

LOUISIANA BEHAVIOR ANALYST BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF
YOSHA LAWRENCE**

**COMPLAINT NUMBER: 2022-003B
LICENSE NO: L-419**

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, YOSHA LAWRENCE (“MS. LAWRENCE”) is a Licensed Behavior Analyst (“LBA”), and is subject to the jurisdiction and rules and regulations of the Behavior Analyst Practice Act (La. R.S. 37:1001, et seq.), the Professional and Occupational Standards for Behavior Analysts (LAC 46:VIII §301, et seq.);

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board (“LBAB”) received information indicating that MS. LAWRENCE may have allowed an individual who was not registered with the LBAB to engage in providing applied behavior analysis services to clients;

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated March 9, 2022, the LBAB notified MS. LAWRENCE of the Board-initiated complaint filed against her on January 11, 2022, provided MS. LAWRENCE with a summary of the nature of the complaint, and requested that MS. LAWRENCE, within thirty (30) days, provide a statement giving her review of the circumstances that are the subject of the complaint;

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 5, 2022, and received by the LBAB on April 12, 2022, MS. LAWRENCE provided a response to the complaint, giving her review of the allegations set forth therein;

WHEREAS, the respondent, YOSHA LAWRENCE, has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order provided for in LAC 46:VIII §603 and La. R.S. 49:955(D) of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act;

WHEREAS, the Respondent, YOSHA LAWRENCE, has admitted the following:

1. Respondent, YOSHA LAWRENCE, is and was at all times pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein, a Licensed Behavior Analyst, licensed by the LBAB to engage in the practice of behavior analysis in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by LBA License Number L-419.
2. At all times pertinent to the facts of this case, MS. LAWRENCE was actively engaged in the practice of Applied Behavior Analysis in Lake Charles, Louisiana, at Mental Connections of Southwest, LLC.
3. The Respondent, YOSHA LAWRENCE, acknowledges that she allowed two unregistered individuals to provide behavior analysis services for a period of two months.
4. The Respondent, YOSHA LAWRENCE, admits that her conduct violated the following rules and regulations of the LBAB: La. R.S. 37:3716, BACB Rules 1.04(a)(b)(d), 1.06(a), 2.05(e), 2.09(a)(b), 5.03(a)(b), 5.05, 5.07, 7.0, 7.01, LAC 46:VIII §304, §509, §511, §513, §515(A)(B)(C)(D)(E)(3), and §1001. However, she alleges any such conduct to be inadvertent.

WHEREAS, the Respondent, YOSHA LAWRENCE, agrees not to repeat the misconduct mentioned in this Consent Agreement and Order and acknowledges that any further misconduct mentioned in this Consent Agreement and Order will be considered a violation of the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order and shall be cause for further disciplinary action. YOSHA LAWRENCE further recognizes that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Agreement and Order by MS. LAWRENCE shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause for the LBAB to immediately suspend the license of

MS. LAWRENCE to provide behavior analysis in the State of Louisiana for a period of up to two (2) years, as determined by the LBAB at a regularly scheduled meeting of the LBAB, without the need to institute new disciplinary proceedings against MS. LAWRENCE.

WHEREAS, Respondent, MS. LAWRENCE, recognizes her right to have an administrative adjudication of the charges outlined in the complaint and notice letter, at which time MS. LAWRENCE would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses, and to present witnesses on her behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the LBAB based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act. MS. LAWRENCE nonetheless hereby waives her right to formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:955(D), consents to the entry of the Consent Agreement and Order set forth hereinafter. MS. LAWRENCE also acknowledges that she hereby waives any rights to which she may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:951, et seq., or which she otherwise may be afforded by any law to contest her agreement to, or the force and effect of this Consent Agreement and Order in any Court or other forum.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the LBAB by La. R.S. 49:955(D), the LBAB orders and MS. LAWRENCE accepts the following administrative action, which is a final decision pursuant to La. R.S. 49:958:

1. The LBAB license of MS. LAWRENCE to be engaged in the practice of Applied Behavior Analysis in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by the LBA License Number L-419, shall be, and is hereby **REPRIMANDED**, based upon the allegations of the complaint and investigation. MS. LAWRENCE accepts and shall maintain strict compliance with the following terms and conditions.

2. MS. LAWRENCE shall pay legal costs associated with the Complaint in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) as well as a fine as authorized by La. R.S. 37:3704(8) and La. R.S. 37:3712(C) for the above referred violations in the amount of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) within six (6) months from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order, which payment shall be made by certified check or money order. The payment(s) shall be made in six installments of \$75.00, postmarked no later than the tenth (10th) day of each month, with the first payment due within thirty (30) days after the approval of this Agreement by the LBAB. There shall be no pre-payment penalty.
3. MS. LAWRENCE shall participate in and cooperate with a practice and process audit by the LBAB Complaints Coordinator. She shall promptly provide any information requested in association with the audit.
4. Any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Agreement and Order by MS. LAWRENCE shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause for the LBAB to immediately suspend the license of MS. LAWRENCE to practice Applied Behavioral Analysis in the State of Louisiana for a period of up to two (2) years, as determined by the LBAB.

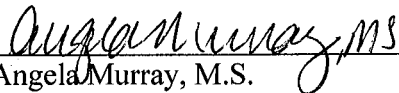
THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the LBAB and is a matter of public record. The terms of this Consent Agreement and Order may be published and reported in, including but not limited to, the LBAB website, the BACB, and the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB).

THE ADMISSIONS AND FINDINGS CONTAINED HEREIN are intended solely for the purpose of resolving the case at hand or in connection with other matters before the LBAB involving Respondent.

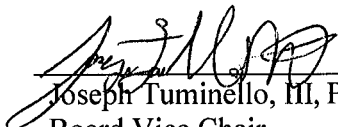
ORDER

The Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board, having examined the Consent Agreement and Order, Case No. 2022-003B, adopts the Consent Agreement and Order in the matter on this 5th day of October, 2022.


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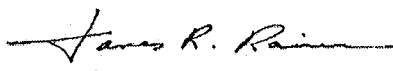


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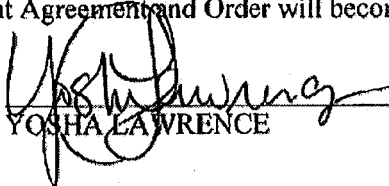
I, **JAMES R. RAINES**, serving as Prosecutor, do hereby acknowledge negotiation and preparation of this Consent Agreement and Order in order to resolve, with prejudice, all matters for which **YOSHA LAWRENCE**, could be charged under Complaint Number 2022-003B; and further certify that this Consent Agreement and Order is consistent with the evidence, adequately addresses the complaint and represents a true and correct statement of that which could be proven at a hearing of this matter.



James R. Raines

10-04-2022
Date

I, **YOSHA LAWRENCE**, make these acknowledgements and waivers in support of a final disposition of the pending investigation of Complaint Number 2022-003B by Consent Agreement and Order (“Order”) pursuant to La. R.S. 49:955(D), in lieu of the institution and prosecution of formal administrative proceedings, and accordingly consent to the entirety of the Order set forth hereinbefore and further waive any right to which I may be entitled under the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act or any other law to contest, in any court, my agreement to this Order. By my subscription hereto, I also hereby authorize the Prosecutor to present this Order to the LBAB for its consideration and to disclose to and discuss with the LBAB the nature and results of the investigation of this matter. I herein waive any objection to such disclosure based on due process of law under either the State or Federal Constitution or under State statutory law, including La. R.S. 49:960. I expressly acknowledge that the disclosure of such information to the LBAB shall be without prejudice to the Prosecutor’s authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint, or the LBAB’s capacity to adjudicate such Administrative Complaint, should the LBAB decline to approve this Consent Agreement and Order. I further acknowledge my awareness that should the LBAB approve this Consent Agreement and Order that the Consent Agreement and Order will become a matter of public record.

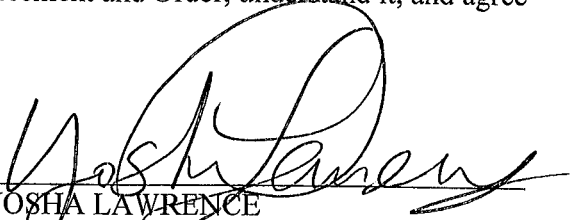


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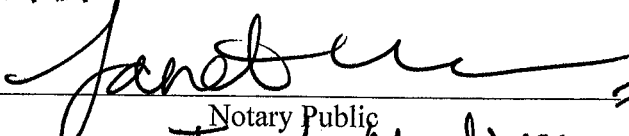
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I, **YOSHA LAWRENCE**, have read the Consent Agreement and Order, understand it, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

DATED: 10.3.2022


YOSHA LAWRENCE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 3rd day of October,
2022, at Lake Charles Louisiana.


Notary Public #37495
Print Name: Janet Madison
My Commission Expires: Upon death