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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2026-45A

Eric Ashmore, Executive Director
State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure
3815 N. Santa Fe, Ste. 110
Oklahoma City, OK 73118

August 14, 2026

Re: Dane Beam, Case No. 2026-LPC-845

Dear Director Ashmore:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure ("Board") intends to take against Dane Beam ("Respondent"). Respondent is a Licensed Professional Counselor ("LPC") in the State of Oklahoma, holding License Number 11089, and was licensed on or about December 5, 2025.

The Licensed Professional Counselors Act ("Act") authorizes the Board to deny, revoke, suspend, or place on probation any license or specialty designation issued pursuant to the provisions of the Licensed Professional Counselors Act to a licensed professional counselor if the person has "[e]ngaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by the rules established by the Board." 59 O.S.2021, § 1912(A)(4). Additionally, the Act allows the Board to assess an administrative penalty for any person who has violated any provision of the Act, pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1913.1 and OAC 86:10-29-14.

In the above-referenced case, the Board received two (2) Requests for Inquiry ("RFI") alleging Respondent engaged in a sexual dual relationship with a client. The Board assigned the RFIs to Attorney General Agent Jamie J. Mata for investigation. Agent Mata sent the allegations to Respondent and requested a response within 10 days. In his response, Respondent admitted engaging in a dual relationship with a client and having sexual relations with a client.

Respondent's conduct violated OAC 86:10-3-3(c), which provides that LPCs shall not knowingly engage in a dual relationship and must take necessary precautions to prevent such relationship from occurring, and OAC 86:10-3-3(d), which provides that sexual conduct with current clients is prohibited. Additionally, Respondent's admission to having sexual relations with a client shows Respondent violated OAC 86:10-3-4(c)(1), which provides that sexual conduct with current and former clients is prohibited.

After a hearing on August 7, 2026, the Board proposes to revoke Respondent's license. Respondent is further ordered to pay a Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) Administrative Fine.

Respondent is also ordered to complete two (2) Ethics and Boundaries Exams in the areas of boundaries and unprofessional conduct before any reapplication.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State's policy of protecting the public from unscrupulous Licensed Professional Counselors and to uphold standards of professionalism among behavioral practitioners.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl Dixon", is positioned above the printed name.

CHERYL DIXON

Deputy General Counsel