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BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of Alex J. Kuhlman, P.T.)	Docket No.:	24-HA00022
Kansas License No. 11-05154)		
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JOURNAL ENTRY GRANTING JOINT MOTION TO LIFT SUSPENSION AND FOR DISMISSAL

This Journal Entry is entered pursuant to K.S.A. 77-551. This matter comes before the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts ("Board"), through Dr. R. Jerry DeGrado, D.C., Presiding Officer¹.

On or about December 28, 2023, the Board filed a Qualified Protective Order that continues in effect for the duration of this matter.

On or about March 1, 2024, the parties in this matter, Alex Kuhlman, P.T. ("Licensee") by and through counsel Diane L. Bellquist, and the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, Disciplinary Panel #37 ("Petitioner" or "DP #37") by and through Matthew Gaus, Deputy Litigation Counsel, filed a Joint Motion to Lift Suspension and for Dismissal ("Joint Motion") requesting the Board:

(1) lift the temporary emergency suspension of Licensee's Kansas physical therapy ("P.T.") license; and (2) dismiss the Petition filed in this matter by DP #37.

¹ Dr. R. Jerry DeGrado, D.C., a member of the KSBHA, was appointed Presiding Officer in this matter on December 28, 2023, to conduct proceedings and issue an Order pursuant to the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act, K.S.A. 77-501 et seq.

In support of the Joint Motion the parties state:

1. On December 26, 2023, DP #37 filed a Petition seeking discipline against

Licensee's Kansas P.T. license.

2. On December 28, 2023, an Emergency Order of Suspension and

Emergency Proceedings was filed temporarily suspending Licensee's Kansas P.T.

license.

3. An emergency hearing was held on January 25, 2024. At the beginning

of the hearing Licensee's counsel made an oral motion to continue the hearing

indefinitely. Counsel for DP #37 had no objection to the motion to continue. The

Board granted the motion to continue the hearing while the parties discuss alternate

resolution of the matter. See Journal Entry to Continue Emergency Hearing filed

February 2, 2024.

4. In the Joint Motion, the parties represent that they have now resolved all

claims and issues in this matter rendering further adjudicative proceedings by the

Board unnecessary. Through the Joint Motion the parties request the Board to grant

the Joint Motion: (1) lifting the temporary suspension of Licensee's Kansas P.T.

license; and (2) dismissing the Petition in this matter.

On March 20, 2024, a status conference was held wherein counsel for the parties discussed

the legal basis for the dismissal including the parties' knowledge and belief that Licensee is

currently safe to practice.

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THEREFORE, upon due consideration of the Joint Motion and the arguments of each counsel, the Joint Motion to Lift Suspension and for Dismissal is **GRANTED** as follows. The temporary suspension of Licensee's Kansas P.T. license is **LIFTED** and the Petition in this matter is **DISMISSED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 25 of March 2024.

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS

/s/ Warran Wiebe, KS #13572, for R. Jerry DeGrado, D.C. Presiding Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I served a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Journal Entry Granting Joint Motion to Lift Suspension and for Dismissal, by depositing the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, on this Z/SH day of March 2024, addressed and emailed to:

Alex J. Kuhlman, P.T.
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Licensee

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and the original filed with the office of the Executive Director.

Staff Signature