

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel.,)	
OKLAHOMA BOARD OF)	
CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS)	
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IN THE MATTER OF THE)	Complaint Nos. 024-2022
COMPLAINT AGAINST:)	031-2022
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LANCE QUINTANA, D.C.)	
LICENSE NO. 4341)	
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Respondent.)	

**ORDER OF SUSPENSION OF CHIROPRACTIC LICENSE
UPON FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONSENT ORDER**

This matter came before the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (“the Board”) on March 14, 2024 and April 25, 2024 at 421 N.W. 13th Street Oklahoma City, OK pursuant to notice given as required by law and rules of the Board. The hearing for this Motion to Enforce was held March 14, 2024 and the Board tabled their decision pursuant thereto until April 25, 2024.

Liz Stevens and Mackenzie Hill, Assistant Attorneys General, appeared on behalf of Petitioner. Respondent, Lance Quintana, appeared in person on March 14, 2024 but failed to appear April 25, 2024, despite notice being provided. Mr. Quintana elected to not be represented by counsel and understood the nature of the proceedings. Ms. Stevens and Ms. Hill and Mr. Quintana are herein after referred to as the Parties.

The following exhibits were admitted into evidence without objection:

- Exhibit 1: Email from Lance Quintana to Executive Director, Beth Kidd, dated January 22, 2024 at 10:45 AM.
- Exhibit 2: Email Correspondence between Lance Quintana and Executive Director, Beth Kidd, from October 27, 2023 at 9:43AM, October 28, 2023 at 7:55AM, October 31, 2023 at 9:23AM, and October 31, 2023 at 9:38AM.

The following witnesses testified: Beth Kidd, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Board of Chiropractic Examiner and Respondent.

Respondent, who appeared by himself, pro se, on March 14, 2024 affirmed with hearing officer, Deputy Assistant Attorney General Niki Batt that he understood the reason for his

appearance before the Board, the potential consequences of the hearing, and that he was waiving his right to appear with an attorney.

The Parties waived opening statements.

Following closing arguments by the Parties, the Board entered into executive session on March 14, 2024 to engage in deliberations in accordance with 25 O.S. § 307(B)(8) and 75 O.S. § 309(D). Upon exiting executive session, the Board moved to table its decision on the hearing until April 25, 2024.

On April 25, 2024, the Board having considered the testimony of the witnesses, exhibits admitted not evidence, and being fully apprised of the premises, makes the following finds of fact, conclusions of law, and orders:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner is a state agency with jurisdictional authority to regulate licensed chiropractors pursuant to 59 O.S. § 161.1 *et seq.*
2. Respondent is a licensed chiropractor in the State of Oklahoma, holding License Number 4341.
3. Respondent failed to comply with a previous Consent Order issue by the Board on March 23, 2023. At this time, Respondent has failed to do the following consistent with this Order:
 - a. Complete the Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services (EBAS): Ethics and Boundaries Essay Examination in both Professional Standards and Substance Abuse with a passing score.
 - b. At his own expense, submit himself to a psychological evaluation by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist approved in advance by the Board's Executive Director within thirty (30) days of entering the Consent Order. The evaluation shall determine a treatment plan for Respondent and follow all recommendations made during the evaluation.
 - c. Respondent shall also meet with the psychologist or psychiatrist regularly during his probation period. Respondent shall have the psychologist or psychiatrist submit confidential progress reports to the Executive Director every three (3) months.
4. Respondent admitted to his failure to comply with the Consent Order.
5. Respondent's admitted conduct violated the Oklahoma Chiropractic Practice Act and applicable Oklahoma Administrative rules.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter of this action pursuant to The Oklahoma Chiropractic Examiners Act at 59 O.S. § 161.6 *et seq.*
2. The Board has authority to revoke, suspend, restrict, or place on probation any license, or assess an administrative penalty against a license holder if that license holder has violated the Oklahoma Chiropractic Practice Act or the Board's rules pursuant to 59 O.S. § 161.12.
3. The Board found by clear and convincing evidence that Respondent's willful non-compliance with the Consent Order constitutes violations of both 59 O.S. § 161.12(B)(12)-(13). 59 O.S. § 161.12(B)(12)-(13) provides:

(B) The following acts or occurrences by a chiropractic physician shall constitute grounds for which penalties specified in subsection A of this section may be imposed by order of the Board:

12. Violating any provision of the Oklahoma Chiropractic Practice Act; or
 13. Violating any rules of the Board.
4. The Board found by clear and convincing evidence that Respondent's willful non-compliance with the Consent Order constitutes violations of the Code of Ethics at OAC 140:15-7-5(15). OAC 140:15-7-5(15) provides:

There is hereby created the "Oklahoma Chiropractic Code of Ethics." This Code of Ethics is based upon the fundamental principle that the ultimate end and objective of the chiropractic physician's professional services and effort should be: "The greatest good for the patient."

(15) Chiropractic physicians shall not violate any lawful order of the Board previously entered in a disciplinary hearing or fail to comply with a lawfully issued subpoena of the Board.

5. The Board found that as a result of these violations Respondent be subject to the suspension of his professional chiropractic license (Number 4341) until he comes into compliance with the Consent Order of the Board from March 23, 2023.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Oklahoma Board of Chiropractic Examiners as follows:

1. Lance Quintana, License Number 4341 is hereby **SUSPENDED** until he comes into compliance in completing the following requirements of a Consent Order issued by the Board on March 23, 2023:
 - a. Complete the Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services (EBAS): Ethics and Boundaries Essay Examination in both Professional Standards and Substance Abuse with a passing score.

- b. At his own expense, submit himself to a psychological evaluation by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist approved in advance by the Board's Executive Director within thirty (30) days of entering the Consent Order. The evaluation shall determine a treatment plan for Respondent and follow all recommendations made during the evaluation.
 - c. Respondent shall also meet with the psychologist or psychiatrist regularly during his probation period. Respondent shall have the psychologist or psychiatrist submit confidential progress reports to the Executive Director every three (3) months.
2. The Board is required to report this adverse action to the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards which in turn reports it to the National Practitioner Data Bank.
 3. Failure of the Respondent to comply with any terms of this Order may result in further disciplinary action as allowed by any applicable law and/or rules.
 4. A copy of this Order shall be provided to Respondent as soon as it is processed.

This Order is subject to the review and approval by the Oklahoma Attorney General, and this Order shall become final upon completion of the review by the Oklahoma Attorney General unless disapproved, in which case this Order shall be null and void.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2024


Dr. Lance Hoose, Board President
*Oklahoma Board of Chiropractic
Examiners*