

# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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## IN THE MATTER OF:

**JILL DIANE HANCOCK, ATH**  
*Applicant*

**No. 15-I-612**

**CONSENT ORDER FOR  
FOR ISSUANCE OF LICENSE WITH  
REPRIMAND**

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The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") following receipt of Jill Diane Hancock'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. Hancock'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 since August 2014 without Board licensure.

In connection with this matter, Ms. Hancock submitted written statements to the Investigating Officer of the Board (the "I/O"), explaining that she had accepted a position at Louisiana Tech University in August 2014 and thought that her application for licensure with the Board had been received and approved. She received her national certification by the Board of Certification, Inc. ("BOC") in June 2012. When informed that her application had never been received by the Board, she again began the licensure application process. Ms. Hancock has now stopped practicing as an athletic trainer, has acknowledged that her understanding was in error, and has accepted her responsibility to understand and comply with all laws and regulations regarding licensure in this state.

As evidenced by her subscription to this Order Ms. Hancock 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.

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to the I/O for the Board. While it appears to the I/O that Ms. Hancock is a conscientious and well-trained athletic trainer, the I/O's review and analysis of the matter confirms to her satisfaction that the actions identified

hereinabove may implicate one or more violations of the Law, and/or the Board's rules respecting athletic trainers.<sup>1</sup>

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. Hancock, 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. Hancock 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. Hancock 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. Hancock 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 Jill Diane Hancock 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 Jill Diane Hancock.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that within six (6) months of the date of this Order Ms. Hancock shall pay the Board a fine in the amount of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars, which represents the licensure fee for the past year, plus a penalty of an equal amount.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any violation or failure of strict compliance with this Order by Ms. Hancock 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. §37:3308.1.

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<sup>1</sup> La. Rev. Stat. §37:3305.1, 3308.1; La. Adm. C. 46XLV.5709.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
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BY: Mark Henry Dawson  
MARK HENRY DAWSON, M.D.  
President

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF Lincoln

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
AND CONSENT**

I, JILL DIANE HANCOCK, ATH APPLICANT, hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

Jill Hancock

JILL DIANE HANCOCK, ATH APPLICANT

WITNESSES:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at RUSTON, Louisiana this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Brenda M. Milton #40183  
Notary Public (Signature) and Seal

Brenda M. Milton #40183  
Notary (Printed Name) & Bar/Notary No.