



CONSENT AGREEMENT

This Consent Agreement is made by and between the Board of Certification, Inc., ("BOC"), a North Carolina non-profit corporation with a place of business at 1411 Harney Street, Suite 100, Omaha, Nebraska 68102, and Ernest Golin, Sr. ("Respondent") of [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Tampa, Florida, [REDACTED], referred to hereinafter collectively as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, Respondent has been certified by the BOC (certification number 000090030) 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. January 1, 2024, Respondent's certification expired due to failure to complete all certification maintenance requirements by the 2022-2023 CE reporting period deadline of December 31, 2023.
2. September 11, 2025, Respondent submitted an application for Reinstatement by Continuing Education. Upon submitting their reinstatement application, Respondent attested "I Confirm" to the following statements: 1) "The information contained in this report is a true and accurate statement of my continuing education activities, falsification of this report may result in the suspension of my BOC certification." and 2) "I am in possession of and prepared to present all original documentation confirming participation in reported activities. I am aware I must keep these records for at least two years after the reporting period has ended."
3. September 11, 2025, BOC discovered numerous irregularities in the documentation provided for Continuing Education (CE) and Emergency Cardiac

Care (ECC) activities submitted by the Respondent in their reinstatement application. BOC received confirmation from two CE providers that at least 4 different CE documents were falsified documents: 1) Graston M1 Advanced Upper/Lower Quadrant Training earned May 15-16, 2024, 2) Graston M2 Advanced Upper/Lower Quadrant Training earned May 17-18, 2025, 3) 27th Annual ATAF Annual Symposium& Business meeting earned April 10-11, 2024, and 4) 27th Annual ATAF Annual Symposium& Business meeting earned April 11-12, 2025. The Graston provider confirmed the document had been altered with the dates, the course name, the person's signature had not been employed by them for 8 years and that the Respondent had completed both courses in 2015. The ATAF provider confirmed the CE documentation was not representative of the CE documentation used by the provider and that the Respondent had not registered or attended the event. Other submitted CE documents did not meet BOC requirements for CE documentation. BOC noted several discrepancies on three ECC cards, however the ECC provider did not respond to multiple BOC requests for verification.

4. September 15, 2025 the BOC sent Respondent an Investigation Notice via Eversign. Respondent viewed the Investigation Notice the same day.
5. September 16, 2025, Respondent submitted a written response to the Investigation Notice stating the documents had been damaged in a water leak and they had to reconstruct the documents from memory.
6. September 18, 2025, Respondent provided the BOC with compliant documentation for 50 CEUs earned on September 18, 2025.

7. October 13, 2025, Respondent provided a compliant ECC card issued on October 11, 2025 and is valid for two years.
8. October 17, 2025, BOC approved the Respondents application for Reinstatement.
9. The Respondent's conduct is a violation of the Code of Professional Responsibility ("Code") 2.2 and 3.8 of the BOC Standards of Professional Practice ("BOC Practice Standards"). 2.2 in that the Respondent failed to comply with the most current BOC recertification policies and requirements. 3.8 in that the Respondent failed to ensure that any information provided to the BOC in connection with exam eligibility, certification recertification or reinstatement including but not limited to, exam applications, reinstatement applications or continuing education forms, is accurate and truthful.
10. 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 2.2 and 3.8 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 their actions violated Code 2.2 and 3.8 of the BOC Practice Standards.

2. In exchange for the summary termination of the BOC's investigation into Respondent's conduct as described above, Respondent voluntarily admits: (1) that the facts set forth in Paragraphs 1-8 on Pages 1-3 above; (2) that Respondent's actions, violate Code 2.2 and 3.8 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. A Public Censure is a written reprimand from the BOC to the Respondent. It shall be standard procedure to publish Public Censures; this includes but is not limited to the Disciplinary Action Exchange, State Regulatory Agencies and the "BOC Cert Update."

8. Respondent consents to and agrees to complete course(s) for six (6) hours in professional ethics administered by a BOC Approved Provider. Such a course may be a synchronous or asynchronous course.

9. Respondent consents and agrees to a mandatory audit for the 2024-2026 CE renewal period ending February 2, 2026 and 2026-2028 CE renewal period ending Jan 31, 2028. Audit notifications outlining the details of the audit will be sent at a later date.

10. Respondent consents to and agrees that Respondent's certification status will be considered CERTIFIED once all requirements of reinstatement are completed.

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 courses must be received by the BOC no later than January 31, 2026. 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 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 12(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 1-8 on Pages 1-3, 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 their 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 24th day of October 2025.

Board of Certification, Inc.

Anne M. Minton

Signature

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Name

Chief Executive Officer

Title

Oct 24 2025

Date

Ernest Golin, Sr

Signature

Ernest Golin, Sr.

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