

IN THE MATTER OF

BEFORE THE MARYLAND

SHARONN B. TORRES, RMP
(aka) Sharonn B. Rodrigues

STATE BOARD OF

MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS

REGISTRATION NUMBER: R01549

CASE NUMBER: 25-34M

RESPONDENT

CONSENT ORDER

The Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners (the “Board”) charged Sharonn B. Torres, RMP (the “Respondent”), Registration Number: **R01549**, under the Maryland Massage Therapy Act, (the “Act”) codified at Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 6-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2024 Supp.). The pertinent provisions of the Act provide the following:¹

Health. Occ. § 6-308. Denials, reprimands, suspensions, and revocations – Grounds.

- (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 6–309 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a license or registration to an applicant, reprimand a licensee or registration holder, place any licensee or registration holder on probation, or suspend or revoke the license of a licensee or the registration of a registration holder if the applicant, licensee, or registration holder:

...

- (2) Fraudulently or deceptively uses a license or registration;

...

- (11) Has violated any provision of this title;

- (12) Submits a false statement to collect a fee;

...

¹ All statutory and regulatory references herein are to the applicable statutes and regulations in effect at the time of the Respondent’s conduct.

(20) Engages in conduct that violates the professional code of ethics;

(21) Knowingly does an act that has been determined by the Board to be a violation of the Board's regulations[.]

Health Occ. § 6-501. Practicing without license.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice massage therapy, massage, myotherapy, or any synonym or derivation of these terms in the State unless licensed or registered by the Board.

Health Occ. § 6-504. Penalties

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(c)(1) A person who violates § 6-501 of this subtitle is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$10,000 to be assessed by the Board in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

Health Occ. § 6-505. Expiration, renewal of license or registration

(d)(1) Each licensed massage therapist or registered massage practitioner shall notify the Board in writing of any change in the name or address of the licensed massage therapist or registered massage practitioner within 60 days after the change occurred.

(2) Subject to the hearing provisions of §§ 6-309 of this subtitle, if a licensed massage therapist or registered massage practitioner fails to notify the Board within the time required under this subsection, the Board may impose an administrative penalty of \$100.

Pursuant to Health Occ. § 6-308(20) and (21), the pertinent provisions of the Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”), provide the following:

COMAR 10.65.01.09 Registration.

B. The registrant shall notify the Board, in writing, of any change in the legal name or address of the registrant within 60 days after the change occurs.

COMAR 10.65.01.14 Penalties.

If a licensee fails to notify the Board of a change of name or address within the time required in Regulations .08B and .09B of this chapter, subject to the hearing provisions of Health Occupations Article, § 6--309, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Board may impose an administrative penalty of \$100.

COMAR 10.65.03.03 Standards of Practice.

C. A licensee or registrant shall:

...

- (2) Engage in professional conduct at all times, with honesty, integrity, self-respect, and fairness[.]

D. A licensee or registrant may not:

- (1) Misrepresent professional credentials, qualifications, education, or affiliations;
- (2) Knowingly engage in or condone behavior that:
 - (a) Is fraudulent;
 - (b) Is dishonest;
 - (c) Is deceitful; or
 - (d) Involves moral turpitude[.]

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent was originally issued a registration to practice massage therapy in Maryland on or about March 12, 2012, under registration number: R01549. Respondent's registration expired on October 31, 2024. The Respondent's registration was renewed on or about February 4, 2025.²

² The Respondent renewal notice was sent to her email address on file with the Board. The renewal notice was sent 2 months prior to the expiration of her registration.

2. On or about January 24, 2025, the Board received a complaint from an employee of the special investigation unit (the “Complainant”) of a national insurance company (the “Facility”). The Facility provides health benefits to its members including reimbursement for patients’ out-of-pocket health care expenses.³

3. The Complainant alleged in the complaint that while reviewing a Facility member’s (the “Client”) claim for reimbursement for massage therapy services rendered by the Respondent, the Complainant discovered that the Respondent provided massage therapy services while her registration was expired.

4. On or about January 28, 2025, the Board received the Respondent’s Application for Reinstatement (the “Application”) of her registration. On the Application, the Respondent gave her name as “Sharonn Boato Rodrigues”. She also provided a new home address.⁴ The Respondent failed to notify the Board of any changes to her name or her home address until she submitted her application.

5. An investigation conducted by Board staff revealed that on or around December 2, 2024, the Client submitted a receipt to the Facility for reimbursement of massage therapy services provided by the Respondent.

6. The receipt provided to the Client by the Respondent dated December 2, 2024, had the Client’s name, a description of the service rendered, and the cost of the service. The receipt also included the provider’s name: “Sharonn Rodrigues”, the

³ The names of the Facility, the Complainant, and the Client have been omitted to protect confidentiality and will be provided to the Respondent upon request to the Administrative Prosecutor.

⁴ Home addresses are non-public.

registration number: “R01549”, and the name of the establishment where the massage therapy services took place.

7. The Board’s investigation also revealed that the Respondent provided massage therapy services to clients between November 2024 and December 2024.

8. On or about March 31, 2025, the Respondent was interviewed under oath by Board staff. The Respondent admitted that she provided massage therapy services to clients between November 2024 and December 2024, on an expired registration. The Respondent also admitted that she knew that it was against the Board’s rules and regulations to practice massage therapy without a license or registration. The Respondent further admitted that she did not notify the Board within sixty days that her name and address had changed. The Respondent told Board staff during the interview that she had officially changed her last name to “Torres” in January 2024 and changed her home address in January 2025.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent violated Health Occ. § 6-308 (a) (2), (11), (12), (20), and (21); Health Occ. §6-501(a); Health Occ. §6-505 (d)(1); and COMAR 10.65.01.09; COMAR10.65.03.03 C(2) and (D)(1) and (2) (a)-(d).

ORDER

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

ORDERED that the Respondent’s registration to practice as a registered massage practitioner is **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent's registration to practice as a **Registered Massage Therapist** in Maryland is placed on **PROBATION for a period of ONE (1) YEAR** beginning on the effective date of this Consent Order, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (1) The Respondent shall pay a fine in the amount of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) within one (1) year of the effective date of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall be responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of her probation and this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that there shall be no early termination of the probation imposed by this Consent Order. After **ONE (1) YEAR** from the effective date of this Consent Order has passed, the Board will consider a petition for termination of the Respondent's probationary status, provided that the Respondent has been compliant with all of the probationary terms of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall comply with the Maryland Massage Therapy Act and all laws and regulations governing the practice of massage therapy in Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall at all times cooperate with the Board in the monitoring, supervision, and investigation of the Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order. The Respondent's failure to fully cooperate with the Board shall be considered a violation of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that, if the Respondent allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent Order, the Respondent shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing. If the Board determines there is a genuine dispute as to a material fact, the Board shall schedule an evidentiary hearing before the Board. If the Board

determines there is no genuine dispute as to a material fact, the Respondent shall be given the opportunity to request a show cause hearing before the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that, after the appropriate hearing, if the Board determines that the Respondent has failed to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent Order, the Board may reprimand the Respondent's license, place the Respondent's license on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, suspend the Respondent's license with appropriate terms and conditions, or revoke the Respondent's license to practice massage therapy in the State of Maryland. The Board may, in addition to one or more of the sanctions set forth above, impose an additional civil monetary fine on the Respondent; and it is further

ORDERED that for purposes of public disclosure and as permitted by Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6), this document consists of the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, and is reportable to any entity to whom the Board is obligated to report; and it is further

ORDERED that the effective date of this Consent Order is the date that it is signed by the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order is a Final Order and as such is a public record pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2019 Repl. Vol. & 2025 Supp.).

02/25/2026
Date

Sharon Oliver
Sharon J. Oliver, MBA
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of
Massage Therapy Examiners

CONSENT

I, Sharonn B. Torres, RMP acknowledge that I was not represented by an attorney before entering into this Consent Order. By this Consent Order and for the purpose of resolving the issues raised by the Board, I agree to be bound by the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions. I waive any rights I may have to contest the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law. 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 counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by the law. I acknowledge the legal authority and jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order. I affirm that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed any such hearing. I sign this Consent Order, voluntarily and without reservation, after having an opportunity to consult with counsel, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms of this Consent Order.

02/06/2026
Date



Sharonn B. Torres, RMP

NOTARY

State: Maryland

City/County: Anne Arundel

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 06 day of 02, 2026 before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared, Sharonn Torres, and declared an affirmed under the penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.

My Commission expires: 09-06-2028

Sukhbir Singh
Notary Public

