

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA
ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD
EC CASE NO. 836-24

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS
SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL
PRACTICE BOARD,
Petitioner,

v.

WILLIAM LEWIS BULLARD, II
(CADC-R No. 24948),
Respondent.

CONSENT ORDER

THIS MATTER is before a Panel of the Ethics Committee (the “Panel”) of the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board (the “Board”), pursuant to Chapter 150B, Article 3A of the North Carolina General Statutes; the North Carolina Substance Use Disorder Professional Practice Act; and Title 21, Chapter 68 of the North Carolina Administrative Code. The Board, with a quorum present, and Respondent stipulate and agree to the entry of the following Consent Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner Board was established by the North Carolina General Assembly to credential and regulate substance use disorder professionals in North Carolina, in accordance with Chapter 90, Article 5C of the North Carolina General Statutes.
2. Respondent currently is a citizen and resident of Scotland County, North Carolina; and is neither a minor nor an incompetent person.
3. On September 11, 2024, Respondent was registered before the Board as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor Registrant (“CADC-R”) (CADC-R No. 24948), which will expire on September 10, 2029, if Respondent does not achieve full certification as a Certified Alcohol

and Drug Counselor (“CADC”) prior to that date. Respondent held previous registration before the Board from June 26, 2018, to June 25, 2023.

4. On September 11, 2024, Barden Culbreth (“Culbreth”), Senior Administrative Director for the Board, filed a formal complaint before the Board alleging Respondent failed to disclose a Driving While Impaired charge issued on September 22, 2021, and failed to report the associated criminal conviction issued on July 18, 2023. The complaint was designated by the Board as Ethics Complaint (“EC”) Case No. 836-24.
5. Upon investigation into EC Case No. 836-24, the Board determined the following:
 - a. On September 22, 2021, Respondent was charged with *DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED* (“DWI”). The corresponding criminal proceedings were heard in Guilford County District Court, court file no. 2021 CR 082876. Respondent failed to report issuance of the above-referenced DWI criminal charge to the Board.
 - b. Per the Intox EC/IR-II Subject Test, Respondent’s alcohol concentration was 0.12 g/210 L at the time of the criminal conduct.
 - c. On July 18, 2023, Respondent was convicted of the above-referenced *DWI - LEVEL 5* and was sentenced to thirty (30) days imprisonment in the custody of the Misdemeanant Confinement Program, with a suspended sentence of twelve (12) months of court-mandated unsupervised probation. Respondent was ordered to pay \$193.00 in court costs, a \$100.00 DWI fine and a \$250.00 community service fee, and to complete twenty-four (24) hours of community service within ninety (90) days. Respondent was ordered to complete treatment within thirty (30) days and to

provide proof of completion to the court. Respondent failed to report the above-referenced DWI conviction to the Board.

- d. Due to the above-referenced *DWI* conviction, the Board requested Respondent submit to an assessment concerning substance use and/or fitness to practice with an independent Board-approved assessor, clinician David Pate (“D. Pate”).
- e. Per the Assessment Report results regarding SUD/Fitness to Practice dated April 6, 2025, Pate recommended Respondent as fit to practice and opined Pate did not meet the criteria for a Substance Use Disorder diagnosis.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 6. Respondent is subject to the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Act and the rules promulgated pursuant to the Act. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding.
- 7. The acts and omissions of Respondent as described above constitute violations of the following:
 - a. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-113.40A(c), for failure to notify the Board of a criminal conviction imposed during registration;
 - b. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-113.44(a)(2a), for the use of drugs or alcoholic beverages to the extent that Respondent suffered impairment;
 - c. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-113.44(a)(3), for conviction of an offense under any municipal, State, or federal law other than traffic laws as prescribed by Chapter 20 of the General Statutes;

- d. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-113.44(a)(6), for engaging in any act or practice in violation of any of the provisions of this Article or any of the rules adopted pursuant to it, or aiding, abetting, or assisting any other person in such a violation;
 - e. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-113.44(a)(9), for engaging in conduct that could result in harm or injury to the public;
 - f. 21 NCAC 68 .0503(e), for failure to report known unethical conduct;
 - g. 21 NCAC 68 .0503(i), for failing to recognize the negative impact impairment has on his functioning in public and professional performance and failure to report impairment to the Board for investigation and review;
 - h. 21 NCAC 68 .0601(5)(b), for his conviction for violating any controlled substances law or any driving while impaired law;
 - i. 21 NCAC 68 .0601(6)(c), for the use of drugs including alcohol to the extent that professional competency is affected or that the professional suffers impairment; and
 - j. 21 NCAC 68 .0606(c-d), for failure to report the issuance of the above-reference DWI charge and subsequent conviction within thirty (30) days.
8. Respondent committed one or more of the violations described above. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-113.33(2), the Board has the authority to deny, suspend, or revoke Respondent's licensure, certification, or registration to practice in this State or reprimand or otherwise discipline Respondent's license, certificate, or registration in North Carolina. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by voluntarily surrendering his license and the Board agrees to accept this resignation in lieu of further proceedings related to this matter.

BASED upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and in lieu of further proceedings, Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board *ex parte* whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written.

Whereas Respondent acknowledges that he read this entire document and understands it;

Whereas Respondent acknowledges that he enters into this Consent Order freely and voluntarily;

Whereas Respondent acknowledges that he had full and adequate opportunity to confer with legal counsel in connection with this matter;

Whereas Respondent understands that this Consent Order must be presented to the Board for approval; and

Whereas the Board has determined that the public interest is served by resolving this matter as set forth below.

THEREFORE, with the consent of Respondent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's registration before the Board as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor Registrant (CADC-R No. 24948) is hereby suspended. The suspension may be lifted, contingent upon Respondent securing a new clinical supervisor before the NCASPPB and entering into a valid supervision contract with said supervisor before the Board.
2. The Board shall retain jurisdiction under Article 3A, Chapter 150B for all administrative hearings held in connection with or pursuant to this Consent Order. If the Board receives evidence that Respondent has violated any term of this Consent Order or any other law or rule enforced by the Board, the Board shall schedule a show cause hearing for a

determination of the violations. If the Board determines that a violation has occurred, the Board may impose such disciplinary action as it determines is appropriate and is authorized by law.

3. This Consent Order shall take effect immediately upon its execution by the Board and Respondent and reflect the entire agreement between Respondent and the Board, there being no agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies, alters, or modifies this Consent Order.
4. No modification or waiver of any provision of this Consent Order shall be effective unless it is in writing, adopted and approved by the Board, and signed by the parties affected.
5. Both the Board and Respondent participated in the drafting of this Consent Order. Any ambiguities herein shall not be construed against either party in any future civil or administrative proceeding.
6. Each party to this proceeding shall bear their own costs, and the Board shall bear its own costs of investigation.
7. Upon its execution by the Board and Respondent, this Consent Order shall become a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and shall be subject to public inspection and dissemination pursuant to the provisions thereof.


CONSENTED TO BY:

WILLIAM LEWIS BULLARD, II


(Respondent Signature)

Date: 4-22-2025
(Respondent Signature Date)

By Order of the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board, this the
23rd day of April, 2025.

By: 
Kathy Allen, Ethics Chair