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IN THE MATTER OF:

No. 13-I-1200

PAMELA VIRGINIA WORKMAN, ATH
Applicant

**CONSENT ORDER FOR
ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATION**

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") following receipt of Pamela Virginia Workman's application for certification by the Board to practice as an athletic trainer ("ATH") in this state. While it appears from information available as supplied by Ms. Workman's application and otherwise that she is generally qualified for issuance of such certification, as acknowledged by her in her application, she reported that she has been working as an athletic trainer in Louisiana since June 2012 without Board certification.

Ms. Workman has been certified by the National Association of Athletic Trainers since 2007 and she worked as an athletic trainer in Mississippi until 2012. On her own behalf, Ms. Workman advised the Board that although she started the application process in Louisiana earlier, that due to family and personal issues, she did not complete the application process before starting to work in Louisiana. She has now stopping practicing as an athletic trainer and has completed her application for certification. In addition, Ms. Workman has acknowledged her error, expressed her remorse and apologized, and has accepted her responsibility to understand and comply with all rules and regulations regarding certification in this state.

As evidenced by her subscription to this Order Ms. Workman acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that such acknowledgment and information could provide the Board with sufficient cause to deny her application pursuant to the Law and/or the Board's rules respecting athletic trainers.¹

¹La. Rev. Stat. §37:3305, 3308; La. Adm. C. 46XLV.5709.

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to the Director of Investigations ("I/O") for the Board. While it appears to the I/O that Ms. Workman is a conscientious and well-trained athletic trainer, the I/O's review and analysis of the matter confirms to her satisfaction that sufficient cause exists to charge Ms. Workman with one or more violations of the Louisiana Athletic Trainers Law (the "Law"), La. Rev. Stat. §37:3305, 3308 and/or the Board's rules respecting athletic trainers, La. Adm. C. 46XLV.5709.

Recognizing her right to have notice of such allegations and charges asserted against her, to administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time she would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on her own 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, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et. seq.*, Ms. Workman, nonetheless, hereby waives her right to notice of charges and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D) consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Ms. Workman further acknowledges and waives any right to which she may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et. seq.*, or which otherwise may be afforded to her by law to contest her agreement to or the force and effect of this document in any court or other forum relating to the matters referred to herein. By her subscription hereto Ms. Workman also hereby authorizes the I/O designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation and she waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Ms. Workman expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the I/O shall be without prejudice to the I/O's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint against her or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such Complaint should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order.

Based upon the foregoing information, as well as the recommendation of the I/O, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:3303, will be effectively served by entry of the order set forth hereinafter by consent. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:3303 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that Pamela Virginia Workman is hereby **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** for the conduct asserted hereinabove.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that certification to practice as an athletic trainer in the state of Louisiana shall be issued to Pamela Virginia Workman.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within six (6) months of the date of this Order Ms. Workman shall pay the Board a fine in the amount of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars, which represents the certification fees for the past year and one/half, plus a penalty of an equal amount.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within six (6) months of issuance of this order, Ms. Workman shall provide written confirmation that she has attended and successfully completed one or more courses of study, for a minimum of 5 credit hours, acceptable to and pre-approved in writing by the Board, in the area of appropriate professionalism and ethics.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with this Order by Ms. Workman shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:3308.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

Signed in New Orleans, Louisiana, and effective this 9th day of December
2013.

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BY:



MELVIN G. BOURGEOIS, M.D.
President

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, PAMELA VIRGINIA WORKMAN, ATH APPLICANT, hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 14th day of November, 2013.

Pamela Virginia Workman
PAMELA VIRGINIA WORKMAN, ATH APPLICANT

WITNESSES:

Bonnie H. Bourgeois
Signature

Bonnie H. Bourgeois
Printed Name

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Address

Jeannine Young
Signature

Jeannine Young
Printed Name

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Address

Sworn to and subscribed before me at NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana this 14th day of November, 2013, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Thania S. Elliott
Notary Public (Signature) and Seal

THANIA S. ELLIOTT LA Bar # 20799
Notary (Printed Name) & Bar/Notary No.