



BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

KS State Board of Healing Arts

In the Matter of	)	
John P. Harris, D.C.	)	
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Kansas License No. 01-05507	)	Docket No. 24-HA00012
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**ORDER DENYING MOTION TO LIFT SUSPENSION**

NOW ON THIS 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025, with due and proper notice, comes on for hearing before the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts (“Board”) Licensee’s Motion to Lift Suspension (“Motion”). Todd Hiatt, Litigation Counsel, appears in person and presents the Disciplinary Panel’s (Disciplinary Panel #38’s) response to the Motion. John P. Harris, Licensee, appears in person and through counsel, Samantha Fisher of Joseph Hollander & Craft, LLC.

**I. Summary of the Case**

On January 8, 2025, Licensee moved to lift the previously agreed upon license suspension issued by the October 19, 2023, Consent Order. Effective October 27, 2023, Licensee’s Kansas chiropractic license was suspended for an indefinite term. Licensee violated the Kansas Healing Arts Act to include “unprofessional conduct” as defined in K.S.A. 65-2837(b)(16) [having sexual contact with a patient]; K.S.A. 65-2837(b)(25) [failing to keep written medical records accurately describing services rendered]; and “professional incompetency” as defined by K.S.A. 65-2737(a)

[treatment without first obtaining informed consent]. Upon due consideration and review of the evidence, arguments, and record before it, and in accordance with the Kansas Supreme Court's standards enumerated in *Vakas v. Kansas Board of Healing Arts*, 248 Kan. 589, 600, 808 P.2d 1355 (1991), the Board DENIES the Motion to Lift Suspension as follows:

## II. Admission of Evidence

The Disciplinary Panel's exhibits marked 1-5 were offered and admitted without objection. The Licensee's exhibits marked A-D were offered and admitted without objection.

## III. Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law

1. The Consent Order entered by the Board on October 19, 2023, suspended Licensee's license for an indefinite term, effective October 27, 2023. *Consent Order*, p. 8.
2. The Consent Order constitutes public disciplinary action and substantially controls the agreed upon procedures to be followed. *Id.*
3. "Additional Pertinent Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law" numbered 3 to 12, 20, and 24 as stated in the Board's July 12, 2024, Order Denying Motion to Lift Suspension ("July 12, 2024, Order") are incorporated here as though fully set forth. *July 12, 2024, Order*, pp. 2-5, (copy of complete order attached as an addendum hereto).

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12. Licensee's Motion requests the suspension of his license be lifted with the following conditions **CONFIDENTIAL**:

- a. using a chaperone for all patient encounters whose presence will be documented in the patient's chart;
- b. obtaining written informed consent from the parent/guardian for treatment of any minor child;
- c. refraining from providing after-hours treatment to patients, except immediate family members;
- d. refraining from procedures that require a patient to remove clothing or uncover a sensitive area;
- e. refraining from procedures that Licensee is not appropriately trained or skilled to perform;
- f. having a practice mentor;
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h. undergoing polygraph examinations **CONFIDENTIAL**

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j. i. implementing a professional code of conduct for all staff employed with the practice;

k. refraining from treating employees for the first three months after returning to practice; and

l. maintaining a demarcation between professional and personal relationships. *Motion*, pp. 5-6.

13. The Motion requests the above conditions automatically terminate after 18 months and Licensee's license be restored unencumbered. *Id.* at p. 6.

14. Licensee testified at the hearing:

a. He believed there would not be any other complaints filed against him for treatments in the past. *Transcript*, p. 49.

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c. He has learned that he is a people pleaser and wanted to help people right now, which led to: (i) performing procedures for which he did not have prior experience or training; and (ii) rote explanations of treatments such as "we could try this, or we could try this" or "this is what we do. So, I'm just doing it" without explaining to the patient exactly what he was proposing as treatment. *Id.* at p. 53;

d. He needed to have a female chaperone and would not treat female patients without a female chaperone present. *Id.* at p. 40;

e. He has secured a practice mentor, a physical therapist in his hometown. *Id.* at p. 60;

f. He has not adjusted anybody in 17 or 18 months and would not say after 18 months he would be the best diagnostician in the world, and it would take a couple weeks to get back into the diagnostic area. *Id* at. pp. 24-25;

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15. The suspension may be terminated or stayed only upon Licensee demonstrating to the Board that such action is warranted under the eight factors listed in *Vakas v. Kansas Bd. of Healing Arts*, 248 Kan. 589, 600, 808 P.2d 1355 (1991). *Consent Order* p. 8.

16. Review of the *Vakas* factors applied to Licensee:

1. the present moral fitness of the licensee;

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2. the demonstrated consciousness of the wrongful conduct and disrepute which the conduct has brought the profession;

Licensee has admitted his actions were wrong and harmed the individuals affected and the profession. *Exhibit B*.

3. the extent of licensee's rehabilitation;

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4. the seriousness of the original misconduct;

Licensee's original conduct and harm to multiple patients was extremely serious. *Exhibit A*, p. 1 and *Exhibit B*.

5. conduct subsequent to discipline;

Licensee has not practiced chiropractic while his license has been suspended. **CONFIDENTIAL**

*Exhibit A*, pp. 2 and 16.

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6. the time which has elapsed since the original discipline;

Licensee's Kansas chiropractic license has been suspended since October 27, 2023. *Consent Order*, p. 8.

7. the licensee's character, maturity, and experience at the time of the violation;

Licensee was originally issued a Kansas chiropractic license in September 2012. The treatment that resulted in the complaint occurred during 2018 and 2019. *Id.* at pp. 1-2.

8. the licensee's present competence in chiropractic skills.

The agency record contains only the testimony of Licensee that he has not adjusted anybody in 17 or 18 months and would not say after 18 months he would be the best diagnostician in the world, and it would take a couple weeks to get back into the diagnostic area. *Transcript*, pp. 24-25.

17. After review and consideration of the evidence in the agency record, Licensee has not met the burden to demonstrate to the Board that lifting the suspension is warranted under the above eight factors listed in *Vakas*.
18. Licensee's original misconduct was extremely serious and is a significant factor to overcome in determining whether the Board can trust Licensee to safely treat patients in the future.
19. Licensee, historically and due to geographic location, has been a sole practitioner without the structure and working relationship of peers or a group practice setting.

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**IT IS SO ORDERED** that the Motion to Lift Suspension is **DENIED** for the above stated reasons and the **SUSPENSION** of Licensee's chiropractic license for an indefinite term remains in force.

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

*Susan Gile*

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Susan Gile  
Executive Director

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true copy of the foregoing Order Denying Motion to Lift Suspension was served this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025 by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, and via email addressed to:

John Harris, D.C.

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NOW ON THIS 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024, with due and proper notice, comes on for hearing the Licensee's Motion to Lift Suspension. R. Jerry DeGrado, D.C. President of the Board, appears with a lawfully convened Board of Healing Arts (Board). Todd Hiatt, Litigation Counsel, appears in person and presents the Disciplinary Panel's (Disciplinary Panel #38's) response to the Motion. John P. Harris, Licensee, appears in person and through counsel, Diane Bellquist of Joseph Hollander & Craft, LLC. Bradley Taylor, previously Associate Litigation Counsel, recused himself, did not appear, and did not participate in the hearing, having withdrawn from the case prior to commencement of the hearing.

**I. Summary of the Case**

On April 29, 2024, Licensee moved to lift the previously agreed upon suspension approved by the Board on October 13, 2023. Effective October 27, 2023, the Consent Order memorializing the agreement indefinitely suspended Licensee's chiropractic practice and found he violated the Kansas Healing Arts Act to include violations of

“unprofessional conduct” as defined in K.S.A. 65-2837(b)(16) [having sexual contact with a patient]; K.S.A. 65-2837(b)(25) [failing to keep written medical records accurately describing services rendered]; and “professional incompetency” as defined by K.S.A. 65-2737(a) [treatment without first obtaining informed consent]. Upon due consideration and review of the evidence, arguments, and record before it, and in accordance with the Kansas Supreme Court’s standards enumerated in *Vakas v. Kansas Board of Healing Arts*, 248 Kan. 589, 808 P.2d 1355 (1991), the Board DENIES the Motion to Lift Suspension as follows:

## II. Admission of Evidence

The Disciplinary Panel’s exhibits marked 1-6 were offered and admitted without objection. The Licensee’s exhibits marked A-D were offered and admitted without objection. At the time of the hearing, licensee offered exhibit E—a letter on behalf of Licensee. No objection was made to the letter, and the letter was admitted into evidence.

## III. Additional Pertinent Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law

1. The Consent Order entered by the Board on October 19, 2023, indefinitely suspended the Licensee effective October 27, 2023. Consent Order, ¶ 37.
2. The Consent Order constitutes public disciplinary action and substantially controls the agreed upon procedures to be followed. Consent Order, ¶ 35.
3. The Consent Order required that Licensee’s patients’ medical records be placed in the custody of another licensed chiropractor or with a records maintenance facility who would respond to questions from patients. Consent Order, ¶ 41.

4. On October 27, 2023, Licensee designated Jerome Greene, D.C. to serve as custodian and have exclusive access to Licensee's patient records.  
Exhibit 6.
5. Two of Licensee's former patients, identified as patients #2 and #3, were not discussed in the Consent Order but came forward and complained about Licensee's conduct toward them.  
Exhibits 2-5.
6. Licensee's contact with patients' #2 and #3 occurred prior to entry of the Consent Order.
7. Patient #2 complained to Licensee's office manager shortly after the Licensee engaged in the conduct giving rise to her complaint.  
Testimony of Licensee.
8. Despite the terms of the Consent Order and despite Licensee's awareness of how incredibly uncomfortable patient #2 was made to feel about Licensee's conduct, the Licensee contacted patient #2 directly about her records.  
Testimony of Licensee; Exhibits 2-4.
9. Licensee's contact with patient #2 shows a lack of respect for the boundaries he is expected not to cross.  
See record generally.
10. Licensee inserted his bare finger without a glove into patient #3's anus.  
Exhibits 3 and 5, Testimony of Licensee.
11. Licensee did not apply proper skill and knowledge within the standard of care required of him when treating patients #2 and #3.  
See record generally.
12. Licensee did not properly cover or provide gowns to all his patients during their appointments with him.  
See record generally.
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14. Licensee was found unfit to practice as recently as late last year.  
Exhibits A-C.
15. Licensee's testimony suggests he blames his education for not teaching him what proper boundary measurers to follow. What he needs instead is possession of sound moral judgment and good intuition about sexual boundaries.  
Testimony of Licensee, see record generally.
16. Licensee remains morally unfit for practice.  
See record generally.
17. Licensee does not demonstrate an understanding of his wrongful conduct, and his understanding of the disrepute his conduct poses to the profession is presented to the Board without conviction.  
See record generally.
18. Licensee lacked credibility in making his assurances and in his assertion that he understood necessary boundary measures and their importance.  
See record generally.
19. Licensee is not rehabilitated and has more work to do to be considered rehabilitated.  
See record generally.
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21. Insufficient time has lapsed since the Consent Order was approved.  
See record generally.
22. Licensee indicates and, in some sense, admits that he lacked character, maturity, and certain experience at the time the Consent Order was entered. He acknowledges that discipline by the Board has served as a catalyst for at least some change, though his awareness of what is needed is insufficient to resume practice.  
Testimony of Licensee; see record generally.
23. Licensee's present competence remains deficient as demonstrated by his failure to recognize and articulate appropriate boundaries,

his contact with a former patient about records in violation of the Board's order, his misdirected blame on his chiropractic education for not teaching him boundaries, and his failure to recognize the victimization of his patients for his own sexual interests. See record generally.

24. There is no time limitation on when Licensee can request the Board to stay or terminate his indefinite suspension in the future. Licensee remains subject to all conditions of the October 19, 2023, Consent Order.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** that the Motion to Lift Suspension is **DENIED** and the **INDEFINITE SUSPENSION** of Licensee's chiropractic license remains in force.

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS**

*Susan Gile*

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I certify that a true copy of the foregoing Order Denying Motion to Lift Suspension was served this 12th day of July 2024 by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, and via email addressed to:

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