

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

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS)	
SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE))	
BOARD,)	
Petitioner)	
)	
v.)	FINAL DECISION
)	
MICHAEL JOHN PAGE,)	EC No. 686-21
Respondent)	
LCAS-A No. 26214)	

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard before the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board (“the Board”) on April 22, 2022, on the Notice of Hearing dated December 16, 2021, and the Second Notice Of Hearing dated January 31, 2022.

The Board, having received the evidence, and having heard the 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 March 31, 2020, Respondent Michael John Page was granted the credential Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist - Associate (LCAS-A No. 26214). Respondent’s status will expire on February 6, 2025, if not renewed.

3. On October 12, 2021, the Board received an Ethics Complaint (“the Complaint”) against Respondent. The substance of the Ethics Complaint is that Respondent was arrested, in New Hanover County, and charged with Felony Possession Schedule II CS, GS 90-95(A)(3); Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, GS 90-113.22(A); and Failure To Burn Headlights, GS 20-129(A) [New Hanover County File No. 21CR057668].

4. On or about October 13, 2021, the Board's Ethics Chair sent a letter to Respondent, demanding a response, within thirty (30) days, to the allegations contained within the Complaint.

5. On November 22, 2021, Respondent having failed to respond to the Ethic's Chair's October 13, 2021 letter, counsel for the Board sent a letter to Respondent, demanding a response, by December 15, 2021, to the allegations contained within the Ethics Complaint.

6. Respondent has failed to respond to the November 22, 2021 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 16, 2021, the Board issued a Notice of Hearing with respect to Respondent's failure to respond to the inquiries directed to him.

8. On January 31, 2022, the Board issued a Second Notice Of Hearing with respect to Respondent's failure to respond to the inquiries directed to him, which was personally served on April 5, 2022.

9. Respondent has failed to respond to the Board's inquiries, and failed to appear at the hearing noticed under the Second Notice Of Hearing.

10. 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.

11. 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 credential as an LCAS-A.

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

1. 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.

2. 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, and particularly for failure to cooperate with the Board's investigation of the Complaint, up to and including permanent revocation of Respondent's status as a LCAS-A.

3. The appropriate discipline to impose, with respect to the actions alleged above, is permanent revocation of Respondent's status as a LCAS-A.

4. The Board makes no findings of fact or conclusions of law with respect to the matters set forth in the Ethics Complaint, and discipline is imposed entirely upon Respondent's failure to respond to the Board's inquiries.

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

1. Respondent's status as an LCAS-A, No. 26214, 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 individual resides, or the entity is headquartered, or in Wake County, North Carolina.

This the 23 day of April, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS
SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE
BOARD

By: 
Flo Stein, Chair