

BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY,
Complainant,**

v.

CASE 2024#01

**AMELIA PARSONS
Respondent.**

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

After due investigation of a written complaint, the West Virginia Board of Occupational Therapy (hereinafter "Board") determined that there was probable cause to believe that Amelia Parsons (hereinafter "Respondent") has provided substandard care due to a deliberate or negligent act in the practice of occupational therapy, in violation of the provisions of W. Va. Code § 30-28-1 *et seq.* and the Rules of the Board, 13 C.S.R. § 1 *et seq.* The Respondent was provided with written notice of the allegations against her pursuant to the rules of the Board and the laws of this State.

Now, in lieu of a hearing, the parties have reached an agreement for the resolution of this case matter and the parties agree to entry of the following Order in disposition of this case matter.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board adopts the following findings in this matter:

1. That the Board is a State entity created by W. Va. Code § 30-28-1 *et seq.* and is empowered to regulate the practice of occupational therapy.
2. That the Respondent, Amelia Parsons, is a licensee of the Board, possessing License No. 2432, and is therefore subject to the license requirements of said Board.
3. That the Board is empowered to investigate allegations of providing substandard care due to a deliberate or negligent act as an Occupational Therapist and to suspend, restrict, revoke or refuse to issue a license to practice occupational therapy under the authority granted to it by W. Va. Code § 30-28-1 *et seq.*
4. That Respondent was, at all times material hereto, employed as a contract occupational therapist with Monongalia County Schools in Morgantown, WV.

5. That in November 2024 the Board received a complaint against the Respondent, alleging that the Respondent had acted recklessly in providing occupational therapy services for a student by failing to adhere to the occupational therapy goals when she removed the student from her wheelchair and placed her on a therapy ball.

6. That in February of 2025, the Board conducted an investigation, during which time the complainant and the Respondent were interviewed and various documents relevant to the complaints were obtained.

7. That the Board's assigned complaint investigator did review all the information obtained during the investigation and based upon that review, did make a recommendation to the Board for a finding of probable cause.

8. That the Respondent's actions constitute a violation of W. Va. Code § 30-28-16(g)(5) and 13 C.S.R. § 13-2-4.1.f. and may be grounds for disciplinary action by the Board.

9. That the Board, by vote at its April 4, 2025 meeting, made a finding of probable cause for violations of W. Va. Code § 30-28-16(g)(5) and 13 C.S.R. § 13-2-4.1.f.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That the Board has jurisdiction to take disciplinary action against Respondent.
2. That based upon the allegations of providing substandard care set out above in the *Findings of Fact* section, the Board is authorized to suspend, revoke or otherwise restrict the license of the Respondent to practice occupational therapy, pursuant to W. Va. Code § 30-28-16(g).

CONSENT OF LICENSEE

I, Amelia Parsons, by affixing my signature hereto, acknowledge the following:

1. That I have had the opportunity to consult with counsel and execute this Consent Agreement voluntarily, freely, without compulsion or duress and mindful that it has legal consequences.

2. That no person or entity has made any promise or given any inducement whatsoever to encourage me to make this settlement other than as set forth herein.

3. That I acknowledge that I am aware that I may pursue this matter through appropriate administrative and/or court proceedings, and I am aware of my legal rights regarding this matter, but intelligently, knowingly and voluntarily waive such rights.

4. That I waive any defenses including, but not limited to, laches, statute of limitations, and estoppel, that I may have otherwise claimed as a condition of this agreement.

5. That I admit that my actions were inappropriate and a violation of the statutory Act and Rules of the Board.

The Respondent, Amelia Parsons, by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing, the Board does hereby ORDER and DECREE that:

1. The Respondent may continue to practice occupational therapy in West Virginia on a probationary basis for a period of two (2) years.

2. In addition to all of the requirements and duties regularly required of licensees of the Board, the Respondent, Amelia Parsons, shall be subject to the following conditions during her probationary period:

a. The Respondent shall provide the Board with the name and address of her employer and healthcare provider, as well as the name of her immediate supervisor. The Respondent has the duty to update this information, in writing, in the event of any change.

b. The Respondent shall sign a release form with her healthcare provider to grant access to her medical records to the Board.

3. The Board will periodically review her compliance with these conditions.

Members or staff of the Board, or an investigator appointed by the Board, may periodically inquire with her employer and/or healthcare provider and may investigate any and all aspects of her professional practice to evaluate her compliance with this Order and the Rules of the Board.

4. The Board retains the authority and discretion to review this decision and order at any time and, upon a determination of probable cause to believe that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms stated herein, or that the Respondent has demonstrated other inappropriate conduct as defined by the Rules of the Board, the Board may suspend the Respondent's license without a hearing in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. A hearing would be scheduled as soon as possible thereafter.

5. The Board is bound by agreement and by law to report the results of all disciplinary actions, including the instant matter, for posting in the National Practitioner Data Bank.

6. That this document is a public record as defined in W. Va. Code § 29B-1-2(5).

7. This *Consent Agreement and Order* constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

In recognition of this Agreement and these terms, we hereby affix our signatures.

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

By:

Kathy Quesenberry
Kathy Quesenberry, Chairperson

Entered:

4/19/25
DATE

Reviewed and agreed to by:

Amelia Parsons
Amelia Parsons, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of
May, 2025.

My Commission expires: 10/15/2029

Mathew L. Ferguson

Notary Public

