

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**

North Dakota State Board of)	
Massage Therapy,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
vs.)	ORDER
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Carrie Ornelas,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

The North Dakota State Board of Massage Therapy (“Board”) is authorized pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) ch. 43-25 to certify and regulate practice of Massage Therapy in the State of North Dakota. The Board is authorized to take disciplinary action against any license issued by the Board on the grounds set forth in N.D.C.C. § 43-25-10.

Carrie Ornelas (Ornelas) is the holder of a license number 1414 to practice Massage Therapy in the State of North Dakota. The Board determined that a reasonable basis exists to believe Ornelas violated N.D.C.C. § 43-25-10(1)(h), North Dakota Administrative Code (N.D.A.C.) §§ 49-01-02-04(3)(a) and 49-01-02-04(3)(b).

On September 27, 2023, the board received a complaint related to Ornelas’ practice as a Massage Therapist in the State of North Dakota. That complaint indicated that Ornelas was having sexual relations with a client and exchanging Massage Therapy for Marijuana.

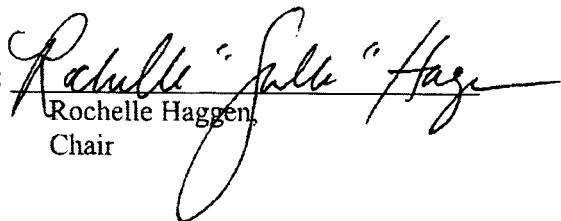
Pursuant to N.D.A.C. §§ 49-01-02-04(3)(a) and 49-01-02-04(3)(b), Ornelas was prohibited from engaging in criminal conduct involving a client and initiating or

engaging in any sexual conduct, sexual activities, or sexualizing behavior involving a current massage client of the licensee. On November 21, 2023, the Board sent Ornelas a settlement agreement indicating that there was reasonable grounds to believe Ornelas violated the above provisions and in that settlement agreement revoking Ornelas' license for a period of one (1) year. Ornelas signed the settlement agreement on December 6, 2023.

IT IS ORDERED that Ornelas' license to practice Massage Therapy in the State of North Dakota be revoked for a period of one (1) year. As a condition of re-licensure Ornelas is required to undergo a physical and behavioral health examination and provide the results to the board and complete nine (9) credits of continuing education in the areas of ethics/boundaries, boundaries with payments, and boundaries in relationships.

Dated this 12 day of December, 2023.

North Dakota Board of Massage Therapy

By: 
Rochelle Haggén
Chair

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

I. PARTIES

This settlement agreement is made and entered into by and between the Board of Massage Therapy (Board) and Carrie Ornelas (Ornelas).

II. RECITALS

A. The Board is authorized pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) ch. 43-25 to license and regulate the profession of massage therapy.

B. The Board is authorized by N.D.C.C. § 43-25-10 and North Dakota Administrative Code (N.D.A.C.) § 49-01-02-04 to take disciplinary action, including suspending, revoking, or placing on probation the license of any massage therapist in the state who has committed a violation of N.D.C.C. ch. 43-25 or of any administrative rule adopted by the Board.

C. Ornelas is licensed to practice massage therapy in North Dakota (License No. 1372).

D. N.D.C.C. § 43-25-10(1)(h) allows the Board to take disciplinary action against a licensee upon the grounds of violating a chapter or rule of the Board.

E. The Board found grounds that Ornelas violated N.D.C.C. § 43-25-10(1)(h) and N.D.A.C. §§ 49-01-02-04(3)(a) and 49-01-02-04(3)(b) and voted to initiate a disciplinary action.

F. Ornelas acknowledges the information in the complaints and that the Board has the authority to discipline her.

G. Ornelas acknowledges she has been informed and understands she has the right to seek the advice of legal counsel in this matter.

H. Ornelas acknowledges she has been informed and understands she has the right to a hearing and appeal pursuant to N.D.C.C. ch. 43-25 and N.D.C.C. ch. 28-32 prior to any adverse action being taken against her license.

III. AGREEMENT

The Board and Ornelas agree to resolve this matter as follows:

1. Ornelas waives her right to an administrative hearing and appeal as set forth in N.D.C.C. ch. 43-25 and ch. 28-32.
2. Ornelas's massage therapy license will be revoked for a period of 1 year.
 - a. As a condition of re-licensure Ornelas is required to undergo a physical and behavioral health examination and provide the results to the board.
 - b. As a condition of re-licensure Ornelas must take 9 credits of continuing education in the areas of ethics/boundaries, boundaries with payments, and boundaries in relationships.
3. There are no covenants, promises, undertakings, or understandings outside this Agreement other than those herein specifically set forth.
4. This Agreement shall be governed by the substantive laws of the State of North Dakota without regard to conflict of law principles.
5. This Agreement is effective upon signature by both parties.

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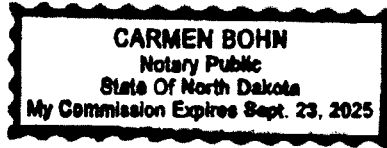
Dated this 6 day of December, 2023.

Carrie Ornelas
Carrie Ornelas

State of North Dakota)
County of Stark)ss

Signed before me on December 6, 2023, by Carrie Ornelas.
Date

Carmen Bohn
Notary Public



Dated this 13 day of December, 2023.

BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

By: Rochelle "Juli" Hays
Its President