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## Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

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### IN THE MATTER OF

**MATTHEW J. MADERE**  
**LICENSE NO. 06567**

### ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

#### COMPLAINT NUMBERS

**2025-I-048 THROUGH 2025-I-056,**  
**2025-I-058 THROUGH 2025-I-075,**  
**2025-I-077 THROUGH 2025-I-098,**  
**2026-I-001 THROUGH 2026-I-005**  
**2026-I-007, 2026-I-008, 2026-I-010,**  
**2026-I-011, 2026-I-013,**  
**2026-I-015 THROUGH 2026-I-020,**  
**2026-I-022, 2026-I-024, AND 2026-I-029**

### ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to La. R.S. 49:977.3, the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board (“LPTB” or “Board”) summarily suspends License Number 06567 issued to Matthew J. Madere (“Mr. Madere”), pending an administrative hearing scheduled for June 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

This Order of Summary Suspension is effective as of May 22, 2026. Upon execution of this Order, Mr. Madere 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, Mr. Madere must cease and desist from referring to himself 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 Mr. Madere. On December 18, 2025, the Board received a confidential complaint alleging violations by Mr. Madere of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Practice Act (“Practice Act”) and Board Rules and Regulations (“Rules”), including that Respondent smelled of alcohol, appeared intoxicated, and acted intoxicated and unprofessional during the complainant’s visit at Ace Physical Therapy (“Complaint No. 2025-I-048”). It was also alleged that Respondent was heard cursing and using racially derogatory language. On December 18, 2025, the Board received a second confidential complaint alleging violation by Mr. Madere of the Practice Act and Rules. It was alleged that Respondent was shown in a video using a racial slur toward an individual and engaging in intimidating conduct, including blocking the individual with a vehicle (“Complaint No. 2025-I-049”). On December 19, 2025, the Board received a third confidential complaint alleging violation by Mr. Madere of the Practice Act and Rules. It was alleged that Respondent was shown in a video using a racial slur several times toward an individual, and using racially derogatory and intimidating language toward the individual (“Complaint No. 2025-I-050”). The Board thereafter received numerous additional confidential complaints against Mr. Madere, all arising out of the same December 2025 video-recorded incident that was made the subject of Complaint No. 2025-I-049 and Complaint No. 2025-I-050 (“Complaint Nos. 2025-I-051 through 2025-I-0056, 2025-I-058 through 2025-I-075, 2025 I-077 through 2025-I-098, 2026-I-001 through 2026-I-005, 2026-I-007, and 2026-I-008”).

Pursuant to LAC 46:LIV §123, an investigative committee of the Board was formed to review and address the complaints against the Respondent. For efficiency, the complaints were consolidated into one Board investigation.

On January 15, 2026, a notice letter was issued to Respondent, detailing the allegations made in the complaints and providing the potential laws and rules of the Board that may have been violated by such conduct, if the allegations were found to be true. Respondent was directed therein to provide a written statement to the Board giving his view of the situation, explaining fully the circumstances involved pertaining to the subject of the matter. Additionally, the notice letter set an Informal Conference (Bertucci hearing) for February 3, 2026.

By letter dated January 23, 2026, and received by the Board on January 27, 2026, Respondent provided a personal statement in which he asserted that all of the complaints stemmed from a single incident that occurred in his private neighborhood involving a non-resident, and for which no arrest was made. Respondent stated that a video of the incident went viral and resulted in death threats toward him and his family, as well as the complaints filed with the Board. Respondent acknowledged that he was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident and admitted to having a substance abuse problem. Respondent reported that he entered detoxification the morning following the incident and subsequently enrolled in a 45-day professional treatment program. Respondent advised that he had been fully compliant with the treatment program and that he was still in the process of completing it. Respondent denied treating any patient while under the influence or making racial comments during a patient visit.

Respondent submitted to the Investigative Committee his treatment records, discharge summary, and continuing care plan records from the professional treatment program. The records provide detailed information regarding Respondent's inpatient treatment at the facility and the treatment team's diagnoses, conclusions, and recommendations.

On January 29, 2026, a second notice letter was issued to Respondent, detailing the allegations made in the complaints and providing the potential laws and rules of the Board that may have been violated by such conduct, if the allegations were found to be true. Additionally, the

notice letter reset the previously noticed Informal Conference (Bertucci hearing) for February 18, 2026.

On February 6, 2026, the treatment facility provided a letter to the Board, advising of Respondent's successful completion of the professional treatment program, following his detoxification and admission to the program on December 24, 2025 (the "Letter"). The Letter advised of Respondent's final diagnoses and recommended plan of care, all as more fully set forth in the Letter.

The treatment team concluded that Respondent was capable of returning to the practice of physical therapy with skill and safety. The treatment team's recommendations are stated in the Letter and include: (1) entering into a monitoring contract with the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board for a minimum of two years and (2) attending weekly aftercare for two years.

An informal conference was held on February 18, 2026, between the Investigative Committee and Respondent. During the conference, Respondent admitted that he was under the influence at the time of the incident and reiterated that he has never treated patients under the influence, nor ever made derogatory comments toward his patients. He also stated that he treats a diverse population and has never had any issues related to, nor any patient complaints alleging discrimination toward patients. He believes that the complaints received at the Board were directly related to the video incident and have nothing to do with his behavior towards patients at the clinic.

The Board has continued to receive additional confidential complaints against Mr. Madere, all arising out of the same December 2025 video-recorded incident that was made the subject of Complaint No. 2025-I-049 and Complaint No. 2025-I-050. This includes Complaint Nos. 2026-I-010, 2026-I-011, 2026-I-013, 2026-I-015, 2026-I-016, 2026-I-017, 2026-I-018, 2026-I-019, 2026-I-020, 2026-I-022, 2026-I-024, and 2026-I-029.

On or about May 19, 2026, Mr. Madere was arrested for allegedly disturbing the peace, simple obstruction of a highway of commerce and reckless operation. Deputies arrested Mr. Madere after receiving reports of a verbal altercation involving multiple individuals, and Mr. Madere threatening and blocking another driver.

Based on the foregoing, it is alleged that Mr. Madere may have violated the following, which are applicable to him as a licensee subject to the jurisdiction and the Rules and Regulations of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Practice Act (La. R.S. 37:2401, *et seq.*), and of the LPTB (LAC 46:LIV §103, *et seq.*):

### **VIOLATIONS**

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)(7) - 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: (7) Been found guilty of unprofessional conduct, including but not limited to departure from, or failure to conform to, the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing physical therapy practice, in which proceeding actual injury to a patient need not be established;
3. LAC 46:LIV §343(A) - The board, after due notice and hearing as set forth herein and in the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 and following, may refuse to issue a license or provisional license, or may suspend, revoke, or impose probationary conditions and/or restrictions on a licensee upon finding that the licensee has violated the Practice Act, or any of the Rules promulgated by the board;
4. LAC 46:LIV §343(B) - Board orders in [a] disciplinary proceeding may require the respondent to reimburse the board in accordance with R.S. 37:2405(B)(11);
5. LAC 46:LIV §343(C) - In placing a respondent on suspension or probation, the board may impose such additional terms, conditions and restrictions as it deems appropriate for the period of suspension or probation. The board shall specify in its order the exact duration of the suspension or probationary period. Upon finding that a respondent placed on probation has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the board order, the board may take such additional disciplinary action as it deems appropriate, following notice and hearing;
6. LAC 46:LIV §345(A) - The board shall deem a violation any charge of conduct which fails

to conform to the Practice Act, and board rules to carry out the provisions of the Act, and shall take appropriate action where violations are found. The rules of this Chapter complement the board's authority to deny, suspend, revoke or take such other action against a licensee, or Compact Privilege holder as it deems appropriate;

7. 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;
8. 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;
9. 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;
10. LAC 46:LIV §365(A) - As authorized by R.S. 37:2420(A)(5), 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 a person has been habitually intemperate or abused controlled dangerous substances as defined by federal or Louisiana law;
11. 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;

12. LAC 46:LIV §379(A) EMERGENCY ACTION

In accordance with 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**

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 Mr. Madere. Accordingly, LPTB License Number 06567 issued to Matthew Madere is **SUSPENDED**, effective immediately, pending proceedings for suspension, revocation of licensure or other action(s) as the Board deems fit.

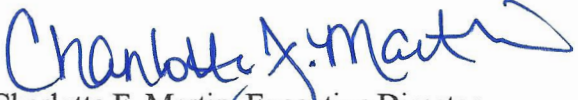
Proceedings before the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board shall be promptly instituted and determined. Accordingly, an administrative hearing before the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board is scheduled for June 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, located at 214 Jefferson Street, 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.

Mr. Madere 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 him, to present evidence, to cross-examine witnesses, and to have witnesses subpoenaed. Mr. Madere 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.

This Summary Suspension Order is pending review by the Louisiana Department of Justice, Occupational Licensing Review Program. If approved or determined not to require approval by the Occupational Licensing Review Program, the effective date of this Order shall be the date of the Louisiana Department of Justice's determination.

Signed May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

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