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June 15, 2023

Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT, Chair
Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners
4201 Patterson Avenue, 3rd Floor
Baltimore, MD 21215-2299

Re: Surrender of Registration to Practice Massage Therapy
Chaun Rogers, RMP
Registration Number: R02880
Case Number: 22-09M

Dear Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT and Members of the Board,

Please be advised that, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 6-307 (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2022 Supp.), I have decided to **SURRENDER** my registration to practice massage therapy in the State of Maryland, Registration Number R02880, effective immediately. I understand that upon surrender of my registration, I may not practice massage therapy on any individual, with or without compensation or otherwise engage in the practice of massage therapy in the State of Maryland as it is defined in the Maryland Massage Therapy Act (the "Act"), Health Occ. §§ 6-101 *et seq.* and other applicable laws. In other words, as of the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I understand that the surrender of my registration means that I am in the same position as an unregistered individual in the State of Maryland.

I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT**, and upon the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners' ("the Board's") acceptance, becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

I acknowledge that the Board initiated an investigation into my practice after receiving a complaint that I was practicing while my license was suspended. On March 24, 2022, the Board issued a Final Decision and Order of Suspension, concluding that I violated Health Occ. § 6-308(a)(8) (Does an act that is inconsistent with generally accepted professional standards in the practice of massage therapy); and (20) Engages in conduct that violates the professional code of ethics, specifically COMAR 10.65.03.05B.(3)(b) (A license holder or registration holder may not . . . [e]ngage in sexual misconduct that includes . . . [n]on bona fide treatment.) As a sanction I was suspended from practicing massage therapy for two years beginning on March 24, 2022, to be followed by probation for a minimum of two years. I continued to practice massage therapy at a facility until on or about May 5, 2022, in

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violation of my suspension. On March 22, 2023, the Board issued an Intent to Revoke Massage Therapy Registration against me.

I have decided to surrender my registration to practice massage therapy in the State of Maryland to avoid further investigation and prosecution of the disciplinary charges. I recognize that for all purposes relevant to registration or licensure that these allegations shall be treated as proven and that these allegations support a conclusion that I violated Health Occ. § 6-308(a)(2) (Fraudulently or deceptively uses a ... registration); (8) (Does an act that is inconsistent with generally accepted standards in the practice of massage therapy); (11) (Has violated any provision of this title); (20) (Engages in conduct that violates the professional code of ethics); and (21) (Knowingly does an act that has been determined by the Board to be a violation of the Board's regulations), and Health Occ. § 6-501 (Practicing without a license).

In addition, the allegations support a conclusion that I violated the following regulations of the Board: COMAR 10.65.03.03C (A license holder or registration holder shall: (2) Engage in professional conduct at all times, with honesty, integrity, self-respect, and fairness); and COMAR 10.65.03.03D (A license holder or registration holder 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).

I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender to avoid further prosecution of the disciplinary charges. I acknowledge that for all purposes related to massage therapy licensure, the charges will be treated as if proven.

I understand that by executing this Letter of Surrender I am waiving my right to a hearing to contest the disciplinary charges. In waiving my right to contest the charges, I am also waiving the right to be represented by counsel at the hearing, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, and all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal to the circuit court.

I acknowledge that on or before the effective date of this Letter of Surrender I shall present to the Board my Maryland massage therapy registration, including any renewal certificates and wallet-sized renewal cards.

I understand that the Board will advise the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards, the National Practitioner Data Bank, and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank of this Letter of Surrender. I also understand that in the event I would apply for registration or licensure in any form in any other state or jurisdiction that this Letter of Surrender may be released or published by the Board to the same extent as a final order that would result from disciplinary action, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-

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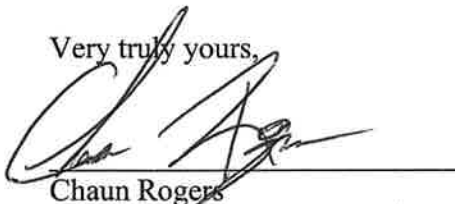
101 *et seq.* (2022), and that this Letter of Surrender constitutes a disciplinary action by the Board.

I further recognize and agree that by submitting this Letter of Surrender, my registration will remain surrendered for a minimum of **THREE (3) YEARS**.

I understand that after three years, if I apply for reinstatement of a new Maryland registration, I understand that the Board is not required to grant reinstatement; and, if it does grant reinstatement, may impose any terms and conditions the Board considers appropriate for public safety and the protection of the integrity and reputation of the profession. I further understand that if I ever file a petition for reinstatement, I will approach the Board in the same position as an individual whose registration has been revoked and my application may be accepted or denied by the Board in its sole discretion.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. Finally, I wish to make clear that I have been advised of my right to be represented by an attorney of my choice throughout the proceedings before the Board and before signing this Letter of Surrender. I understand both the nature of the Board's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms, and effect of this Letter of Surrender. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily and without any duress.

Very truly yours,



Chaun Rogers


NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Wicomico

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 23rd day of June, 2023 before me, a Notary Public of the City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Chaun Rogers, and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that the signing of this Permanent Letter of Surrender was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.



Notary Public

My commission expires: 7-19-25



ACCEPTANCE

On behalf of the Board of Examiners of Massage Therapists, on this 28TH day of JUNE, 2023, I hereby accept Chaun Rogers **PUBLIC SURRENDER** of his registration to practice massage therapy in the State of Maryland.


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