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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

KS State Board of Healing Arts

In the Matter of)	
Tiffany G. Christy, R.T.)	
)	Docket 25-HA00032
)	
Kansas License No. 16-03385)	
_____)	

PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER

On June 13, 2025, this matter came before the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts (“Board”) upon due and proper notice for Conference Hearing on a petition **CONFIDENTIAL**

by C. Sebastian Thomas

Orosco, Associate Litigation Counsel, appeared on behalf of Disciplinary Panel #39 (“DP#39”). Tiffany G. Christy, did not appear and has no attorney of record in this matter.

On or about April 15, 2025, the Board issued a Qualified Protective Order (“QPO”) controlling the use of protected health information in this case. The QPO remains in effect for this matter and any appeals.

DP#39 members, Dr. Balderston, Dr. Bradbury, Dr. Estep, Dr. Varner, and Mr. Jordan were recused.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-514(g), seven members of the Board, Dr. Abebe, Dr. Black, Dr. DeGrado, Dr. Kuhlman, Dr. Mills, Dr. Suber, and Ms. Wattenbarger, were appointed as presiding officers to conduct the hearing and issue a final order for this case. Board member, Dr. DeGrado, served as chair pro tem considering Board president, Dr. Bradbury’s recusal.

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The Board granted DP#39's motion to close the hearing pursuant to K.S.A. 77-523(f) to consider information that is confidential under K.S.A. 65-2839a(d).

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by K.S.A. 65-5501 *et seq.* and 65-2801 *et seq.* and in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act, K.S.A. 77-501 *et seq.*, and upon review of the entire agency record, and being fully advised in the premises, the Board enters this Proposed Default Order.

I. Statement of Facts

1. Licensee is or has been entitled to practice respiratory therapy in the State of Kansas, having been issued License No. 16-03385 on or about August 30, 2006. Licensee last renewed such license on or about March 28, 2024. At all times relevant to the facts in the Petition, Licensee held an active Kansas license to practice respiratory therapy. Licensee's current license designation is Expired. Petition, p. 1.

2. On or about April 7, 2024, while employed at CONFIDENTIAL
CONFIDENTIAL as a respiratory therapist ("R.T."), CONFIDENTIAL

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3. On or about April 23, 2024, Licensee was terminated from employment at CONFIDENTIAL
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6. Between December 2024, and March 2025, the Board made several unsuccessful attempts to contact Licensee **CONFIDENTIAL**

Petition, p. 3.

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9. On or about May 27, 2025, a conference hearing and scheduling notice for the June 13, 2025, conference hearing was served by the Board on Licensee by U.S. Mail and email.

10. The Board finds Licensee in **DEFAULT** for failure to appear at the Conference Hearing on June 13, 2025.

II. Evidence Admitted to Agency Record

The following exhibits were introduced by DP#39 and admitted to the agency record (see next page).

Evidence Admitted to the Agency Record

Exhibit No.	Description	Pages (including cover page)
1	CONFIDENTIAL Employment Records	28
2	Report of CONFIDENTIAL, R.N. April 7, 2024	4
3	Report of CONFIDENTIAL, R.N. April 7, 2024, and CONFIDENTIAL	6
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III. Statement of Law

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K.S.A. 77-520:

“(a) If a party fails to attend or participate in a prehearing conference, hearing or other stage of an adjudicative proceeding, the presiding officer may serve upon all parties written notice of a proposed default order, including a statement of the grounds.

(b) Within seven days after service of a proposed default order, the party against whom it was issued may file a written motion requesting that the proposed default order be vacated and stating the grounds relied upon. During the time within which a party may file a written motion under this subsection, the presiding officer may adjourn the proceedings or conduct them without the participation of the party against whom a proposed default order was issued, having due regard for the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings.

(c) The proposed default order shall become effective after expiration of the time within which the party may file a written motion under subsection (b) unless a written motion to vacate the order is filed with the agency within such time. Upon receipt of a motion to vacate a proposed default order, the presiding officer shall either vacate the proposed order or issue the default order as proposed. If the presiding

officer issues a default order as proposed, the order shall become effective upon service.

(d) After a default order becomes effective, the presiding officer shall conduct any further proceedings necessary to complete the adjudication without the participation of the party in default and shall determine all issues in the adjudication, including those affecting the defaulting party. The presiding officer in lieu of determining the issues affecting the defaulting party may, unless otherwise prohibited by law, dismiss such party's application for an adjudicative proceeding.

(e) If the presiding officer is the agency head, or has been designated under K.S.A. 77-514, and amendments thereto, to issue a final order, the order shall be deemed a final order. If the presiding officer is not the agency head, and has not been designated to issue a final order under K.S.A. 77-514, and amendments thereto, the order shall be deemed an initial order."

IV. Conclusions of Law

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V. Proposed Default Order

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-520, Licensee is in default for failure to appear at the June 13, 2025, Conference Hearing. Considering the lack of response from Licensee to inquiries from the Board and HAPN, the Board conducted the hearing without the participation of Licensee as permitted under K.S.A. 77-520(b).

In accordance with K.S.A. 77-520:

1. The Board is serving on all parties written notice of this Proposed Default Order (“PDO”);
2. Within seven days after service of this PDO, Licensee may file a written motion requesting that the PDO be vacated and stating the grounds relied upon;
3. The PDO shall become effective after expiration of the time within which the Licensee may file a written motion under K.S.A. 77-520(b) unless a written motion to vacate the order is filed by Licensee with the Board within such time;

4. Upon receipt of a motion to vacate the PDO, the Board shall either vacate the proposed order or issue the default order as proposed. If the Board issues the default order as proposed, the order shall become effective upon service;
5. After a default order becomes effective, the Board shall conduct any further proceedings necessary to complete the adjudication without the participation of the party in default (Licensee) and shall determine all issues in the adjudication, including those affecting the defaulting party (Licensee); and
6. Seven members of the Board were designated under K.S.A. 77-514 as presiding officers to issue a final order of the Board in this matter. When the Default Order becomes effective it will be a final order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Licensee is hereby held in **DEFAULT** pursuant to K.S.A. 77-520.

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IT IS SO ORDERED this 27th day of June 2025.

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FOR THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS

Susan Gile

Susan Gile
Executive Director

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FINAL ORDER NOTICE OF RIGHTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this is a Final Order. A Final Order is effective upon service. A party to an agency proceeding may seek judicial review of a Final Order by filing a petition in the District Court as authorized by K.S.A. 77-601, *et seq.* Reconsideration of a Final Order is not a prerequisite to judicial review. A petition for judicial review is not timely unless filed within 30 days following service of the Final Order. A copy of any petition for judicial review must be served upon Susan Gile, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Healing Arts, 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level-Suite A, Topeka, KS 66612.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I served a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing **FINAL ORDER** by depositing the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this 8th day of July 2025, addressed and emailed to:

Tiffany G. Christy, R.T.
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And a copy was hand-delivered to:

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And the original was filed with the office of the Executive Director.



Staff Signature