

LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

IN THE MATTER OF

ARRID HANSELL

LICENSE NO. LA1928

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, ARRID HANSELL (“Mr. Hansell”) is a licensed massage therapist in the State of Louisiana and holds license number 1928 with the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy (“LBMT”), and is subject to the jurisdiction and rules and regulations of the LBMT;

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2024, the LBMT received a complaint from M.H. (“Complainant”) via the online complaint system that alleged that Mr. Hansell engaged in a sexual relationship with her while she was his client, between 2022 and 2023.

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated July24, 2024, the Board notified Mr. Hansell that the LBMT received a complaint against him, provided him with a summary of the nature of the complaint, and requested that Mr. Hansell, within thirty (30) days, provide a statement giving his review of the circumstances, which were the subject of the complaint;

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated September 9, 2024, Mr. Hansell, through counsel, responded to the allegations addressed above;

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2024, Mr. Hansell, with counsel, participated in an informal conference (Bertucci hearing) with the Board’s disciplinary committee, during which he was allowed to provide to the committee any testimony or evidence related to why he believed he complied with the laws and rules of the Board;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hansell, through counsel, has indicated his desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order provided for in LAC 46:XLIV §5901 and La. R.S. 49:975(D) of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hansell has admitted to the following:

1. Mr. Hansell is and was at all times pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein a licensed massage therapist in the State of Louisiana, holding license number 1928 issued by the LBMT.
2. Mr. Hansell admits that he engaged in a sexual relationship with a current client in violation of the laws governing the practice of massage therapy.
3. Mr. Hansell acknowledges that his conduct violated the following laws and regulations of the LBMT: La. R.S. 37:3563(A)(6) and LAC 46:XLIV §3101(C), (E)(a).

WHEREAS, Mr. Hansell recognizes his right to continue the pending administrative adjudication of the charges outlined in the notice of complaint, at which time Mr. Hansell 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 Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act. Mr. Hansell nonetheless waives his right to continue the pending formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975(D), consents to the entry of the Consent Agreement and Order set forth hereinafter. Mr. Hansell also acknowledges that he 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 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 Board by La R.S. 49:975(D), the Board orders and Mr. Hansell accepts the following administrative action, which is a final decision pursuant to La. R.S. 49:977:

1. LBMT license number LA1928 issued to Mr. Hansell is hereby SUSPENDED for a period of six (6) months. Upon reinstatement of his license, the license of Mr. Hansell will be on PROBATION for a period of one (1) year in accordance with LAC 46:XLIV §2101(B)(7).
2. Mr. Hansell shall reimburse legal and investigative costs associated with this case in the amount of THREE THOUSAND THIRTY AND 00/100 (\$3,030.00) within two (2) years from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. The payments shall be made on a monthly or quarterly basis with the first payment being due within ninety (90) days from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. Payment shall be made by certified check or money order.
3. Mr. Hansell shall pay a fine for the above referred violations in the amount of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) within two (2) years from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. The payment(s) shall be made on a quarterly basis, with the first payment due within thirty (30) days from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. Payment shall be made by certified check or money order.
4. Mr. Hansell specifically acknowledges that failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order may result in a denial, revocation, or suspension of any license, certificate, or registration issued by, or applied for, in accordance with LAC 46:XLIV §1701.

5. Mr. Hansell further acknowledges that failure to reimburse the fees set forth above at paragraphs 2 and 3 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. 47:1675(E).
6. By agreeing to the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order, Mr. Hansell waives all rights to appeal this adjudication.

Effect of Non-Acceptance of Agreement. Mr. Hansell acknowledges that this Consent Agreement and Order is subject to the approval of the Board. He further acknowledges and agrees that if the Board rejects this Consent Agreement and Order, it will be void, and further proceedings may continue regarding the hearing on the Order of Summary Suspension and/or an Administrative Complaint may be filed relative to the allegations contained herein. If this Consent Agreement and Order is rejected by the Board, it will not constitute a waiver of Mr. Hansell's right to continue the pending hearing on the matters alleged in an Administrative Complaint and the admissions contained herein will have no effect. Mr. Hansell further agrees that if the Board rejects this Consent Agreement and Order, the members of the Board may decide the matter after a hearing, and their consideration of this Consent Agreement and Order shall not alone be grounds for recusal of any member of the Board, including any claims that the Board is biased against him, that it cannot fairly decide the case, or that it has received ex parte communication.


Address of Board. All payments ordered and any reports required by this Consent Agreement and Order shall be addressed to Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy, 9619 Interline Ave., Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Agreement and Order shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board and is a public record of the Board. The terms of this Consent Agreement and Order shall be published and reported in, including but not limited to, the LBMT website.

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 LBMT involving Mr. Hansell.

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 Mr. Hansell could be charged under this investigation, 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.

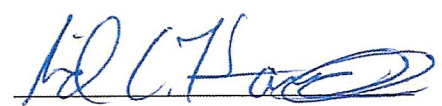
DATED: 10/11/2024



James Raines
Prosecutor

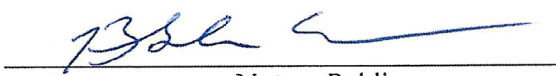
I, **ARRID HANSELL**, make these acknowledgements and waivers in support of a final disposition of the pending investigation by Consent Agreement and Order ("Order") pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975(D), rather than proceeding to formal hearing, and accordingly consent to the entirety of the Order set forth hereinbefore 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, my agreement to this Order. By my subscription hereto, I also hereby authorize the Prosecutor to present this Order to the LBMT for its consideration and to disclose to and discuss with the LBMT 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. 49:977.2. I expressly acknowledge that the disclosure of such information to the LBMT shall be without prejudice to the Prosecutor's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint, or the LBMT's capacity to adjudicate such Administrative Complaint, should the LBMT decline to approve this Consent Agreement and Order. I further acknowledge my awareness that should the LBMT approve this Consent Agreement and Order that the Consent Agreement and Order will become a matter of public record.

DATED: 10/11/24



ARRID HANSELL

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 11th day of October,

2024, at New Orleans, Louisiana.



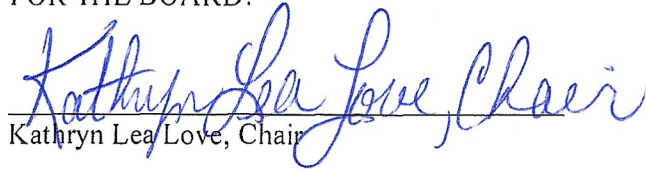
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My Commission Expires: at death.

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Notary ID No. 170158
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ORDER

By a majority vote of the Board members voting in favor of the Consent Agreement and Order at the Board meeting on October 14, 2024, the Board hereby adopts said Agreement, and makes it an Order of this Board.

FOR THE BOARD:


Kathryn Lea Love, Chair