

**Louisiana Licensed Professional
Counselors Board of Examiners**

IN THE MATTER OF

**COMPLAINT NUMBERS: 20/21-74
20/21-133
20/21-158**

KENDALL WILLIAMS, LPC

LPC LICENSE NO: LPC2059

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, KENDALL WILLIAMS ("MR. WILLIAMS") is a Licensed Professional Counselor ("LPC") and is subject to the jurisdiction and rules and regulations of the Louisiana Mental Health Counselor Licensing Act (La. R.S. 37:1101, et seq.), the Code of Conduct for Licensed Professional Counselors (LAC 46:LX §2101, et seq.) and the rules governing the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners ("LPCBE") (LAC 46:LX §101, et seq.);

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2021, in case 20/21-74, the LPCBE received information from a complaint filed by Taylor Dugas stating that Mr. Williams abandoned a client and terminated counseling without proper communication; that he failed to consistently communicate with the complainant during a mandated child custody evaluation; and that he failed to submit a mini-custody evaluation to the court;

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 11, 2021, the LPCBE notified MR. WILLIAMS of the complaint initiated by Ms. Dugas (case 20/21-74), provided MR. WILLIAMS with a summary of the nature of the complaint, and requested that MR. WILLIAMS, within thirty (30) days, provide a statement giving his review of the circumstances, which are the subject of the complaint;

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated February 23, 2021, MR. WILLIAMS responded to the complaint initiated by Ms. Dugas (case 20/21-74), generally denying the allegations contained therein;

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2021, in case 20/21-133, the LPCBE received information from a complaint filed by Tifani Babin stating that Mr. Williams, via text message, sent a picture of a naked woman wearing a see-through raincoat to the complainant's ex-husband, with whom she was involved in litigation, that he failed to evaluate the complainant's minor child as requested by the court, improperly held down complainant's minor child during a session, and failed to properly bill Medicaid for services rendered in association with an ongoing court case;

WHEREAS, by letter dated June 10, 2021, the LPCBE notified MR. WILLIAMS of the complaint initiated by Ms. Babin (case 20/21-133), provided MR. WILLIAMS with a summary of the nature of the complaint, and requested that MR. WILLIAMS, within thirty (30) days, provide a statement giving his review of the circumstances, which are the subject of the complaint;

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2021, in case 20/21-158, the LPCBE received information indicating that MR. WILLIAMS failed to accurately identify his credentials when he used the title "doctor" on his Psychology Today listing and was referenced as "doctor" in court;

WHEREAS, by letter dated July 22, 2021, the LPCBE notified MR. WILLIAMS of the Board-initiated complaint (case 20/21-158), provided MR. WILLIAMS with a summary of the nature of the complaint, and requested that MR. WILLIAMS, within thirty (30) days, provide a statement giving his review of the circumstances, which are the subject of the complaint;

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated July 23, 2021, MR. WILLIAMS responded to the complaint initiated by the LPCBE (case 20/21-158), wherein he acknowledged the inaccuracies

contained within his Psychology Today profile, but denied the allegations regarding his representations in court regarding his credentials;

WHEREAS, representatives of the Discipline Committee of the LPCBE met with MR. WILLIAMS on October 20, 2021, for an informal conference, or Bertucci hearing, to give MR. WILLIAMS an opportunity to show that the actions complained of did not violate the laws and regulations applicable to the LPCBE;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the complaint and administrative investigation, the respondent, KENDALL WILLIAMS, has indicated his desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order provided for in LAC 46:LX §1311;

WHEREAS, the Respondent, KENDALL WILLIAMS, has admitted the following:

1. Respondent, KENDALL WILLIAMS, is a Licensed Professional Counselor licensed by the LPCBE to engage in the practice of mental health counseling at Mind Mechanix, located at Lafayette, Louisiana, as evidenced by LPC License Number: LPC2059.
2. Respondent, KENDALL WILLIAMS, in case 20/21-74, relative to a child custody matter, was assigned by the court to provide a consultation regarding co-parenting and reconciliation, and was to also provide a custody evaluation to the court for the purpose of determining custody and visitation. MR. WILLIAMS provided mental health counseling and services in order to meet the outlined request of the Court.
3. Respondent, KENDALL WILLIAMS, in case 20/21-133, was assigned by the court to provide counseling to a minor child, addressing his witnessing domestic abuse and his living situation in each of his parent's homes, and was to also provide a report on these issues as well as his recommendations on a custodial schedule. MR. WILLIAMS provided mental health counseling and services in order to meet the outlined request of the Court. During that assignment, MR. WILLIAMS sent the text message discussed in the complaint.
4. Respondent, KENDALL WILLIAMS, in case 20/21-158, acknowledged that his profile on Psychology Today was inaccurate in that it indicated he had the credential of "doctor". He denied using the credential "doctor" in court, but acknowledged that some of the judges referred to him as such.

5. KENDALL WILLIAMS admits that his actions were in violation of La. R.S. 37:1110(A)(3)(9), LAC 46:LX §1301(A)(B), §2103(A)(1)(a)(c)(2)(a)(b)(i)((a))((b))((d))(ii)(4)(a)(b)(11)(a)(b)(5)(e)(ii)(iv)(a)(7)(a), §2107(A)(1)(a)(4)(a)(d)(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(6)(a)((a))((b))(b)(d), §2109(A), §2113(A)(8)(a), and §2117(A)(1)(a).

WHEREAS, the Respondent, KENDALL WILLIAMS, agrees not to repeat the misconduct mentioned in this Consent Agreement and Order, and acknowledges that any further misconduct mentioned in this Consent Agreement and Order will be considered a violation of the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order and shall be cause for further disciplinary action. Any other violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Agreement and Order by MR. WILLIAMS shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause for the LPCBE to immediately suspend the license of MR. WILLIAMS to practice mental health counseling in the State of Louisiana for a period of up to two (2) years, as determined by the LPCBE. Any such disciplinary actions may be taken by the LPCBE at a regularly scheduled meeting or special meeting of the LPCBE, without the need to institute new disciplinary proceedings against MR. WILLIAMS.

WHEREAS, Respondent, KENDALL WILLIAMS, recognizes his right to have an administrative adjudication of the charges outlined in the complaint and notice letter, at which time MR. WILLIAMS would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses, and to present witnesses on his behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the LPCBE based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act. MR. WILLIAMS nonetheless hereby waives his right to formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:955(D), consents to the entry of the Consent Agreement and Order set forth hereinafter. MR. WILLIAMS also acknowledges that he hereby waives any rights to which he may be entitled pursuant to the

Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:951, et seq., or which he otherwise may be afforded by any law to contest his agreement to, or the force and effect of the LPCBE's investigation or this Consent Agreement and Order in any Court or other forum.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the LPCBE by La. R.S. 49:955(D), the LPCBE orders and MR. WILLIAMS accepts the following administrative action, which is a final decision pursuant to La. R.S. 49:958:

1. The LPC license of KENDALL WILLIAMS to be engaged in the practice of mental health counseling in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by LPC license number LPC2059 shall be, and is hereby REPRIMANDED. Accordingly, MR. WILLIAMS accepts and shall maintain strict compliance with the following terms and conditions.
2. MR. WILLIAMS shall pay legal costs associated with the Complaint in the amount of \$1,200.00 within two (2) years from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order, which payment shall be made by certified check or money order. The payment(s) shall be made on a quarterly basis, in accordance with due dates established by the Board, and with the first payment due within thirty (30) days from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. There shall be no pre-payment penalty.
3. MR. WILLIAMS shall pay a fine as authorized by La. R.S. 37:1106(D) for the above referred violations in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) within two (2) years from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order, which payments shall be made by certified check or money order. The payment(s) shall be made on a quarterly basis, in accordance with due dates established by the Board, and with the first payment due within thirty (30) days from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. There shall be no pre-payment penalty.
4. MR. WILLIAMS shall report the terms of this Consent Agreement and its approval to any board or agency located in the United States with which he is licensed.
5. MR. WILLIAMS specifically acknowledges that failure to comply with the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order may result in further disciplinary action taken by the LPCBE. The admissions contained herein will be considered proven and the only issue will be failure to follow the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order.

6. MR. WILLIAMS further acknowledges and agrees that any other violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Agreement and Order by MR. WILLIAMS shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause for the LPCBE to immediately suspend the license of MR. WILLIAMS to practice mental health counseling in the State of Louisiana for a period of up to two (2) years, as determined by the LPCBE.
7. By agreeing to the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order, MR. WILLIAMS waives all rights to appeal this adjudication.

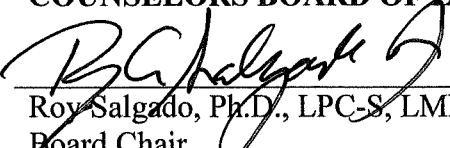
THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the LPCBE and are a matter of public record. The terms of this Consent Agreement and Order may be published and reported in, including but not limited to, the LPCBE Newsletter and website, the National Board for Certified Counselors, and the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB).

THE ADMISSIONS AND FINDINGS CONTAINED HEREIN are intended solely for the purpose of resolving the case at hand or in connection with other matters before the LPCBE involving Respondent.

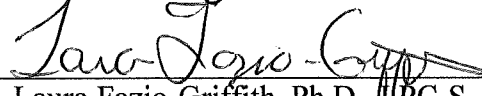
ORDER

The Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, having examined the Consent Agreement and Order, Case Nos. 21/22-74, 21/22-133, and 21/22-158, adopt the Consent Agreement and Order in the matter on the 18th day of March, 2022.

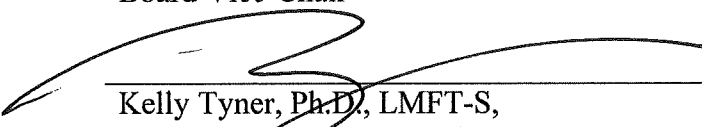
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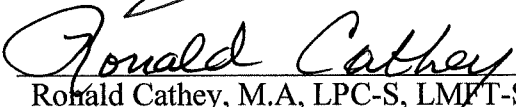
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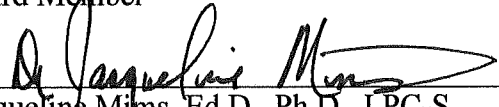


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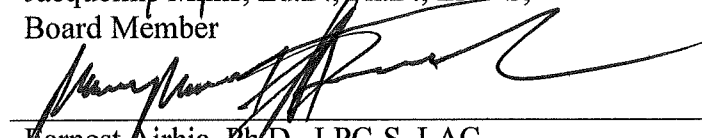


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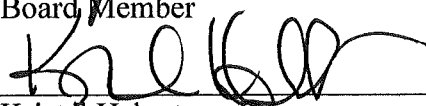
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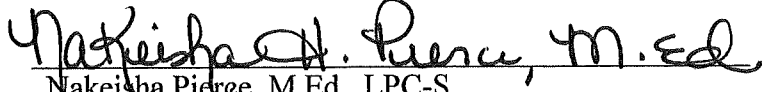
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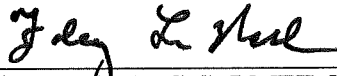
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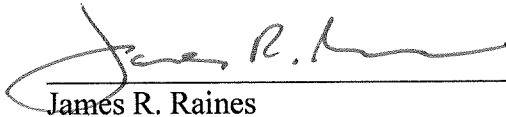


Nakeisha Pierce, M.Ed., LPC-S
Board Secretary



Foley Nash, LPC-S, LMFT-S, MFTAC Member

I, **JAMES R. RAINES**, serving as Prosecutor, do hereby acknowledge negotiation and preparation of this Consent Agreement and Order in order to resolve, with prejudice, all matters for which KENDALL WILLIAMS, could be charged under Complaint Numbers 21/22-74, 21/22-133, and 21/22-158; and further certify that this Consent Agreement and Order is consistent with the evidence, adequately addresses the complaint and represents a true and correct statement of that which could be proven at a hearing of this matter.



James R. Raines

3/8/22
Date

I, **KENDALL WILLIAMS**, make these acknowledgements and waivers in support of a final disposition of the pending investigation of Complaint Numbers 21/22-74, 21/22-133, and 21/22-158 by Consent Agreement and Order ("Order") pursuant to La. R.S. 49:955(D), in lieu of the institution and prosecution of formal administrative proceedings, and accordingly consent to the entirety of the Order set forth above and further waive any right to which I may be entitled under the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act or any other law to contest, in any court, by agreement to this Order. By my subscription hereto, I also hereby authorize the Prosecutor to present this Order to the LPCBE for its consideration and to disclose to and discuss with the LPCBE the nature and results of the investigation of this matter. I herein waive any objection to such disclosure based on due process of law under either the State or Federal Constitution or under State statutory law, including La. R.S. 49:960. I expressly acknowledge that the disclosure of such information to the LPCBE shall be without prejudice to the Prosecutor's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint, or the LPCBE's capacity to adjudicate such Administrative

Complaint, should the LPCBE decline to approve this Consent Agreement and Order. I further acknowledge my awareness that should the LPCBE approve this Consent Agreement and Order that the Consent Agreement and Order will become a matter of public record.

Kendall Williams
KENDALL WILLIAMS

2/21/22
Date

I, **KENDALL WILLIAMS**, have read the Consent Agreement and Order, understand it, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

DATED: 2/21/22 Kendall Williams
KENDALL WILLIAMS

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 21 day of February, 2022,
at Lafayette, Louisiana.

William Deltano
Notary Public

Print Name: William Deltano
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My Commission is for Life