IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE MARYLAND
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MANDY HART	*	<b>BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR</b>
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License Number 01575	*	AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING
	*	,
	*	AID DISPENSERS, SPEECH
Case Number AHSM-02-2022	*	,
	*	LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS
		& MUSIC THERAPISTS
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# **CONSENT ORDER OF REPRIMAND AND FINE**

On April 14 the Maryland Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists & Music Therapists (the "Board") received information regarding the speech-language pathology practice of Mandy Hart (the "Respondent"), license number 01575. Based on that correspondence the Board agreed to the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in an effort to reach a resolution of the case prior to the issuance of formal charges for violations of the Maryland Audiology, Hearing Aid Dispensing, Speech-Language Pathology, and Music Therapy Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Annotated, Health Occupations Article ("Health Occ."), §2-101 et seq. and the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), Chapter 10, Subchapter 41.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Board finds that:

 The Board originally issued the Respondent a license to practice Speech-Language Pathology on July 7, 1986,

- 2. The Respondent's license to practice Speech-Language Pathology expired on May 31, 2021,
- 3. The Respondent failed to renew her license prior to the end of the renewal window on June 30, 2021,
- 4. The Respondent reported that on April 13, 2022 she became aware that her license was expired after viewing a copy of her license at her office,
- 5. The Respondent reported this information to the Board in a letter dated April 14, 2022.
- 6. The Respondent submitted an application for reinstatement on April 13, 2022 which verified she treated patients between May 31, 2021 and April 13, 2022 while her license was expired,
- 7. The Respondent's license to practice speech-language pathology was subsequently reinstated with an expiration date of May 31, 2023,
- 8. The Board met on April 21, 2022 and voted to offer a Pre-Charge Consent Order to the Respondent for violations of the Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §2-301(a)(1) and COMAR 10.41.05.03(C).

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent is subject to discipline for violations of:

Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 2-314:

(6) Violates any provision of this title,

(11) Violates any lawful order given or regulation adopted by the Board,

Md. Code. Ann. Health Occ. §2-301(a)(1) states that:

(a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall be licensed by the Board before the individual may practice audiology, hearing aid dispensing, or speech-language pathology, or assist in the practice of speech-language pathology in this State.

COMAR 10.41.03.05(C) states that:

A licensee who has failed to renew a license to practice in this State by June 30 the year in which the license is due to be renewed is prohibited from practicing in this State.

#### **ORDER**

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby:

**ORDERED** that the license of the Respondent to practice as a speech-language pathologist in the State of Maryland is hereby **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that, no later than NINETY (90) DAYS of the effective date of this Consent Order, the Respondent shall pay to the Board a monetary fine of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2000.00) in full by money order or cashier's check made payable to the Board and delivered personally or by certified mail to the Board within NINETY (90) DAYS of the effective date of this Consent Order. Failure to pay this monetary fine in full to the Board within NINETY (90) DAYS of the effective date of this Consent Order shall constitute a violation of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall comply with and practice within all statutes and

regulations governing the practice of hearing aid dispensing in the State of Maryland; and it is further,

ORDERED that if the Respondent violates any of the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, the Board, in its discretion, after notice and an opportunity for an evidentiary hearing before the Board, if there is a genuine dispute as to the material fact(s), or an opportunity for a show cause hearing before the Board, may impose any other disciplinary sanction which the Board may have imposed in this case under Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 2-314 including a probation, suspension, revocation, and/or additional monetary fine, said violation being proven by a preponderance of the evidence; and it is further

ORDERED that this is a Final Decision and Order of the Board and, as such, is a PUBLIC DOCUMENT pursuant to Maryland Code Ann, General Provisions § 4-101 et seq.

7/21/2022 Date

Dr. Arifa Qureshi, AUD, Chair

Maryland Board of Examiners for Audiologists,

Hearing Aid Examiner, Speech-Language Pathologists &

Music Therapists

## **CONSENT**

By this Consent, I acknowledge that I have read this Consent Order in its entirety and I hereby admit the truth of the Findings of Fact, and accept and submit to the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions. I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to legal counsel authorized to practice law in Maryland, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to request subpoenas for witnesses, to call witnesses on my own behalf, to introduce testimony and

evidence on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law. I waive these rights, as well as any appeal rights under Maryland Code Annotated, State Government Article § 10-222.

I sign this Consent Order after having an opportunity to consult with an attorney, voluntarily and without reservation, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning, terms, and effect of this Consent Order.

5/26/2022 Date

Mandy Hart, License Number 01575

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 26 day of 100, 2027, before me, a

Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared **Mandy Hart** and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

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Notary Public

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY

MARYLAND

My Commission Expires September 23, 2025

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