GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH SYSTEMS AND PREPAREDNESS ADMINISTRATION

IN THE MATTER OF: **JUSTICE WOODS, AT** **Respondent.**	

NOTICE OF SUMMARY ACTION TO SUSPEND LICENSE

To: Justice Woods, AT
[redacted]

In accordance with the provisions of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, D.C. Code § 2-509; the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, D.C. Code § 3-1205.15(a); and 17 DCMR § 4118, the District of Columbia Department of Health (DC Health) gives you notice of the summary suspension of your medical license, AT23000143, under D.C. Code § 3-1205.15(a).

Your license is **summarily suspended** effective immediately upon receipt of this notice. If you wish to appeal this summary suspension of your license, you must file a request for a hearing within 72 hours after service of this notice. Should you request a hearing, one will be held within 72 hours of a timely request, and a decision will be rendered within 72 hours after the close of the hearing. The request for a hearing must be submitted in writing to Suzanne Fenzel, Senior Assistant General Counsel, DC Health. The request may be submitted by email to Suzanne.Fenzel3@dc.gov or by mail to 2201 Shannon Place, SE, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20020. Ms. Fenzel can be reached at (202) 724-8915.

The District of Columbia (the District) is represented by the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia. A copy of your hearing request and any pleading or other written communication addressed to DC Health must also be delivered to Sophia Mietus, Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, Civil Enforcement Section, 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. AAG Mietus can be reached at (202) 735-7569 or by email at Sophia.Mietus@dc.gov.

You may appear personally at the hearing, and you may be represented by legal counsel. You have the right to produce witnesses and evidence, to cross-examine witnesses against you, to examine evidence produced, and to have subpoenas issued to require the production of witnesses and evidence.

All hearings are conducted in the English language. If you or any witnesses to be called are deaf, have a hearing impediment, or cannot readily understand or communicate the spoken English language, an application may be made to the Administrative Law Judge for the appointment of a qualified interpreter.

A request for a hearing will not stay the suspension of your license.

The summary suspension is based upon the following charges as set forth below.

Charge I: **The State of Maryland has summarily suspended your AT license, for which D.C. Health can summarily suspend your license and certification under DC Code § 3–1205.15(a)(1)(A).**

On April 29, 2026, the Maryland State Board of Physicians (Maryland Board) issued an order summarily suspending your license to practice athletic training in Maryland. The Maryland Board determined that "the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action" for the following reasons.

On November 12, 2025, you entered into a Consent Order with the Maryland Board. The Consent Order was a reciprocal action based on a January 5, 2025, Consent Agreement that you entered with the Board of Certification for Athletic Trainers, a certifying authority, because you admitted to "intimate involvement" with a student athlete. The Maryland Board conducted an investigation and determined that you engaged in multiple sexual acts and sexual intercourse with an 18-year-old female student athlete while you were employed as a Staff Athletic Trainer at the student's educational institution in the District.

The Consent Order placed you on probation for a minimum of 27 months during which you are required to enroll in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program (MPRP). You agreed to "fully and timely cooperate and comply with all . . . Participant Rehabilitation Agreement(s) and Participant Rehabilitation Plan(s) . . . and shall fully participate and comply with all therapy, treatment, evaluations, and screenings as directed" by MPRP.

On December 2, 2025, you enrolled in MPRP. You signed a Participant Rehabilitation Agreement in which you agreed to follow all treatment recommendations and sign a Voluntary Practice Cessation Agreement if necessary. Based on the results of your intake evaluation, MPRP conducted a more comprehensive evaluation.

On February 20, 2026, the MPRP clinical team that conducted the comprehensive evaluation determined that you were "currently not able to practice . . . with reasonable safety." On February 23, 2026, and February 27, 2026, the MPRP clinical team asked you to sign a Voluntary Practice Cessation Agreement based on the evaluation. You declined to sign and cease practicing, which is a violation of

your Participant Rehabilitation Agreement and in turn a violation of the Consent Order.

On March 10, 2026, the MPRP clinical team advised you that you are required to be admitted to a recommended treatment program. On March 12, 2026, the MPRP clinical team informed you that you must be admitted to the treatment program by April to remain compliant with your Participant Rehabilitation Agreement. You failed to admit yourself to the treatment program by April 3, 2026, which is a violation of your Participant Rehabilitation Agreement and in turn a violation of the Consent Order. On April 3, 2026, the MPRP clinical team informed you that your enrollment in MPRP ended effective immediately due to non-compliance.

On May 14, 2026, the Maryland State Board of Physicians reaffirmed and continued the summary suspension order after a post-deprivation hearing. The Board concluded "by a preponderance of the evidence, that the health, safety, and welfare of the public imperatively required" a continued suspension and "there exists a substantial risk of serious harm to the public health, safety, and welfare in [your] continued practice." Your license has not been reinstated in Maryland.

DC Health has determined that summary suspension of your license in the District is necessary to prevent imminent danger to the health of safety of the citizens of the District under 17 DCMR § 4118.6 for the following reasons. First, the MPRP clinical team determined that you cannot practice with reasonable safety. Second, you refused to stop practicing and failed to undergo required treatment, therefore there is no evidence of rehabilitation. Third, you engaged in sexual misconduct with an 18-year-old student athlete at the institution you were previously employed at in the District. Fourth, your reported place of employment is the District of Columbia Public Schools, specifically Eastern High School and Eliot-Hine Middle School, and the school year begins on August 24, 2026.

Charge II: **Your conduct presents an imminent danger to the health and safety of the public, for which DC Health can summarily suspend your license under D.C. Code § 3-1205.15(a)(1)(D).**

The allegations in support of Charge I are incorporated by reference.

Please note that your request for a hearing does not stay this summary suspension. In addition, under 1 DCMR § 2818, your failure to appear at the time and place set for the hearing, either in person or through counsel, or both, will not preclude DC Health proceeding in this matter.

Aug. 10, 2026
DATE

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