by Disciplinary Panel B, hereby:

**ORDERED** that the suspension imposed by the May 24, 2023 Consent Order is **TERMINATED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent is placed on **PROBATION**<sup>2</sup> for a minimum period of **TWO (2) YEARS** from the effective date of this Order. During the probationary period, the Respondent shall comply with the following terms and conditions of probation:

1. The Respondent shall remain enrolled in MPRP as follows:
  - (a) The Respondent shall continue her Participant Rehabilitation Agreement and Participant Rehabilitation Plan with MPRP, or be

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<sup>2</sup> If the Respondent's license expires during the period of probation, the probation and any conditions will be tolled.

entered into an amended Participant Rehabilitation Agreement and Participant Rehabilitation Plan, as determined by MPRP;

- (b) The Respondent shall 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;
- (c) The Respondent shall sign and update the written release/consent forms requested by the Board and MPRP, including release/consent forms to authorize MPRP to make verbal and written disclosures to the Board and to authorize the Board to disclose relevant information from MPRP records and files in a public order. The Respondent shall not withdraw her release/consent;
- (d) The Respondent shall also sign any written release/consent forms to authorize MPRP to exchange with (i.e., disclose to and receive from) outside entities (including all of the Respondent's current therapists and treatment providers) verbal and written information concerning the Respondent and to ensure that MPRP is authorized to receive the medical records of the Respondent, including, but not limited to, mental health and drug or alcohol evaluation and treatment records. The Respondent shall not withdraw her release/consent; and
- (e) The Respondent's failure to comply with any of the above terms or conditions, including the terms or conditions of the Participant Rehabilitation Agreement(s) or Participant Rehabilitation Plan(s) constitutes a violation of this Order.

2. The Respondent shall not apply for early termination of probation or request that this Order be amended or modified; and it is further

**ORDERED** that any request for amendments or modifications to this Order shall not be considered; and it is further

**ORDERED** that a violation of probation constitutes a violation of this Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that after the Respondent has fully and satisfactorily complied with all terms and conditions of probation, and the minimum two-year period of probation imposed by this Order has passed, the Respondent may submit a written petition for termination of probation. After consideration of the petition, the probation may be terminated through an order of a disciplinary panel. The Respondent may be required to appear before the disciplinary panel to discuss her petition for termination. The disciplinary panel may grant the petition to terminate the probation through an order of the disciplinary panel, if the Respondent has successfully complied with all of the probationary terms and conditions and if there are no pending complaints related to the charges that led to the May 24, 2023 Consent Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that, if the Respondent allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Order, the Respondent shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing. If the disciplinary panel determines there is a genuine dispute as to a material fact, the hearing shall be before an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings followed by an exceptions process before a disciplinary panel; and if the disciplinary panel determines there is no genuine dispute as to a material fact, the Respondent shall be given a show cause hearing before a disciplinary panel; and it is further

**ORDERED** that after the appropriate hearing, if the disciplinary panel determines that the Respondent has failed to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Order, the disciplinary panel may reprimand the Respondent, place the Respondent on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, suspend the Respondent's license with appropriate

terms and conditions, or revoke the Respondent's license to practice athletic training in Maryland. The disciplinary panel may, in addition to one or more of the sanctions set forth above, impose a civil monetary fine on the Respondent; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the effective date of the Order is the date the Order is signed by the Executive Director of the Board or her designee. The Executive Director or her designee signs the Order on behalf of Disciplinary Panel A, which has imposed the terms and conditions of this Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Order on Petition to Terminate Suspension is a public document. *See* Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6). (Repl. Vol. 2021).

12/31/2024  
Date

***Signature On File***

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Maryland Board of Physicians