

IN THE MATTER OF
ASYA N. PEEBLES
License Number 04367

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BEFORE THE MARYLAND
BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY PRACTICE

FINAL ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSE

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On or about December 18, 2015, the Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice (the "Board") received a complaint alleging that Asya N. Peebles (the "Respondent"), License Number 04367, billed for occupational therapy services that were not actually provided. If proven, these acts would have constituted a violation of the Maryland Occupational Therapy Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Annotated, Health Occupations Article ("Health Occ."), § 10-101 *et seq* in the practice of Occupational Therapy. In lieu of formal discipline, the Board and the Respondent agreed to a public letter of surrender of the Respondent's license to practice occupational therapy, on November 14, 2016.

Pursuant to the terms of the letter of surrender, the Respondent agreed that she would not apply for reinstatement for a period of two years, and that upon application for reinstatement, she would be in the same position as an applicant for licensure following revocation.

II. PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT

On April 22, 2021, the Respondent applied to the Board to reinstate her occupational therapy license. As agreed by the parties in the Respondent's 2016 letter of surrender, the Board treated the application as an application for reinstatement following a revocation. Health Occ. § 10-318 provides that, "[o]n the application of an individual whose license has been revoked, the Board, on the affirmative vote of a majority of its full authorized membership, may reinstate a revoked license." At its meeting of May 21, 2021, the Board considered the Respondent's application, including supporting materials and a letter of explanation.

The Board determined that a reinstatement of the Respondent's occupational therapy license was appropriate, subject to a period of probation with conditions as outlined below.

III. ORDER

Based upon the foregoing facts and circumstances, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent's license to practice occupational therapy in Maryland, license number 04367, is hereby **REINSTATED** upon Board approval of the Respondent's supervision plan described below. It is further

ORDERED that, prior to reinstatement of the respondent's license, the Respondent shall designate a licensed Maryland occupational therapist to serve as a supervisor to the Respondent. The Respondent shall, with the supervisor's approval, submit a written plan for supervision to the Board for Board approval. This supervision plan shall include monthly written reports to be

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submitted to the Board by the supervising therapist as to the Respondent's progress under supervision. The reinstatement of the Respondent's license shall not go into effect until the Board has approved the supervision plan.

ORDERED that, prior to reinstatement of the respondent's license, the Respondent shall provide written proof to the Board of all continuing education units (CEUs) obtained for reinstatement.

ORDERED that upon reinstatement of the Respondent's license to practice occupational therapy, said license shall immediately be placed on **PROBATION for a minimum of ONE (1) YEAR** subject to the following probationary conditions:

1. The Respondent's license to practice occupational therapy shall be listed in the Board's records and on the Board's website as being **ON PROBATION**.
2. The Respondent shall be directly supervised by the designated supervising therapist throughout the period of probation. Supervision must occur on a face-to-face basis when client-related tasks are performed.
3. Supervision by a designated therapist, according to the written plan submitted for Board approval as outlined above, shall be both a prerequisite to reinstatement and a condition of probation.

ORDERED that no earlier than **ONE (1) YEAR** from the date the Respondent's license was placed on Probation, the Board may consider a petition for termination of the Respondent's

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probationary status, provided that she has been satisfactorily compliant with the probationary terms of this Reinstatement Order; and it is further

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

ORDERED that should if the Respondent violates any terms and/or 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 is statutorily authorized to impose in this case under § 10-315 of the Occupational Therapy Practice Act, including reprimand, additional probation, suspension, or revocation, said violation being proven by a preponderance of the evidence; and be it further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall comply with the Maryland Occupational Therapy Act, 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 this is a Final Decision and Order of the Board and, as such, is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article § 4-101 *et seq.*

06/15/2021

Date

Wanda R Banks, MA, OTR/L

Wanda Banks, OT, MA, OTR/L, Chair
Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

