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No. 14-I-1023

IN THE MATTER OF:

TRISTIN LENORE CONNOLLY, ATH
Applicant

**CONSENT ORDER
FOR ISSUANCE OF LICENSE**

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

Ms. Connolly passed the national Board of Certification examination in July 23, 2013, and began working as a Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer in Louisiana in August 2013. On her own behalf, Ms. Connolly advised the Board that when she began working in Louisiana, she was informed that under the current law, she could work under the direction of licensed athletic trainers, and was not informed of the revised Athletic Trainers Practice Act until August 2014. She then began the licensure application process and continued to work as a Athletic Trainer in Louisiana. She has now stopping practicing as an athletic trainer and has completed her application for licensure. In addition, Ms. Connolly has acknowledged her error, expressed her remorse and apologies, and accepted her responsibility to understand and comply with all rules and regulations regarding licensure in this state.

As evidenced by her subscription to this Order Ms. Connolly 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 an Investigating Officer ("I/O") for the Board. While it appears to the I/O that Ms. Connolly 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. Connolly 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. Connolly, 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. Connolly 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. Connolly 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. Connolly 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 Tristin Lenore Connolly is hereby **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** for the conduct asserted hereinabove.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that licensure to practice as an athletic trainer in the state of Louisiana shall be issued to Tristin Lenore Connolly.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within six (6) months of the date of this Order Ms. Connolly shall pay the Board a fine in the amount of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with this Order by Ms. Connolly 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 February
2015.

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BY:

Mark Henry Dawson
MARK HENRY DAWSON, M.D.
President

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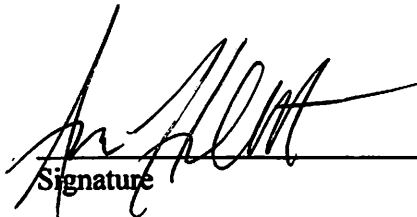
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF Calcasieu

ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT

I, TRISTIN LENORE CONNOLLY, ATH APPLICANT, hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 26th day of January, 2015.

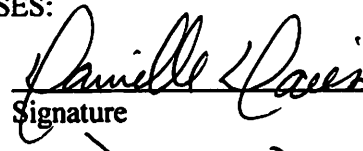

TRISTIN LENORE CONNOLLY, ATH APPLICANT

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Calcasieu Parish, Lake Charles Louisiana this 26th day of January, 2015, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Mary Bertrand 1548
Notary Public (Printed Name) and Seal


Notary (Signature) & Bar/Notary No.