

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF WAKE

CASE No. 2025-12

IN A MATTER  
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY LICENSURE BOARD

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| IN RE:          | ) | CONSENT ORDER |
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| MICHAEL GISSER, | ) |               |
| Respondent      | ) |               |

THIS CAUSE coming to be heard and being heard before the North Carolina Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board ("the Board"), pursuant to a superseding statement of charges, which charges are pending; and

IT APPEARING to the Board that the Respondent has stipulated to certain facts and to the entry of a Consent Order in conformity therewith;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by the undersigned Respondent and the Board that:

1. Respondent was at all times relevant to this matter a North Carolina licensed marriage and family therapist and is subject to the Board's jurisdiction pursuant to the Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Act, Chapter 90, Article 18C of the North Carolina General Statutes.

2. Respondent was at all times relevant to this matter an American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy - approved supervisor.

3. During a portion of 2024, the complainant herein was an intern supervised by Respondent in a practice he owned in North Carolina, and during a portion of 2025, she was supervised by him as a licensed marriage and family associate in such practice.

4. Complainant left Respondent's practice in May 2025 and filed this complaint in November 2025, alleging multiple violations of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Code of Ethics ("the Code").

5. In December 2025, counsel for Respondent provided the Board a response to the complaint, denying violation of any ethical guidelines.

6. Following investigation of the complaint, on July 21, 2026, the Board provided Respondent and his counsel a statement of charges in this matter.

7. After an informal meeting between the Board's Ethics Committee, Respondent and his counsel, on August 11, 2026, the Board issued a superseding statement of charges, alleging violations of sections 1.3, 1.4, 3.5 and 4.2 of the Code, and therefore violations on North Carolina General Statute Section 90-270.60(a)(9).

8. Respondent, with counsel, and the Board have agreed to resolution of this matter as set forth herein.

9. The Board has complied with all notice, procedural and other requirements relating to Respondent and this matter imposed by all applicable law.

10. The Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Respondent in this matter and over the subject matter of this proceeding.

11. Respondent expressly waives any right he may have to a hearing in this matter, to the making of finding of facts and conclusions of law and to any judicial review of this matter.

12. The Respondent forever releases the State of North Carolina, the Board, and all its members, officials, agents and representatives, both past and present, in their individual or official capacities from any and all liability, suits, claims, and causes of action, arising prior to or as a result of the execution of this Consent Order.

13. This Consent Order contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies, alters or adds to this Consent Order.

14. The Respondent acknowledges that prior to signing this Consent Order he has been provided with legal advice concerning every aspect of this Consent Order from his attorney.

15. The Respondent acknowledges and agrees that he has entered into and signed this Consent Order voluntarily and without coercion or duress.

16. The Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Consent Order will become effective on the date it is signed and dated by the Board's Chair.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

I. For a period of twenty-four (24) months, Respondent's practice is placed on probation, and during such time he will be supervised by an AAMFT-approved and Board-approved supervisor, with supervision sessions at least monthly;

II. During the first twelve (12) months, Respondent shall take at least three (3) hours of continuing education units regarding each of the Code sections set forth above, with such units being in addition to the standard units required for license renewal each year;

III. Respondent must pay to the Board costs of \$525.00.

IV. Upon successful completion of the continuing education units and supervision, payment of costs, and a statement of readiness from his supervisor, he may return to unsupervised practice;

V. During at least the first twelve (12) months, Respondent will not have any supervisees, intern or otherwise, and will not

conduct any supervision;

VI. If Respondent desires to resume supervision, he must first successfully complete the AAMFT refresher course; after doing so, he may resume supervision with supervision thereof by an AAMFT-approved and Board-approved supervisor for a period of at least twelve (12) months. Upon successful completion of supervised supervision, a statement of readiness by his supervisor, and no objection from the AAMFT, Respondent may return to unsupervised supervision;

VII. If Respondent fails to comply with the terms of this order, the Board may take further disciplinary action; and

VIII. The Board shall maintain this Consent Order as a public record pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 90- 270.60(f).

This the 3rd day of September, 2026.

CONSENTED TO BY:

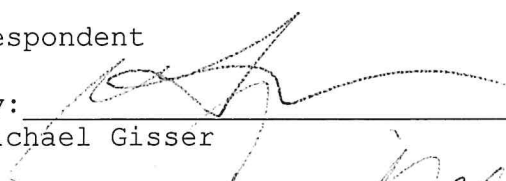
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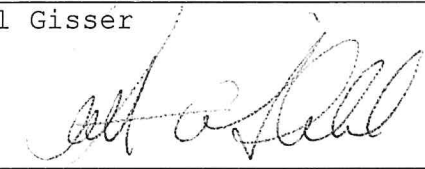
Name: Jon Winek  
Board Chair

Date: 9/3/26

Respondent

By: 

Michael Gisser

By: 

Scott A. Scurfield,  
Counsel for Respondent