

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA
ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD
EC CASE NO. 904-25

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| NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS |) | |
| SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL |) | |
| PRACTICE BOARD, |) | |
| Petitioner, |) | CONSENT ORDER |
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| V. |) | |
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| BRANDON ROSS CAULDER |) | |
| (LCAS No. 28472) |) | |
| Respondent. |) | |

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; Chapter 90, Article 5C 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 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 New Hanover County, North Carolina; and is neither a minor nor an incompetent person.
3. On February 14, 2024, Respondent was credentialed before the Board as a Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist (“LCAS”) (LCAS No. 28472), which will expire on February 13, 2026, if not renewed.

4. From on or about November 2023 until on or about September 2025, Respondent was employed as an Outpatient Therapist with Anchor Psychological and Counseling Services, PLLC (“Anchor”), a provider located in Wilmington, North Carolina.
5. On September 24, 2025, Mary Godin (“Godin”), the owner and Director at Anchor, filed a formal ethics complaint before the Board alleging Respondent engaged in dual relationships with client(s) at Anchor, made inappropriate self-disclosures to client(s), borrowed money from client(s), offered and requested prescription medications to and from client(s), made inappropriate self-disclosures to client(s), made misrepresentations to colleagues and solicited and facilitated client(s)’ participation in a personal podcast. The complaint also included impairment concerns. The complaint was designated by the Board as Ethics Complaint (“EC”) Case No. 904-25.
6. On September 25, 2025, the Board issued a request for response to the complaint in EC Case No. 904-25.
7. On October 15, 2025, Respondent submitted a written response to the complaint, in which Respondent admitted to hosting a client on his podcast, soliciting other clients to appear on his podcast, borrowing money from the Anchor cashbox without permission, accepting “intermittent loans” from a client, giving gifts to clients, texting clients, meeting a former client at Starbucks, writing a reference for a former client and treating his spouse for EDMR. Respondent denied all other allegations in the complaint.
8. On November 26, 2025, the Board issued a Notice of Hearing scheduling a hearing for this matter on January 16, 2026.

9. On December 10, 2025, Respondent was properly served with the above-referenced Notice of Hearing.

10. On January 12, 2026, Respondent requested to continue the above-referenced hearing to the next available hearing date.

BASED upon the foregoing, 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 has 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; 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 credential as an LCAS (LCAS No. 28472) before the Board is hereby SUSPENDED until the above-captioned matter is fully adjudication, and until issuance of a Final Agency Decision following a formal hearing 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:

BRANDON ROSS CAULDER (LCAS No. 28472)

Smulders, NSW, LCS, LOMA Date: 01/15/2026
Respondent Signature Respondent Signature Date

By Order of the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board, this the

13th day of January, 2026.

By:

Kathy Allen, Ethics Chair