

LOUISIANA BEHAVIOR ANALYST BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
DR. CAROLYN BARAHONA

COMPLAINT NUMBER: 2020-001B
LICENSE NUMBER: L-015

ORDER

Louisiana Behavior Analyst License Number L-015, issued to Dr. Carolyn Barahona, was summarily suspended by *Order of Summary Suspension* dated May 26, 2020, pending an administrative hearing before the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board (hereinafter referred to as “the Board”) in compliance with La. R.S. 37:3704(9), LAC Title 46, Part VIII §604, and the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La R.S. 49:950, *et.seq.* A hearing on the summary suspension came before the Board on July 6, 2020 and July 7, 2020, wherein the Board accepted the Disciplinary Committee’s recommendation to summarily suspend Dr. Carolyn Barahona, PH.D., LBA.

In light of the facts presented, the Board determined that Dr. Carolyn Barahona poses an imminent danger to the public health, safety, and welfare if Dr. Barahona were allowed to continue to practice. Further, due to the nature of the complaint against Dr. Barahona, emergency action was required and the Board, by unanimous vote, concluded that the action taken to summarily suspend LBA License Number L-015, issued to Dr. Carolyn Barahona, was warranted.

On April 30, 2021, Dr. Barahona filed a *Petition for Reconsideration and Amendment of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for Order of Summary Suspension*. An opposition was filed on June 11, 2021, and Dr. Barahona filed a reply memorandum on July 26, 2021. Dr. Barahona’s request for reconsideration was placed on the agenda of the June 22, 2021, regularly scheduled Board meeting. At the request of the respondent, the request for reconsideration was rescheduled and came before the Board during the July 28, 2021, regularly scheduled meeting. Having considered Dr. Barahona’s request for reconsideration, pursuant to LAC Title 46, Part VIII

§604(E), upon deliberations held in open meeting, by unanimous vote the Board found that Dr. Barahona's *Petition for Reconsideration and Amendment of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for Order of Summary Suspension* did not set forth ground justifying reconsideration under La. R.S. 49:959.

Additionally, Board Prosecuting Attorney petitioned the board to assess reasonable costs for the July 6-7, 2020 hearing and any judicial review pursuant to LA. R.S. 37:312 (C) to respondent. Ms. Wright made a motion to table assessment of costs until final hearing/determination. Ms. Murray seconded the motion. None opposed. Mr. A. Tuminello abstained and the motion passed. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, that Dr. Carolyn Barahona's *Petition for Reconsideration and Amendment of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for Order of Summary Suspension* is hereby **DENIED**. This order is not a final agency decision.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



COURTNEY WRIGHT,
BOARD CHAIR
LOUISIANA BEHAVIORAL ANALYST BOARD
AUGUST 25, 2021