

Before the West Virginia Board of Physical Therapy

W. Va. Board of Physical Therapy,

Complainant,

v.

Case No. 2021-08

Aubrey B. Greathouse, AT 001766,

Respondent.

Order Suspending Respondent's License and Notice of Hearing

Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 30-1-8(e)(1), the West Virginia Board of Physical Therapy (“Board”) hereby summarily suspends the athletic trainer’s license of Respondent Aubrey B. Greathouse (#AT 001766), prior to having a hearing, because evidence exists that Respondent’s continuation in the practice of athletic training poses an immediate danger to the public. In support of this suspension, the Board states the following:

1. The Board is a state entity created by W. Va. Code § 30-20-1 *et seq.*, and is empowered by W. Va. Code § 30-20A-1 *et seq.* to regulate the practice of athletic training in West Virginia.
2. It is the public policy of this state that the practice of athletic training affects the general welfare and public interest of the state and its citizens. See W. Va. Code § 30-1-1a.
3. The Board is empowered to suspend, revoke, or otherwise discipline an individual’s athletic training license. See W. Va. Code § 30-20A-2.
4. The Board may suspend a license upon satisfactory proof that a licensee has been convicted of a felony or is, in her professional capacity, engaged in conduct, practices, or acts constituting professional negligence or a willful departure from accepted standards of professional conduct. See W. Va. Code R. § 16-8-4.

5. The Board may take disciplinary action against a licensee if it has been proven by a preponderance of the evidence the licensee has been convicted of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude. See W. Va. Code § 30-20A-13(g)(2).

6. The Board may take disciplinary action against a licensee if it has been proven by a preponderance of the evidence the licensee has engaged in unprofessional conduct which placed the public at risk. See W. Va. Code § 30-20A-13(g)(3).

7. The Board may take disciplinary action against a licensee if it has been proven by a preponderance of the evidence the licensee has engaged in an act while acting in a professional capacity which has endangered or is likely to endanger the health, welfare, or safety of the public. See W. Va. Code § 30-20A-13(g)(7).

8. The Board has the authority to suspend the license of an athletic trainer prior to a hearing if the person's continuation in the practice constitutes an immediate danger to the public. W. Va. Code § 30-1-8(e)(1).

9. On or about October 4, 2021, a criminal complaint (*Case No. 21-M17F-00417*) was issued against Respondent in the Magistrate Court of Harrison County, West Virginia, alleging violation of W. Va. Code §61-8A-2, distribution and display to minor of obscene material.

10. The criminal complaint alleges that on or about September 17, 2021, Respondent, a licensed athletic trainer contracted to Marion County Schools, provided a 16-year old female student a ride after a high school football game. Respondent, using her cell phone, showed the student a partially nude photograph of an adult male. The adult male in the photograph was

sporting an erect penis. Respondent told the student that Respondent and the male in the photograph engaged in a sexual encounter and shared sexual devices.

11. Because of the sexual nature of the underlying allegations and because it appears Respondent engaged in such conduct in the course of providing athletic training services to students, including minors, the Board hereby concludes Respondent's continuation in the practice of athletic training constitutes an immediate danger to the public.


Order

Respondent Aubrey B. Greathouse's license to practice athletic training is hereby **SUSPENDED** pending resolution of disciplinary proceedings initiated by the Board against her license. Respondent is directed to surrender her license to the Board immediately.

You are hereby notified that at a time and place to be mutually set by the parties, the Board will conduct an administrative hearing, via teleconference and/or in person, before a Hearing Examiner at the Office of the Board, located at Two Players Club Drive, Suite 102, Charleston, West Virginia 25311. Respondent or her legal counsel is directed to immediately contact Nonnie Holcomb, Executive Director, (304) 558-0367, to set a hearing date and to address any questions regarding this matter.

Entered this 2nd of December, 2021.

W. Va. Board of Physical Therapy



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