

LOUISIANA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF

KELLY CAMPBELL

LICENSE NO. 09533R

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

COMPLAINT NUMBER: 2024-I-024

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Pursuant to La. R.S. 49:977.3, the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board (“LPTB” or “Board”) summarily suspends License number 09533R issued to Kelly Campbell (“Ms. Campbell”), pending an administrative hearing scheduled for May 7, 2025, at 9:00 am

This Order of Summary Suspension is effective as of April 3, 2025. Upon execution of this Order, Ms. Campbell is not authorized to engage in the practice of physical therapy and must immediately cease and desist from the practice of physical therapy, as defined by La. R.S. 37:2407. Further, Ms. Campbell must cease and desist from referring to herself as a licensed Physical Therapist.

I. FACTUAL BASIS FOR ORDER

To protect public health, safety, and welfare, emergency action is required due to the nature of the allegations against Ms. Campbell. On September 17, 2024, the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board received a report indicating that Ms. Campbell was arrested on September 4, 2024, for unlawful to knowingly/intentionally possess Sch. IV CDS without a prescription, theft, and prohibited acts; false representation. On September 18, 2024, the Investigative Committee issued Ms. Campbell a notice letter requesting her written statement concerning the incident addressed above. On October 8, 2024, the Investigative Committee received her written statement for review. Ms. Campbell stated that she was currently in in-patient rehab due to recent legal trouble and

“...would provide a full explanation of this matter.” However, no additional information was provided by Ms. Campbell.

On October 16, 2024, the Investigative Committee issued Ms. Campbell a follow-up letter in response to her statement requesting completion of an authorization form for the release of her medical information from the treatment center where she was currently receiving treatment as indicated in her written statement. On November 14, 2024, the board office received the signed release form; however, the name of the treatment facility was not listed.

In review of treatment records received from Lincoln Nova Vital Recovery, it was documented that Ms. Campbell was in rehab in North Carolina and was sober 4 months in 2023 and went to an Intensive Outpatient Program. It was also noted that Ms. Campbell was arrested for possession of Klonopin and child endangerment, as well as a DUI and related to being drunk and disorderly. The board office has no record of self-reports of these arrests, which is required by board rule.

Further, in response to questions on Ms. Campbell’s renewal application forms, she failed to disclose all of her arrests, denied that she exhibited any conduct or behavior that could call into question her ability to practice physical therapy or care for patients, and that she engaged in the consumption, ingestion, self-administration...of legally controlled substances or medications, which affect the central nervous system, other than pursuant to and used in accordance with a lawful prescription and/or medical advice.

Following the Informal Conference held on December 12, 2024, Ms. Campbell was directed to attend a conference with the manager of the Board’s Recovering Physical Therapy Program (“RPTP”) for the RPTP manager to make recommendations regarding the next steps in her case. After her meeting with the RPTP manager, it was recommended to the Investigative

Committee that Ms. Campbell undergo an inpatient evaluation to address her fitness and ability to practice physical therapy with reasonable skill and safety to patients. Thus, in accordance with LAC 46:LIV §351(C) and §353, Ms. Campbell was directed by the Executive Director of the Board to submit to an inpatient evaluation at a provider recognized by the Board to address the issues raised by the Investigative Committee during the conference no later than March 21, 2025.

On March 17, 2025, Ms. Campbell was admitted to Victory Addiction Recovery Center for a three-day in-patient evaluation. On March 20, 2025, Ms. Campbell was discharged with the following recommendations:

1. Sign and follow a five-year Monitoring Contract.
2. Complete a board approved inpatient treatment program for chemically dependent professionals and follow the recommendations of the treatment team.
3. Kelly Campbell is not fit to return to duty as a physical therapist until she has completed treatment, has a continuing care plan in place, has signed a program agreement, and has been determined by her treating addictionologist to be fit to return to duty.
4. She should not use any potentially addictive substances including alcohol, illicit drugs, or prescription medications. If a healthcare provider determines a prescription of a potentially addictive substance is needed for her treatment, she should disclose this information to the board.

Based on the foregoing, it is alleged that Ms. Campbell may have violated the following rules and regulations applicable to the LBPT:

La. R.S. 37:2420 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

1. La R.S. 37:2420(A)(1) – After due notice and hearing, the board may refuse to license any applicant, or may refuse to renew the license of any person, or may restrict, suspend,

or revoke any license upon proof that the person has: (1) Practiced physical therapy in violation of the provisions of this Chapter, the rules of the board, or standards of practice;

2. La R.S. 37:2420(A)(2) – After due notice and hearing, the board may refuse to license any applicant, or may refuse to renew the license of any person, or may restrict, suspend, or revoke any license upon proof that the person has: (2) Attempted to or obtained a license by fraud or misrepresentation.

3. La. R.S. 2420(A)(5) After due notice and hearing, the board may refuse to license any applicant, or may refuse to renew the license of any person, or may restrict, suspend, or revoke any license upon proof that the person has: (5) Been habitually intemperate or abused controlled dangerous substances as defined by federal or Louisiana law;

4. LAC 46:LIV §345(B)(15) - failure to notify the board of a felony arrest or arrest related to habitual intemperance as defined in §351, institution of formal criminal charges either by indictment or bill of information, and conviction, including, but not limited to, a guilty plea or a plea of nolo contendere, within seven days of such arrest, criminal charge, or conviction;

5. LAC 46:LIV §345(B)(1)(a) - As used in R.S. 37:2420(A)(7) of the Practice Act and in these rules, the term unprofessional conduct does not require actual injury to a patient, and includes, but is not limited to, the following: (1) departure from, failure to conform to, or failure to perform on a continuing basis to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing physical therapy practice as defined in §123, or the commission of any act contrary to honesty, justice, good morals, patient safety or the best interest of the patient, whether committed in the course of the licensee's practice or otherwise, regardless of whether actual injury to a patient results therefrom, including, but not limited to: (a) failure to use sound professional judgment;

6. LAC 46:LIV §347(A)(1)(2) - A person who "attempts to or attains a license by fraud or misrepresentation," as used in R.S. 2420.A (2) of the Practice Act, includes a person who: (1) makes any representation to the board, knowingly or unknowingly, which is in fact false or misleading as to a material fact or omits to state any fact or matter that is material to an application for a license under Chapter 1 of these rules; or (2) makes any representation, or fails to make a representation or engages in any act or omission, the result of which is false, deceptive, fraudulent, or misleading in achieving or obtaining any of the qualifications for a license required by Chapter 1 of these rules.

7. LAC 46:LIV §351(A)(1)(2)- As used in R.S. 37:2420.A (5) of the Practice Act, "habitually intemperate" means: (1) repeated excessive use or abuse of alcohol; or (2) the ingestion, self-administration, or other use of legally controlled substances or medications which affect the central nervous system, other than pursuant to and used in accordance with a lawful prescription and/or medical advice;

8. LAC 46:LIV §351(B) - As used in R.S. 37:2420.A of the Practice Act, the phrase "abused controlled dangerous substances as defined by federal or Louisiana law" means physiological or psychological dependence on any legally controlled substance or medication with a potential for inducing physiological or psychological dependence or tolerance;

9. LAC 46:LIV §379 (A) - In accordance with La. R.S. 49:961, if the board finds that public health, safety, and welfare require emergency action and incorporates a finding to that effect in its order, a summary suspension of a license may be ordered pending proceedings for suspension, revocation or other action. Such proceedings shall be promptly instituted and determined.

II. DECISION AND ORDER

To maintain public health, safety, and welfare, emergency action is required due to the allegations set forth above, specifically that Ms. Campbell is not fit to return to duty as a physical therapist until she has completed treatment, has a continuing care plan in place, has signed a program agreement, and has been determined by her treating addictionologist to be fit to return to duty. Pursuant to an Order of the Board at its meeting on March 19, 2025, the Board's Executive Director was granted the authority to issue Summary Suspension Orders upon the unanimous approval of the Investigative Committee. The Investigative Committee reviewed the information outlined above and confirmed unanimously their support for the issuance of a summary suspension of the license of Ms. Campbell in accordance with the recommendations of Victory Addiction Recovery Center. Accordingly, LPTB License Number 09533R issued to Kelly Campbell is SUSPENDED, effective immediately, pending proceedings for suspension, revocation of licensure or other action(s) as the Board deems fit.

Proceedings before the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board shall be promptly instituted and determined. Accordingly, an administrative hearing before the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board is scheduled for May 7, 2025, at 9:00 am , at the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, located at 214 Jefferson Street, Suite 102, Lafayette, LA 70501. The hearing panel will consist of current Board Members or ad hoc members appointed for the purpose of the hearing. The hearing will be

conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, the Louisiana Physical Therapy Practice Act, and the rules promulgated by the Board.

Ms. Campbell will be given a full opportunity to appear and be heard, with or without counsel, and is entitled to hear a statement of what accusations have been made against her, to present evidence, to cross-examine witnesses, and to have witnesses subpoenaed. Ms. Campbell may request that subpoenas be issued by the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board and must send a request to the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board office at least 15 days prior to the hearing, listing the names and addresses of the individuals to be subpoenaed, along with a brief summary as to what each individual will testify. The testimony will be under oath and a court reporter will record the proceedings at the hearing, and any party wishing to obtain a transcript of the hearing may do so at their expense.

Date:

April 2, 2025

Charlotte J. Martin

Charlotte Martin, Executive Director
Louisiana Physical Therapy Board