

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

CASE 2024-04

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

IN RE:

Olatunde Howard,
Respondent

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CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE coming to be heard and being heard before the North Carolina Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board (the "Board") pursuant to a statement of charges issued by the Board on December 4, 2024, 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 licensed marriage and family therapist, 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. During the time period including July 2022 - March 2023, Respondent provided therapy services to the Complainant and her husband.
3. Such services included couples therapy with Complainant and her husband and individual therapy with each of them.
4. After therapy with Complainant was discontinued, she filed Complaint 2024-04 with the Board alleging ethical violations arising from such therapy.
5. After investigation, the Board found probable cause to believe Respondent had violated the provisions of Section 1.2, 1.9, 2.7 and 3.4 of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) Code of Ethics (2015) (the "Code of Ethics"), and North Carolina General Statute 90-270.60(a)(9), and issued a statement of charges accordingly.
6. Respondent has denied any ethical or statutory violations.
7. Following an informal meeting between the Ethics Committee and Respondent and his counsel, the Committee concluded there was no longer cause to proceed with charges regarding Section 1.2.
8. The Board and Respondent have agreed that continuing education would be beneficial for Respondent and therefore to resolve 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. The Respondent expressly waives any right he may have to a hearing in these matters, to the making of findings 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.

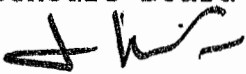
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

- I. Respondent shall take twelve additional hours of continuing education prior to renewing his license to practice, including three hours regarding client confidentiality, three regarding relationship beneficial to client, three regarding conflicts of interest, and three regarding record-keeping.
- II. Upon satisfactory compliance with these terms and no ethical violations, this matter will be concluded.
- III. The Board shall maintain this Consent Order as a public record pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 90270.60 (f).

This the 10th of April, 2025.

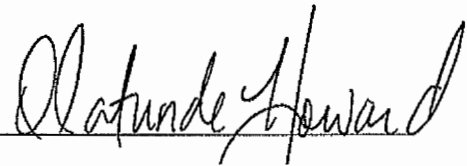
CONSENTED TO BY:

North Carolina Marriage and Family
Therapy Licensure Board

By: 

Jon Winek, Chair

Date: 3/31/25

Respondent: 



Scott A. Scurfield

Attorney for Respondent