



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 Jeffrey A Russell ("Respondent") of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], referred to hereinafter collectively as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, Respondent has been certified by the BOC (certification number 000060285) as having satisfied the requirements established by the BOC with regards 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. March 10, 2022, Respondent entered a Consent Agreement (Agreement) with the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board. Per the Agreement, while employed as the director of the SHAPe Clinic at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, Respondent repeatedly raised their voice to their colleagues and graduate students when frustrated, made disparaging comments about them, in an offensive manner between August 1, 2020 and October 31, 2021. Respondent's actions constitute violations of section 4755.64(A)(2) and 4755.64(A)(5) of the Ohio Revised Code and section 4755-41-01(A)(7) of the Ohio Administrative Code. Respondent was issued a public written reprimand and required to complete a course in anger management and professionalism. Respondent is also required to provide a copy of the consent agreement to any current and future employers during the term of the agreement.
2. The Respondent's conduct also violates the Code of Professional Responsibility ("Code") 3.2 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.

3. The above-described Code violations constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Section 8 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 them, voluntarily admits that their actions as set forth above violate Code 3.2 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 6 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 Chief Executive Officer has consented to the execution of this Consent Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 4 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 her actions violated Code 3.2 of the BOC Practice Standards.

2. In exchange for the summary termination of the BOC's investigation into Respondent's conduct as described in Paragraph 1 of Page 1 above, Respondent voluntarily admits: (1) that the facts set forth in Paragraph 1 on Page 1 above are true; (2) that the actions set forth in Paragraph 1 on Page 1 above violate Code 3.2 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 6 of the BOC Discipline Procedures.

3. Respondent waives all right to a hearing on the merits of this matter as provided in Section 6 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 they shall comply at all times with the BOC Practice Standards.

7. Respondent consents to and agrees that they are issued a PUBLIC CENSURE. It is standard procedure to publish public censures.

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

9. 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 or tracked courier, return receipt requested, or by secure electronic delivery with receipt verification (e.g., Eversign) 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. Such a breach may result in the Respondent's state athletic trainer agency and/or current employer being contacted as permitted by Section 13.2 of the BOC Discipline Guidelines.
 - 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 Paragraph 1 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 her BOC certification.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.

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

14. 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.

15. 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 14th day of April 2022.

National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Inc.

Anne M Minton

Signature

Anne M Minton
Printed Name

Chief Executive Officer
Title

Apr 19 2022
Date

Jeffrey A Russell

Signature

Jeffrey A Russell
Printed Name

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