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Department of Health and Hospitals

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Executive Director

## Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

IN THE MATTER OF

JEFFREY REEVES, PT

LICENSE NO. 08293R

NUMBER: 2024-I-004

### VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE

WHEREAS, JEFFREY REEVES (“Mr. Reeves” or “Respondent”) is a Physical Therapist (“PT”), as evidenced by License No. 08293R, and is subject to the jurisdiction and the Rules and Regulations of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Practice Act (La. R.S. 37:2401, et seq.), and the Rules and Regulations of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board (“LPTB” or “Board”) (LAC 46:LIV §103, et seq.), and enters in the following agreement relative to Complaint No. 2024-I-004;

WHEREAS, the parties present the following facts as the basis for the Voluntary Surrender of License:

1. Respondent received his Physical Therapist license, number 08293R, on or about May 11, 2012.
2. Mr. Reeves was, and still is, employed by STAR Physical Therapy in Covington as the Clinic Director.
3. On February 14, 2024, the Board received a confidential complaint regarding Mr. Reeves advising that on November 22, 2023, an employee who directly reports to Mr. Reeves reported witnessing Mr. Reeves consume alcohol during his lunch break, and thereafter

treat patients. When confronted regarding this information, Mr. Reeves reportedly advised that he consumed alcohol on occasion during his lunch break, which was against his employer's policy. The complaint further advised that Mr. Reeves was required to take random Breathalyzer tests at work. A co-worker has been responsible for administering Breathalyzer tests to Mr. Reeves since the report and reports that Reeves has not tested positive for alcohol at any time.

4. As Clinical Director, Mr. Reeves was responsible for managing another PT, three PTA's, and five physical therapy technicians during the period of admitted alcohol consumption during working hours.
5. As part of the investigation into the complaint an LPTB investigator interviewed multiple individuals who work under the supervision of Mr. Reeves. One individual advised that she went to lunch with Mr. Reeves and observed him consume two alcoholic beverages at lunch, as well as shots of alcohol after returning to his office. The individual stated that she also consumed alcohol at lunch and shots with Mr. Reeves upon their return from lunch. The individual became intoxicated and had to be brought home by another coworker. She further advised that Mr. Reeves consumed alcohol daily between October 2023 and December 2023.
6. Another individual disclosed during her interview that she believed that Mr. Reeves began consuming alcohol in September of 2023, and was aware that her coworker and Mr. Reeves became intoxicated at lunch in late November. She brought her intoxicated coworker home because she was stumbling, had incoherent speech and could not work.
7. Another employee of the clinic disclosed that, in the last few months, Reeves was not paying as much attention to his patients and that he had been getting very "playful" with the employees and would blare music in the clinic. She smelled alcoholic beverages on Reeves' breath and personally witnessed Reeves pour vodka and Red Bull into a Styrofoam cup and consume it while at work and treating patients on multiple occasions. She stated this had become a daily routine and recalled an instance when Reeves was stumbling down the hall and not looking well in the clinic. This coworker further reported that Reeves provided her with an alcoholic beverage and pressured her to drink it while at work between treating patients.
8. Another employee of the clinic disclosed that she found a vodka bottle in the trash can and when she asked who the bottle belonged to and Reeves admitted it was his. On at least a couple of occasions Reeves offered her alcohol and pressured her to drink alcohol with him at work. Though the drinking was not done in the presence of patients, she disclosed that they were still present and being treated. The employee disclosed that she stopped Reeves from stretching a patient on one occasion when she was aware he was intoxicated at work. She also disclosed that Reeves performed dry needling after consuming alcoholic beverages. She advised that his conduct began in late 2022 and believes he discontinued consuming alcohol at work around January of 2024.

9. As part of the investigation into the complaint, LPTB sent a subpoena to Mr. Reeves' employer to obtain his personnel file. In response to the subpoena, Mr. Reeves' employer provided evidence further substantiating the allegations against him. The documentation provided also included information indicating that Mr. Reeves would sit in his car and consume alcohol during his lunch break, and requested an employee accompany him.
10. On March 6, 2024, a letter was sent to Mr. Reeves from the Executive Director of the LPTB providing him with notice of the allegations against him in the complaint, and requesting that he provide a written statement giving his view of the situation within thirty days. Mr. Reeves was also directed to submit to an inpatient evaluation at a provider recognized by the Board to address the issues set forth in his notice letter.
11. On or about April 3, 2024, Mr. Reeves provided his written statement to address the allegations raised in the notice letter. Therein he admitted that he occasionally consumed alcohol on lunch breaks or at the end of the workday while doing office work. He advised that he never treated a patient or completed a patient chart with impaired judgment.
12. Mr. Reeves submitted to an inpatient evaluation at Victory Addiction Recovery Center on March 26-29, 2024. The evaluation report recommended that Mr. Reeves be admitted to inpatient substance use treatment prior to returning to his practice as a physical therapist.

**WHEREAS**, Respondent, Mr. Reeves, communicated his desire to voluntarily surrender his PT license in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings;

**WHEREAS**, Respondent, Mr. Reeves, acknowledges that the following will result due to his voluntary surrender of his license with the LPTB:

1. A report of this Voluntary Surrender of License and the conditions under which the license was surrendered shall be submitted to the National Practitioners Data Bank ("NPDB").
2. Public notification of this Voluntary Surrender of License by posting a copy of this Voluntary Surrender of License on the LPTB website.
3. Prior to applying for licensure with the LPTB, Mr. Reeves must submit to a Fit for Duty evaluation by an evaluator to be determined by the LPTB and comply with any recommendations made by the evaluator.
4. A five (5) year waiting period before Mr. Reeves will be eligible to apply for licensure with the LPTB.

5. Prior to the grant of licensure by the LPTB, a hearing shall be held by the LPTB to afford Mr. Reeves an opportunity to present evidence that he is fit to practice as a Physical Therapist in Louisiana. After such hearing, the LPTB may deny or grant licensure, require the completion of a specific program or remedial education approved by the Board, and/or require monitoring of Mr. Reeves' practice as specified by the Board.
6. Respondent shall pay the Board the sum of \$2,200.00 in partial reimbursement for legal and administrative expenses incurred in this matter. Failure to reimburse associated fees will require the Board to take further action in collection of this debt. Respondent has twenty-four (24) months to reimburse the expenses before the debt will be considered final and transferred to the Louisiana Office of Debt Recovery (ODR). After transfer, the debt is subject to an additional collection fee of up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the total debt liability, as provided for in La. R.S. 46:1676(E).

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Reeves acknowledges that he has had the opportunity to thoroughly review the content of this Voluntary Surrender of License and that he is informed of and understands his rights to due process in connection with administrative charges, and that prior to final disciplinary action against his license, he would be entitled to have notice of a hearing on the allegations and charges asserted against him through the filing of an Administrative Complaint, and to have an administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time Mr. Reeves would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on his own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to La. R.S. 49:950, *et seq.*;

**WHEREAS**, Notwithstanding his right to an administrative hearing and a decision thereon as provided by La. R.S. 49:975, *et seq.*, in recognition of the stipulations set forth above and for the final disposition of this administrative action, Mr. Reeves, nonetheless, waives his right to formal adjudication and voluntarily surrenders to the Board his license to practice as a physical therapist in the state of Louisiana as evidenced by License No. 08293R. Mr. Reeves also hereby

authorizes a member of the Investigative Committee or the Board attorney to present this Voluntary Surrender of License to the LTPB for its consideration, and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation, and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. R.S. 49:950, *et seq.*;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Reeves acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that the voluntary surrender of his license in lieu of an administrative action shall have, and shall be deemed by the Board to have the same effect as if the Board had entered an order of revocation upon the conclusion of formal administrative proceedings. Mr. Reeves further acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that as a result of the voluntary surrender of his license, he shall not have any right or entitlement to reinstate or renew his license to practice as a physical therapist in the state of Louisiana;

**WHEREAS**, by the voluntary surrender of his license in lieu of disciplinary action, Mr. Reeves, moreover, acknowledges, stipulates, and agrees that he waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act or which otherwise may be afforded to him by law, to contest his agreement to, or the force and effect of this document in any Court related to the matters referred to herein;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Reeves acknowledges that he has had the opportunity to seek the advice and guidance of legal counsel with respect to this Stipulation;

**WHEREAS**, based upon the above, Mr. Reeves surrenders his license held with the LPTB, particularly No. 08293R.

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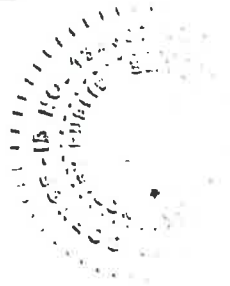
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I, **JEFFREY REEVES**, have read the Voluntary Surrender of License, understand it, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

DATED: April 14, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_  
  
JEFFREY REEVES

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024,  
at Covington, Louisiana.

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Notary Public  
Print Name: Tina Gornor  
My Commission Expires: at death



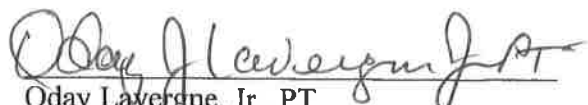
**ORDER**

The Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, represented herein by its Chair, having examined the Voluntary Surrender of License, Case No. 2024-I-004, accepts the Voluntary Surrender of License in this matter on this 17th day of April, 2024. Accordingly, the Board orders as follows:

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Date:

April 17<sup>th</sup> 2024

  
Oday Lavergne, Jr., PT  
Chairman