

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI AUTISM BOARD

In the Matter of:

CHRISTINA DIANE SALES

Cause No.: 250201

Respondent

AGREED ORDER OF SUSPENSION

THIS MATTER came before the Mississippi Autism Board ("Board") upon the agreement of the parties for entry of an Agreed Order of Suspension ("Agreed Order"). Christina Diane Sales ("Respondent") acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Summary Suspension, Notice of Hearing and Complaint, understands the allegations contained therein, and agrees to the entry of this Agreed Order.

WHEREAS, the Board is vested with jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this proceeding pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-75-1 et seq., and the rules and regulations of the Board;

WHEREAS, Respondent is a licensed behavior analyst holding license Number 160003 issued by the Board. This license was initially issued on or about April 1, 2016 and is set to expire on March 31, 2028;

WHEREAS, on or about April 8, 2025, the Behavior Analyst Certification Board ("BACB") issued a disciplinary determination suspending Respondent's BACB certification. Additionally, the BACB required Respondent to obtain a Verification of Competence (VOC) confirming Respondent's ability to adequately perform the job duties of a behavior analyst before becoming eligible for reinstatement of BACB certification, having determined that Respondent was not fit to practice unless and until a satisfactory VOC was received;

WHEREAS, as a result of the BACB's suspension of Respondent's certification, the Board issued a Notice of Summary Suspension and Notice of hearing and Complaint scheduling an administrative disciplinary hearing for July 16, 2026.

WHEREAS, in lieu of proceeding with the scheduled hearing required pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-75-19, the parties have agreed to enter into this Agreed Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, STIPULATED and AGREED as follows:

1. By entering into this Agreed Order, Respondent waives any defect in proceedings before the Board and any further right to notice and hearing under Title 73, Chapter 75 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, or any other governing laws, rules, and regulations at this time.
2. Respondent has had the opportunity at all times to seek advice from competent counsel of her choice. No coercion has been exerted upon Respondent nor have

any promises been made other than those reflected in this Agreed Order. Respondent has freely and voluntarily entered into this Agreed Order after the opportunity to consult with legal counsel and being motivated only by the desire to resolve the issues addressed herein and for the purpose of avoiding further administrative or judicial action with respect to this cause.

3. Respondent understands that this Agreed Order is subject to approval by the Board and shall have no force or effect unless and until approved and executed by the Board. Respondent authorizes Board staff and legal counsel to present this Agreed Order to the Board for consideration. Should the Board decline to approve this Agreed Order, Respondent agrees that such consideration shall not disqualify any Board member from further participation in this matter, and no admissions or inferences shall be drawn from Respondent's willingness to enter into this Agreed Order.
4. Respondent acknowledges that she has the right to contest the allegations against her through a formal administrative hearing, including the right to be represented by counsel, to present evidence, to confront and cross-examine witnesses, to receive written findings of fact and conclusions of law, and to seek judicial review of a final agency decision.
5. Respondent expressly waives all further procedural steps and expressly waives all rights to seek judicial review of or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of any action taken by the Board and/or its representative(s) in this matter and/or Agreed Order.

AGREED ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent's Mississippi behavior analyst license is currently SUSPENDED and shall remain suspended until such time as the Board enters a subsequent written order removing the suspension and reinstating Respondent's license

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that the suspension shall remain in effect unless and until Respondent satisfies each of the following conditions:

- a. Obtains reinstatement of an unrestricted BACB certification;
- b. Petitions the Board in writing requesting removal of the suspension and reinstatement of licensure; and
- c. Demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the Board, that Respondent is fit to safely and competently engage in the practice of behavior analysis and that reinstatement is consistent with the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that reinstatement of Respondent's unrestricted BACB certification shall not, by itself, entitle Respondent to reinstatement of licensure in Mississippi.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that the burden shall be upon Respondent to establish, to the satisfaction of the Board, that Respondent is fit to practice and that the suspension should be removed.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that nothing contained herein shall require the Board to reinstate Respondent's license upon restoration of BACB certification. The decision whether to remove the suspension and reinstate licensure shall remain within the sole discretion of the Board following consideration of all relevant information.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that, upon receipt of any petition for reinstatement, the Board may require Respondent to appear before the Board, in person or via real-time audio/visual video conference, and may require the submission of records, evaluations, treatment records, professional assessments, reports, testimony, or any other documentation deemed necessary by the Board to evaluate Respondent's fitness to practice.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that, by executing this Agreed Order, and subject to Board approval, Respondent agrees that the disciplinary hearing currently scheduled for July 17, 2026 will not go forward, and the Summary Suspension, Notice of Hearing and Complaint shall be resolved by Agreed Order, without a formal administrative hearing.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent agrees to comply with all applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and lawful orders of the Board.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that nothing contained in this Agreed Order shall prevent the Board from initiating additional disciplinary proceedings based upon any future violations of the laws, rules, or regulations governing the practice of behavior analysis in Mississippi.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent understands and agrees that this Agreed Order constitutes disciplinary action by the Board and is a public record as provided by law.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED, this the 7th day of July, 2026.

MISSISSIPPI AUTISM BOARD

By: *Juliana Duncan*
Chair

AGREED AND ACCEPTED

By: *Christina Sales*
Christina Diane Sales, Respondent

7/7/26
Date