

**IN THE MATTER OF
SARA Y. FARAHANI**

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**BEFORE THE MARYLAND
BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY PRACTICE**

License Number: xxxxxx

Case Number: 2026-033

CONSENT ORDER OF REPRIMAND AND PROBATION

On January 26, 2026 the Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice (the "Board") reviewed information that an applicant for licensure, Sara Y. Farahni (the "Respondent") was previously disciplined in another jurisdiction. The Board presented the Respondent with a Consent Order of Reprimand and Probation in addition to granting the Respondent's application for licensure in Maryland.

As a result of that offer, the Respondent and the Board agreed to the following Consent Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds that:

1. The Respondent possessed a license to practice as an occupational therapy assistant in Texas, license number 217814,
2. The Respondent was found in violation of the Texas Occupational Therapy Practice Act,
3. In an Order dated April 1, 2025, the Respondent was found to have violated Texas Administrative Code §374.2 by intentionally harassing, abusing, or intimidating a patient either physically or verbally.

4. In an Order dated April 1, 2025, the Respondent's Texas license to practice as an occupational therapy assistant was suspended for thirty (30) days.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent violated Md. Code Ann., H.O. § 10-315 which allows the Board to

"deny a license or temporary license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee or holder of a temporary license, place any licensee or holder of a temporary license on probation, or suspend or revoke a license or temporary license if the applicant, licensee, or holder:

(9) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any other state or country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section;"

SANCTION

The Board finds that the Respondent's application for licensure should be granted with restrictions to ensure the Respondent does not repeat the same conduct resulting in further disciplinary actions. The Board finds that it will impose only the necessary restrictions to ensure public safety, health and welfare.

ORDER

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

ORDERED that the Respondent's application to assist in occupational therapy in the State of Maryland is hereby **GRANTED** and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent will be placed on a **PERIOD OF PROBATION FOR FIVE (5) YEARS** from the date the effective date of this order; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent's license status will be updated on the website for the Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice to a probationary status; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent **SHALL NOT** treat or assist in the treatment of minors for a minimum period of **EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS**; and it is further

ORDERED that after a minimum period of **EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS** the Respondent may petition to lift the restriction on their license to treat minors subject to Board approval; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent **SHALL** locate, enroll in and complete continuing education coursework on treating minors, specifically nonverbal minors as a condition of petitioning to lift the restriction on their license. The Respondent **SHALL** seek prior approval from the Board of any continuing education coursework undertaken in order to fulfill this

requirement and **SHALL NOT** use any continuing education coursework undertaken to fulfill this requirement towards their continuing education requirement in Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that the Board shall have sole discretion in terminating the restriction on the Respondent's license to treat minors; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Board terminates the restriction on the Respondent's license to treat minors, the Respondent's license **SHALL** remain on probationary status unless and until the Board terminates probation; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall have the right to petition for termination of probation after a minimum period of **THREE (3) YEARS**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall meet with the Board prior to the Board granting the petition to terminate probation; and it is further

ORDERED that in considering the Respondent's petition to terminate probation, the Board may request and the Respondent shall provide statements from their current employer regarding the Respondent's fitness to practice without any Board oversight; and it is further

ORDERED that the Board shall have sole discretion in granting the Respondent's petition to terminate probation; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Respondent violates any of the terms and conditions of probation, the Board will offer the Respondent an opportunity for a show cause hearing before the Board and may impose any sanctions which it may have imposed in this matter, including any probationary terms and conditions, reprimand, suspension, revocation and/or monetary penalty; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall comply with the Maryland Occupational Therapy Practice Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§10-101 *et seq.*, and all Federal and State laws and regulations governing the practice of occupational therapy in Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall ensure that any occupational therapy employers notify the Board in writing that the employer has received a copy of this Order and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is responsible for all costs associated with the Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order is considered a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., General Provisions §§4-101 *et seq.*

2/17/2026

Date

Sarah Quirk

Sarah Quirk, Board Chair
Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

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.

01/31/2026
Date

Sara Farahani -
Sara Farahani, License Number xxxxx

NOTARIZATION

STATE OF MARYLAND
CITY/COUNTY OF Calvert

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 31 day of January, 2026, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, SARA FARAHANI, personally appeared, and declared and affirmed under penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

[Signature]
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 12/7/2028

