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CONSENT AGREEMENT

This Consent Agreement is made by and between the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc., ("BOC"), a North Carolina non-profit corporation with a place of business at 1415 Harney Street, Suite 200, Omaha, Nebraska 68102, and Brandon I Holland ("Respondent") of [REDACTED] Woodbridge, Virginia, [REDACTED], referred to hereinafter collectively as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, Respondent has been certified by the BOC (certification number 050602009) as having satisfied the requirements established by the BOC with regard to knowledge and professional competence in the area of entry-level athletic training; and

WHEREAS, the Parties stipulate to the truth and accuracy of the following:

1. In 2007, Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the State of Virginia and concurrently a reprimand for practicing as an athletic trainer without a license in Virginia. At that time, Respondent stated he was unaware that licensure was required to practice athletic training in Virginia. As a result, Respondent entered into a Consent Agreement with the BOC for a private censure.
2. From August 31, 2013 through April 16, 2014, Respondent, by self admission, practiced athletic training without holding a current and active license. The Respondent's unlicensed practice constituted a violation of Virginia Code Sections §54.1-2915.A(9) and (16) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), and 18VAC85-120-40 of the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Athletic Trainers.
3. Respondent violated Section 54.1-2915.A(9) of the Code in that, by his own admission, he allowed his BOC certification to expire on December 31, 2013, but continued to practice through April 16, 2014. As required by 18VAC85-120-90 of the

Regulations Governing the Licensure of Athletic Trainers, all licensees seeking licensure renewal must maintain current BOC certification.

4. Respondent violated 54.1-2915.A(1) and (16) of the Code in that he falsified information on his licensure renewal dated April 11, 2014 in that he answered "Yes" when asked, "Do you attest that you have current certification by NATABOC?" when, in fact he did not maintain current certification as it expired on December 31, 2013 and was not renewed until April 21, 2014. Records show that Respondent's athletic trainer's license was renewed April 17, 2014 and his BOC certification was renewed April 21, 2014.
5. The Respondent's conduct also violates the Code of Professional Responsibility ("Code") 3.2 and 3.9 of the *BOC Standards of Professional Practice* ("BOC Practice Standards") in that the Respondent failed to know and comply with applicable local, state and/or federal rules, requirements, regulations and/or laws related to the practice of athletic training and is candid, responsible and truthful in making any statement to the BOC, and in making any statement in connection with athletic training to the public.
6. The above described Code violations constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Section 9 of the *BOC Professional Practice and Discipline Guidelines and Procedures* ("BOC Discipline Procedures").

WHEREAS, Respondent, in consideration of this Consent Agreement and for the purpose of terminating the BOC's investigation and the disciplinary proceedings against him, voluntarily admits that his actions as set forth above violate Codes 3.2 and 3.9 of the BOC Practice Standards and agrees that,

for purposes of this or any future proceeding before the BOC, this Consent Agreement shall have the same effect as if ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to Section 7 of the BOC Discipline Procedures.

WHEREAS, the Respondent understands and acknowledges Respondent's rights to a hearing and to appeal a decision by a hearing panel, but waives those rights and stipulates and agrees to the issuance of this Consent Agreement without further proceedings in this matter, and agrees to be fully bound by the terms and conditions specified herein; and

WHEREAS, the BOC Executive Director has consented to the execution of this Consent Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 5 of the BOC Discipline Procedures and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby stipulate and agree to the following:

1. The Parties agree that this Consent Agreement shall be and hereby is legally binding and is in full and complete settlement and resolution of any and all charges and/or claims that were or could have been brought by the BOC regarding the actions of Respondent as set forth above, and shall constitute an admission by the Respondent that his actions violated Codes 3.2 and 3.9 of the BOC Practice Standards.

2. In exchange for the summary termination of the BOC's investigation into Respondent's conduct as described in Paragraphs 1-4 of Pages 1 and 2 above, Respondent voluntarily admits: (1) that the facts set forth in Paragraphs 1-4 on Pages 1 and 2 above are true; (2) that the actions set forth in Paragraphs 1-4 on Pages 1 and 2 above violate Codes 3.2 and 3.9 of the BOC Practice Standards. Respondent further agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceeding before the BOC,

this Consent Agreement shall have the same effect as if ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to Section 7 of the BOC Discipline Procedures.

3. Respondent waives all right to a hearing on the merits of this matter as provided in Section 7 of the BOC Disciplinary Procedures.

4. Respondent waives all right to appeal the charges and/or claims set forth herein to the BOC or to any administrative, regulatory, judicial or other forum.

5. Respondent waives all right to challenge or otherwise contest the validity of this Consent Agreement to the BOC or to any administrative, regulatory, judicial or other forum. The Consent Agreement may be enforced by either party in an action at law or equity.

6. Respondent consents to and agrees that he shall comply at all times with the BOC Practice Standards.

7. Respondent consents to and agrees that he is issued a PUBLIC CENSURE. A Public Censure is a written reprimand from the BOC to the Respondent. It is standard procedure to publish Public Censures.

8. Respondent consents to and agrees to complete a course in professional ethics administered by a BOC Approved Provider. Such course may be a live course or a BOC-approved home-study course.

9. Respondent consents to and agrees that Respondent's certification status is considered CERTIFIED.

10. Respondent's certification has been placed on probation for a period of three (3) years. During this time Respondent's certification is considered to be in good standing insofar as Respondent incurs no criminal charges or convictions and verifies this fact in writing to the Committee on an annual basis. Respondent will be required to submit the annual report no earlier than November 1st and no later than November 30th of each year (2016, 2017, 2018).

11. All reports required by the terms of this Consent Agreement shall be due according to a schedule to be established by the BOC. Documentation showing completion of the required ethics course must be received by the BOC no later than December 31, 2015. All correspondence and reports concerning the above restrictions and/or requirements are to be addressed to BOC Professional Practice and Discipline Committee.

12. Any alleged breach of any provision of this Consent Agreement by Respondent may, at the sole and absolute discretion of the BOC, result in the following actions:

- a. The BOC shall notify Respondent in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested or by tracked courier that the term(s) of this Consent Agreement have been breached and include a description of the acts or omission(s) constituting a breach of the term(s) of this Consent Agreement.
- b. Respondent shall be allowed fifteen (15) days from the date of the receipt of notification required in Paragraph 9(a) above to demonstrate to the sole satisfaction of the BOC that he has cured the breach in question.
- c. Failure to cure the breach within the fifteen (15) day time period will terminate the BOC's obligations under this Consent Agreement and will cause the original matter, as described in Paragraphs 1 through 3 of Page 1, above, to be referred to the BOC Professional Practice and Discipline Committee ("PPD Committee"), which shall make a final determination of the disciplinary action, if any, to be taken.
- d. In addition, Respondent's breach of any term of this Consent Agreement may constitute an additional and independent Code violation and may provide grounds for the BOC to suspend, revoke, or otherwise take action with regard to his BOC certification.

13. Any notice by the BOC pertaining to this Consent Agreement shall be sufficient if sent to Respondent at the last address of record Respondent has reported to the BOC, or to an attorney designated by Respondent.

14. Respondent agrees that the factual and legal allegations as contained in this _____ Consent Agreement shall be deemed true and admitted in any subsequent proceeding before the BOC in which Respondent's compliance with this Consent Agreement or the BOC Practice Standards is at issue.

15. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the BOC shall not constitute a waiver or preclude the BOC from taking action at a later time. The BOC shall not be required to grant any waiver, extensions of time, or grace periods.

16. This Consent Agreement shall be binding on and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties, their successors, assigns, or other legal representatives.

17. No waiver, change, amendment, or discharge of any term or condition hereof and no consent of either Party shall be of any force or effect unless made in writing and signed by both Parties or by duly authorized agents of the Parties. Any waiver granted by the BOC shall be at the sole and absolute discretion of the BOC and shall not function as a continuing waiver.

18. This Consent Agreement contains the entire understanding between the Parties and supersedes any and all pre-existing understandings, either oral or written, between the Parties relating to the subject matter hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Consent Agreement, effective as of the 19th
day of October, 2015.

National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc.

Denise M Fandel
Signature

Denise Fandel
Printed Name

Executive Director
Title

11/30/15
Date

Brandon I Holland

Brandon Holland
Signature

Brandon Holland
Printed Name

11/16/15
Date