

**BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL
PRACTICE BOARD**

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS)	
SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE))	
BOARD,)	
Petitioner)	
)	
v.)	ORDER
)	
KRIS F.WILLIAMS-FALCON,)	EC No. 636-20
Respondent)	
CADC-25178)	

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard before the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board ("the Board") on April 23, 2021, on the Third Notice Of Hearing dated March 1, 2021.

The Board, having heard the evidence and arguments of counsel, makes the following FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. Petitioner North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board ("the Board"), was established by G.S. 90-113.32, and is recognized as the registering, certifying, and licensing authority for substance abuse professionals described in the Practice Act. The Board was established to safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare, to protect the public from being harmed by unqualified persons, to assure the highest degree of professional care and conduct on the part of credentialed substance abuse professionals, to provide for the establishment of standards for the education of credentialed substance abuse professionals, and to ensure the availability of credentialed substance abuse professionals of high quality to persons in need of these services. The Board, under authority granted by the Practice Act regulates Board-credentialed persons offering substance abuse counseling services, substance abuse prevention services, or any other substance abuse services for which the Board may grant registration, certification or licensure.
2. On June 30, 2019, Respondent Kris F. Williams-Falcon was given the status Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC No. 25178).
3. On October 7, 2020, the Board received an Ethics Complaint ("the Complaint") against Respondent.
4. On or about October 7, 2020, Michael McGuire, Ethics Committee Chairman, sent a copy of the Complaint to Respondent, demanding response, within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt, to the allegations contained therein.

5. On October 14, 2020, Respondent sent an email response with respect to the Complaint.

6. On November 9, 2020, the Board, through counsel, sent a letter to Respondent, with information requests and questions, and demanding a response by November 19, 2020. Respondent has failed to respond to the November 9, 2020 letter; and that failure to respond constitutes a failure to cooperate with the Board's investigation, in violation of 21 NCAC 68 .0510, and grounds for discipline under 21 NCAC 68 .0601(7)(e).

7. On December 22, 2020, the Board issued a Notice Of Hearing with respect to Respondent's failure to cooperate with the Board's investigation, sending the Notice Of Hearing To Respondent's address of record, 207 Wind Swept Street, Raeford, NC 28736. The overnight mail envelope containing the Notice Of Hearing was returned "refused".

8. On December 30, 2020, the Board issued a Second Notice Of Hearing with respect to Respondent's failure to cooperate with the Board's investigation, sending the Second Notice Of Hearing to an address of Respondent located by skiptrace and public record search, 5660 Hancock Street, Hope Mills, NC 28348. The overnight mail envelope containing the Second Notice Of Hearing was return "incorrect address".

9. The Board delivered the Second Notice Of Hearing to James McDougle, a private investigator, who attempted to serve Respondent at 809 Katie Street, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28306; 207 Wind Swept Street, Raeford, NC 28736; and 5660 Hancock Street, Hope Mills, NC 28348. Mr. McDougle spoke with Respondent on the phone, and, although Respondent indicated that she would execute and return a Return of Service, she failed and refused to do so.

10. On March 1, 2021, the Board issued a Third Notice Of Hearing, which it send by overnight mail with signature capture to 207 Wind Swept Street, Raeford, NC 28376; and 5660 Hancock Street, Hope Mills, NC 28348. The FedEx envelope directed to 207 Wind Swept Street was returned "refused" and the envelope directed to 5660 Hancock Street was returned "adult recipient unavailable".

11. The Third Notice of Hearing was delivered to Mr. McDougle for service at all three (3) addresses, and the same was returned unserved.

12. The Third Notice Of Hearing was served by publication, and the described circumstances constitute good cause for service by publication.

13. Respondent is subject to the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Act and the rules promulgated thereunder. The Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding.

**BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT, THE COURT
CONCLUDES AS A MATTER OF LAW:**

1. Pursuant to 21 NCAC 68.0601 and other provisions of the 21 NCAC 68.0101 *et seq.*, grounds exist to discipline Respondent relating to the facts and circumstances set forth above, up to and including permanent revocation of Respondent's status as a CADC.

2. The appropriate discipline to impose, with respect to the actions alleged above, is permanent revocation of Respondent's status as a CADC.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

1. Respondent's status as a CADC (CADC No. 25178) is permanently revoked.
2. Each party shall bear their own costs.

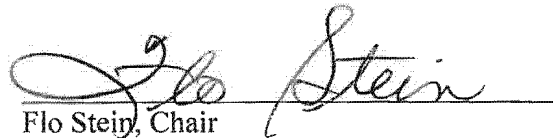
NOTICE

To obtain judicial review of this Final Decision, the entity or individual seeking review must file a petition, within thirty (30) days of service of a written copy of this Order, with the Clerk of Superior Court of the North Carolina County where the entity is headquartered, or the individual resides, or in Wake County, North Carolina.

This the 17 day of April, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

By:


Flo Stein, Chair