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

In the Matter of)
) KSBHA Docket No. 26-HA 00815
Cheryl Zwerenz, O.T.)
Kansas License No. 17-01789)

SUMMARY ORDER

NOW ON THIS 10th day of November, 2025, this matter comes before Susan Gile, Executive Director, Kansas State Board of Healing Arts ("Board"), in summary proceedings under K.S.A. 77-537.

Under K.S.A. 77-537 and K.S.A. 77-542, this Summary Order shall become effective as a Final Order, without further notice, if no written request for a hearing is made within 15 days of service. Upon review of the agency record and being duly advised in the premises, the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order are made for and on behalf of the Board:

Findings of Fact

1. Cheryl Zwerenz O.T. ("Licensee") holds or has held a license to engage in the practice of occupational therapy in Kansas, having been originally granted an Active Kansas license on or about November 2, 1999. Licensee's current license designation is "Active." Licensee last renewed this license on March 17, 2025.

2. Licensee's last mailing address known to the Board is: **CONFIDENTIAL**
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3. On her most recent license renewal:

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a. Licensee certified she had completed 40 contact hours of continuing education.

b. Licensee certified she understood the Board:

“will verify compliance [with continuing education requirements] by auditing an undetermined percentage of renewal applications. The verification will require proof of your continuing education. You must maintain your continuing education records for a three-year period, in a manner that allows them to be readily produced.”

c. Licensee attested “I certify, under penalty of perjury . . . the information I have provided [on my renewal application] is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.”

(Bd. Ex. 1 – 2025 Renewal Application)

4. Under Board regulation, an occupational therapist must complete 40 contact hours of continuing education over a 24-month period. *See* K.A.R. 100-54-7(a).

5. On or about June 25, 2025, Licensee was notified by the Board that her compliance with the continuing education requirements was being verified through an audit, and that she was required to provide proof of continuing education completed during the compliance period running from April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2025. (Bd. Ex. 2 – Correspondence with Licensee)

6. Licensee did not respond to the Board’s request stating whether she could not provide proof of any continuing education.

Applicable Law

7. Under K.A.R. 100-54-7(a)(1), “Each licensee shall submit evidence of completing at least 40 contact hours of continuing education during the preceding 24 months. Evidence of this

attainment shall be submitted before or with the application for renewal in each odd-numbered year.”

8. Under K.S.A. 65-5410(a):

“The board may deny, refuse to renew, suspend, revoke or limit a license or the licensee may be publicly or privately censured where the licensee or applicant for licensure has been guilty of unprofessional conduct which has endangered or is likely to endanger the health, welfare or safety of the public. Unprofessional conduct includes:

(1) Obtaining a license by means of fraud, misrepresentation or concealment of material facts

(4) violating any lawful order or rule and regulation of the board”.

Conclusions of Law

9. The Board has jurisdiction over Licensee as well as the subject matter of this proceeding, and such proceeding is held in the public interest.

10. Licensee violated K.S.A. 65-5410(a)(1), in that she obtained a license by means of fraud, misrepresentation or concealment of material facts; specifically, by falsely certifying she complied with continuing education requirements by completing 40 contact hours of continuing education.

11. Licensee violated K.S.A. 65-5410(a)(4), in that she violated a lawful regulation of the Board; specifically, by failing to provide evidence of at least 40 contact hours of continuing education completed during the compliance period running from April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2025, in violation of K.A.R. 100-54-7(a)(1).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Licensee’s license to practice occupational therapy is hereby **PUBLICLY CENSURED**.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Licensee shall be assessed an administrative fine of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Licensee shall be required to complete 40 hours of continuing education as defined in K.A.R. 100-54-7. This continuing education shall not count toward Licensee's continuing education requirements in the current compliance period. Licensee shall complete such required continuing education, and provide proof of such completion, within 180 calendar days of the date this document becomes effective as a final order. All correspondence or communication between Licensee and the Board relating to this document, including submission of proof of continuing education and payment of the administrative fine, shall be sent to the Board's Compliance Coordinator at:

Kansas State Board of Healing Arts
Attention: Compliance Coordinator
800 SW Jackson St., Suite 700
Topeka, Kansas 66612
KSBHA_ComplianceCoordinator@ks.gov

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that upon becoming effective as a Final Order, this document shall be deemed a public record and be reported to any reporting entities authorized to receive such disclosure.

Dated this 10th day of November, 2025.

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 St., Suite 700, 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 2nd day of December 2025, addressed and emailed to:

Cheryl Zwerenz, O.T.

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Licensee

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