## IN AND BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel., THE OKLAHOMA BOARD OF DENTISTRY, Plaintiff	) ) )	
vs.	) Case No: 24-12 (B)	
SAVANNAH MCCUDDY, DA#5808	)	
Respondent	)	

# AGREED ORDER ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY SUBMITTAL TO JURISDICTION

This cause comes before the Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry (the "Board") on January 24, 2025, at the meeting of the Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry, held at 2920 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, pursuant to notice given as required by law and rules of the Board.

Plaintiff, the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. the Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry by and through its Executive Director and attorney, Susan Rogers and the Respondent, **SAVANNAH MCCUDDY**, **DA#5808**, who does not appear.

The Board en banc after hearing arguments of counsel, reviewing the exhibits admitted and the sworn testimony of witnesses, and being fully advised in the premises, found that there is clear and convincing evidence to support the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Orders:

## AGREEMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY RESPONDENT

By voluntarily submitting to jurisdiction and entering this Order, Respondent accepts and pleads guilty to the complaint and citation filed herein as recommended by the investigation and review panel and acknowledges that a hearing before the Board would result in an initiation of an individual action and some sanction under the Oklahoma State Dental Practices Act.

Respondent, SAVANNAH MCCUDDY DA#5808, states that she is of sound mind and is not under the influence of, or impaired by, any medication or drug and that she fully recognizes her right to appear before the Board for a formal initiation of an action and an evidentiary hearing on the allegations made against him. Respondent hereby voluntarily waives her right to a full hearing, submits to the jurisdiction of the Board and agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of this Order. The Respondent acknowledges that she has read and understands the terms and conditions stated herein.

The Respondent and Attorneys for the Board stipulate to the following findings of fact; The Board heard statements of counsel, reviewed the exhibits presented, and being fully apprised in the premises, finds that there is clear and convincing evidence of the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Orders:

#### STIPULATIONS AND AGREED FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. **SAVANNAH MCCUDDY** currently possesses Oklahoma Dental Assisting Permit #DA5808, which was originally issued in 2014.
- 2. Respondent **SAVANNAH MCCUDDY DA#5808** is the subject of a complaint, Case No: 24-12 (B).
- 3. The Board pursuant to the Oklahoma State Dental Practices Act 59 O.S. § 328.1 et. seq is a duly authorized State Agency empowered to license and oversee the activities of all persons practicing dentistry or hygiene pursuant to the act in the State of Oklahoma.
- 4. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter herein, and notice has been given in all respects as required by law and the rules of the Board.
- 5. **SAVANNAH MCCUDDY DA#5808** has not previously been before this Board on complaint.
- 6. Respondent acknowledges that this agreement is freely and voluntarily made, and the Respondent has not been subject to duress or coercion.
- 7. Respondent has been apprised of her right to seek counsel on this matter and is fully aware of the consequences of this agreement.
- 8. The Respondent submits herself to the jurisdiction of the Board and, waives all rights to a hearing appeal and any other claim in a court having jurisdiction over any part of this matter.
- 9. A complaint was received on February 5, 2024, regarding WILLIAM G. REEVES, D.D.S., and an allegation of unsanitary conditions in his office.
- 10. Dr. Carmen assigned Dr. Dr. Shawn Scott and Dr. Stan Crawford as the review panel, Investigator Steve Lowe and Deputy Director Puckett was assigned to the case.
- 11. Patient V.T. made a complaint regarding unsanitary conditions at Dr. Reeves' clinic in OKC. Patient V.T. alleged that instruments were not being sanitized correctly and Dr. Reeves passed gas in her face while she was lying in the chair.
- 12. The basis of the initial complaint was deemed to be unsubstantiated by the review panel, however, the investigation did reveal licensing violations of Oklahoma State Statute as it pertains to the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) and unlicensed personnel.

- 13. During the investigation, investigators found that the dental assistant permit displayed for Savannah McCuddy #DA5808 had expired on December 31, 2021. Dental Board records confirmed that DA McCuddy's permit had expired on December 31, 2021, and that she did have two expanded function permits, Coronal Polishing and X-ray.
- 14. DA McCuddy stated she thought she had renewed her permit and admitted to working chairside and taking x-rays. DA McCuddy advised she was the hygiene coordinator, so she didn't work chairside every day. DA McCuddy advised she only took one or two x-rays a month and denied placing sealants or assisting with nitrous.
- 15. When questioned about DA McCuddy not having a valid dental assisting permit, Dr. Reeves stated he had been dealing with an ailing family member for the last nine months that had recently passed and that had caused some of the issues. Dr. Reeves advised he would get McCuddy's permit updated as soon as possible.
- 16. A copy of the statement of complaint is attached as "Exhibit A" and is incorporated herein by reference;
- 17. The Respondent has taken full responsibility for her actions at this time and has asked to enter this agreed order.
- 18. Respondent acknowledges and admits violations of the following rules and laws:
- CT. 1.—3; FAILURE TO SECURE AN ANNUAL RENEWAL AND PRACTICING WITHOUT A VALID DENTAL ASSISTING PERMIT; 59 O.S. §328.41. Specifically, for not renewing a dental assisting permit and working as a dental assistant in 2022, 2023, and 2024.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent the subject matter herein pursuant to the Oklahoma State Dental Act 59 O.S. § 328.1 et. seq and the Board of Dentistry Rules and Regulations, Title 195 et. seq.
- 2. Based on the foregoing facts and admissions, the Board finds that Respondent committed violations of
- CT. 1.–3; FAILURE TO SECURE AN ANNUAL RENEWAL AND PRACTICING WITHOUT A VALID DENTAL ASSISTING PERMIT; 59 O.S. §328.41. Specifically, for not renewing a dental assisting permit and working as a dental assistant in 2022, 2023, and 2024. Specifically, for not renewing a dental assisting permit and working as a dental assistant in 2022, 2023, and 2024.

The Board en banc, hereby adopts the agreement of the parties in this Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction.

#### AGREED ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry as follows:

- 1. There is NO ACTION against the permit of Respondent, Savannah McCuddy's Oklahoma Dental Assisting Permit DA#5808. The Board does not consider this a patient care issue, but an administrative violation.
- 2. Respondent is assessed a \$50.00 fine per count for violations 1-3 for a total of \$150.00. The Respondent is ordered to pay an administrative fine of \$150.00 within 1 year of the date of this order. The fine shall be due no later than January 24, 2026.
- 3. Respondent will conduct her practice in compliance with all other State Laws and Regulations under the Oklahoma Dental Practices Act;
- 4. Respondent will not violate any State or Federal law;
- 5. This Order may be reportable to the National Practitioner Databank if required by federal law.
- 6. Respondent will keep the Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry informed of her current address.
- 7. Failure to meet any terms of the Board Order will constitute cause for the Board to initiate additional proceedings to suspend, revoke or modify Respondent's license after due notice and hearing.

BODBE CARMEN, D.D.S., BOARD PRESIDENT, OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Panel Members

Dr. Shawn Scott Dr. Stan Crawford

## AGREED AND APPROVED:

SAVANNAH MCCUDDY DA#5808

Pro Se

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