

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

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS	)	
SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL	)	
PRACTICE BOARD,	)	
Petitioner	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b>FINAL DECISION</b>
	)	
RHONDA LAZENBY,	)	<b>EC File No. 678-21</b>
Respondent	)	

THIS CAUSE came on before the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board (“the Board”) on January 28, 2022, on the Notice of Hearing dated January 12, 2022, for consideration of the Proposal For Decision entered in *North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board v. Rhonda Lazenby*, OAH File No. 21 SAP 4174 (“the OAH Contested Case”).

The Board, having reviewed the record in the OAH Contested Case, the Proposal for Decision, and having heard the arguments of counsel, adopts and makes the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

1. On September 28, 2021, the OAH Contested Case was commenced by Petitioner’s filing of a certain Notice of Hearing, and Respondent was served with the same via Federal Express for overnight delivery with signature capture on September 30, 2021.
2. On September 30, 2021, the Court entered an Order For Prehearing Statements, requiring the parties to file a Prehearing Statement within thirty (30) days.
3. On November 10, 2021, the Court entered a Second Order For Respondent’s Prehearing Statement, indicating that, if Respondent wanted to pursue this case, she needed to file her Prehearing Statement by November 23, 2021.
4. On November 30, 2021, Petitioner filed an Amended Motion For Sanctions, noting Respondent’s failure to file a Prehearing Statement and asking that Respondent be sanctioned for her failure to participate in this case.
5. On November 30, 2021, the Court filed and served a certain Request For Respondent’s Response To Petitioner’s Amended Motion For Sanctions, providing that, if Respondent wanted objections to be considered with respect to the Amended Motion For Sanctions, Respondent should file the same by December 14, 2021. As of January 12, 2022, Respondent had not filed a response.

6. On January 12, 2022, the Court entered a Proposal For Decision, finding that Respondent was subject to the impositions of sanctions under N.C.G.S. Section 150B-33(b)(10) and 26 NCAC 03.0114.

7. On January 12, 2022, the Board issued a Notice of Hearing, which was served on Respondent on January 18, 2022. In the Notice of Hearing, the Board gave notice that it would consider, on January 28, 2022, the Proposal For Decision and entry of a Final Decision.

The Board, having reviewed the record in the OAH Contested Case, the Proposal for Decision, and having heard the arguments of counsel, adopts and makes the following:

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board has the authority and duty granted under Chapter 90, Article 5C of the North Carolina General Statutes, to issue, renew, deny, suspend, or revoke licensure, certifications, or registration to practice of a substance abuse professional in this State or reprimand or otherwise discipline a license, certificate, or registration holder in this State, unless otherwise credentialed by the State or Federal government. N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-113.33(s); 90-113.42.

2. If a party fails to comply with an interlocutory order of an Administrative Law Judge, (s)he may find that the allegations set out in the notice of hearing or other pleadings may be taken as true or deemed proved without further evidence. 26 NCAC 03.0114(a)(1).

3. The discipline recommended by the Court in the Proposal For Decision is appropriate and is hereby ordered by the Board.

**Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board hereby adopts the recommended discipline proposed by the Judge presiding in the OAH Contested Case, and hereby ORDERS, ADJUDGES AND DECREES:**

1. The Board **PERMANENTLY REVOKES** all licenses and certifications it has issued to Respondent.

2. Each party should bear its own costs incurred in connection with the Board's investigation and the Contested Case.

**NOTICE**

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

This the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

**NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS  
SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE  
BOARD**

By:   
Flo Stein, Board Chair