

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSING ADMINISTRATION
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC**

IN RE: :
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DAVID C. WALLS-KAUFMAN, D.C. :
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License No.: CH21055 :
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Respondent :

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

Jurisdiction

This matter comes before the District of Columbia Board of Chiropractic (the “D.C. Board”) pursuant to the Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA). D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01, *et seq.* (2009), authorizes the Board to regulate the practice of chiropractic in the District of Columbia. The Board has broad jurisdiction to regulate the practice of chiropractic and to impose a variety of disciplinary sanctions upon a finding of a violation of the HORA. D.C. Official Code, § 3-1201.03; *Mannan v. District of Columbia Board of Medicine*, 558 A.2d 329, 333 (D.C.1989). The Council of the District of Columbia, in amending the HORA, “intended to strengthen enforcement of its licensing laws.” *Davidson v. District of Columbia Board of Medicine*, 562 A.2d 109, 113 (D.C.1989). And the HORA “was designed to ‘address modern advances and community needs *with the paramount consideration of protecting the public interest.*’” *Joseph v. District of Columbia Board of Medicine*, 587 A.2d 1085, 1088 (D.C.1991) (*quoting* Report of the D.C. Council on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs on Bill 6-317, at 7 (November 26, 1985)) (emphasis added by court).

Background

The Respondent has been licensed in the District of Columbia to practice chiropractic since November 29, 1984. On the Respondent's December 2022 license renewal application (for the January 2023-December 2024 license cycle), the Respondent was asked whether he had arrested or been convicted of any criminal offenses from January 2021 to December 2022. Respondent replied on his renewal application that he had been "arrested for being an observer at a political rally."

In actuality, on June 8, 2022, the Respondent was arrested for four misdemeanor charges in connection with activities at or near the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021: entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds, disorderly and disruptive conduct in a restricted building or grounds, disorderly conduct in a Capitol building, and parading, demonstrating or picketing in a Capitol building. In January 2023, the Respondent pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of "parading, demonstrating or picketing in a Capitol building." During his sentencing on June 14, 2023, the Respondent admitted that he "scuffled" with police officers on January 6, 2021 and was sentenced to 60 days of incarceration.

Conclusions of Law

The Board is authorized to sanction Respondent under the HORA for his actions, which are related to the practice of chiropractic. The HORA provides, in pertinent part: Each board, subject to the right of a hearing as provided by this subchapter, on an affirmative vote of a quorum of its appointed members may take one or more of the disciplinary actions provided in subsection (c) of this section against any applicant for a license, registration, or certification, an applicant to establish or operate a school of nursing or nursing program, or a

person permitted by this subchapter to practice a health occupation regulated by the board in the District who:

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(1) Fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a license, registration, or certification for himself, herself, or another person;

and

(24) violates any provision of [the HORA] or rules and regulations issues pursuant to the HORA.

The Respondent has violated the foregoing requirements when applying to renew his license to practice chiropractic in December 2022. Accordingly, Respondent's conduct described above provides the Board with a basis in fact and law to warrant disciplinary action.

Order

In accordance with the unanimous vote of the members of the District of Columbia Board of Chiropractic at its November 14, 2023 meeting, the Board enters the following Order:

1. Respondent's chiropractic license in the District of Columbia, License No. CH21055, be and is hereby subject to **PUBLIC REPRIMAND**;
2. Within ninety (90) days of the execution of this Consent Order, the Respondent shall successfully complete and provide documentation to the Board of the following three continuing education sessions and programs:

(1) **Ethics 101 - Ethical Communications** (2 Credit Hours)

https://www.chirocredit.com/category/Ethics_for_Professionals/Chiropractic_Student

(2) **Ethics for Professionals Morality and Ethics 101** (1 credit Hour)

https://www.chirocredit.com/category/Ethics_for_Professionals/Chiropractic_Student

(3) Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services (EBAS) - Unprofessional Conduct

Ethics Exam

<https://www.ebas.org>

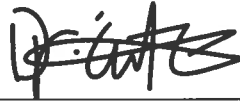
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These three continuing education sessions and programs shall not count towards the Respondent's 2023-2024 continuing education license renewal requirements.

3. If Respondent fails to satisfactorily fulfill the terms of the Consent Order the Board may issue a notice to take formal disciplinary action against Respondent's license.
4. This Consent Order, along with any remaining terms, shall automatically expire once the Board determines and votes that the Respondent has fully complied with all its terms and conditions and has not been found to be in violation of any rules or laws pertaining to chiropractic.

March 5, 2024

Date



Keita Vanterpool, D.C.

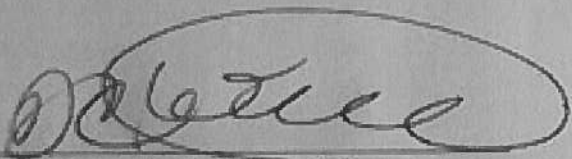
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District of Columbia Board of Chiropractic

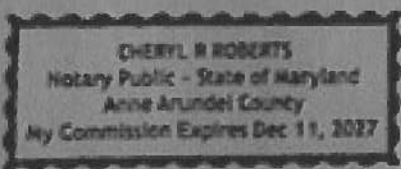
CONSENT OF RESPONDENT

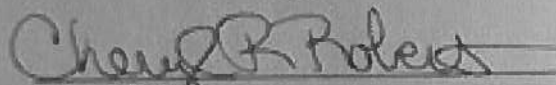
By signing this Consent Order, I agree to accept and abide by its terms. I acknowledge its validity and acknowledge that I have agreed to this Order in lieu of a hearing at which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law. By signing this order, I waive all such rights. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me except pursuant to the District of Columbia Administrative Procedures Act D.C. Official Code §§ 2-501 *et seq.* (2001). I also recognize that, by this Consent, I am waiving my right to appeal this Order. I am also waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board had this matter gone to a hearing. I have had an opportunity to review this document. I have received advice of counsel and have been represented by counsel throughout these proceedings. I choose to sign this order willingly and without reservation and am fully aware of its meaning and effect.

2/29/24
Date


David C. Walls-Kaufman, D.C.
License No.: CH21055

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29 day of February, 2024.




Notary Public

This Consent Order is the final order of the Board in this disciplinary matter and is a public record and, as mandated by federal law, 42 USC § 11101 and 45 CFR § 60, "the National Practitioner Data Bank - Health Integrity and Protection Data Bank," this Consent Order shall be reported to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.