

LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

IN THE MATTER OF

APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE OF KATHLEEN VAUGHAN

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, KATHLEEN VAUGHAN (“Ms. Vaughan”) submitted her Application for Licensure by reciprocity with the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy (“LBMT” or the “Board”) on or about July 17, 2025, as she is currently a Licensed Massage Therapist in the State of Texas (License No. MT132513), and is subject to the jurisdiction and rules and regulations of the LBMT;

WHEREAS, in connection with her application for licensure, information was disclosed to the Board by Ms. Vaughan that on or about June 10, 2025, Ms. Vaughan entered into a plea agreement wherein she pled guilty to charges related to possession of a Schedule I controlled substance and possession of a Schedule VI controlled substance in that matter entitled *State of Arkansas v. Kathleen Vaughan*, Case No. CR-24-1001-IV, Circuit Court of Garland County, Arkansas;

WHEREAS, the information provided further indicated that in association with her plea agreement, Ms. Vaughan was sentenced to five years’ probation, a fine of \$1,500, payment of \$340 in court costs, and she must complete an anger management program and a substance abuse treatment program as recommended by probation;

WHEREAS, Ms. Vaughan further provided documentation showing that in April, 2025, she was admitted to an Intensive Outpatient Program and then was discharged to reside in a sober living home;

WHEREAS, Ms. Vaughan further informed the LBMT that her probation was transferred to East Baton Rouge Parish on June 16, 2025, and her probation intake was completed on July 1, 2025;

WHEREAS, Ms. Vaughan has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order provided for in LAC 46:XLIV §5901 and La. R.S. 49:975(D) of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act;

WHEREAS, Ms. Vaughan recognizes her right to have an administrative adjudication of the charges outlined in this Consent Agreement and Order, at which time Ms. Vaughan would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses, and to present witnesses on her behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act. Ms. Vaughan nonetheless waives her right to formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975(D), consents to the entry of the Consent Agreement and Order set forth hereinafter. Ms. Vaughan also acknowledges that she waives any rights to which she may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La R.S. 49:951, *et. seq.*, or which she otherwise may be afforded by any law, to contest her agreement to, or the force and effect of this Consent Agreement and Order, in any Court or other forum.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La R.S. 49:975(D), the Board orders that the application for licensure of Kathleen Vaughan is hereby granted subject to the following conditions to protect public health and safety until the completion of her probation:

1. Ms. Vaughan shall provide the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy (“Board”) monthly reports showing compliance with the terms of her probation imposed by the Circuit Court of Garland County/East Baton Rouge Parish probation;
2. Ms. Vaughan shall provide the Board with a copy of every document issued by the Circuit Court of Garland County/East Baton Rouge Parish probation regarding any change in the status of her probation immediately following receipt of said document;
3. Ms. Vaughan’s license shall be placed on PROBATION until she successfully completes her five-year probation, at which time she shall provide documentation of the completion of her criminal probation and disposition of her case to the LBMT for review. During the period of probation, Ms. Vaughan must comply with all terms of her probation. Ms. Vaughan shall remain on probation until receipt by Ms. Vaughan of correspondence from the LBMT stating that she is released from probation.
4. Failure to abide by the foregoing conditions or with the terms of her probation imposed by Circuit Court of Garland County/East Baton Rouge Parish probation shall be sufficient grounds to summarily suspend her license; and
5. By agreeing to the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order, Ms. Vaughan waives all rights to appeal this adjudication.

Effect of Non-Acceptance of Agreement. Ms. Vaughan acknowledges that this Consent Agreement and Order is subject to the approval of the Board. She further acknowledges and agrees that if the Board rejects this Consent Agreement and Order, it will be void, and a hearing on the application of Ms. Vaughan relative to the allegations contained herein may proceed. If

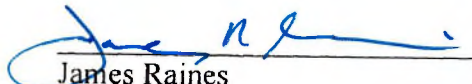
this Consent Agreement and Order is rejected by the Board, it will not constitute a waiver of Ms. Vaughan's right to a hearing on the matters alleged in this Consent Agreement and Order and will have no effect. Ms. Vaughan further agrees that if the Board rejects this Consent Agreement and Order, the members of the Board may decide the matter after a hearing, and their consideration of this Consent Agreement and Order shall not alone be grounds for recusal of any member of the Board, including any claims that the Board is biased against them, that it cannot fairly decide the case, or that it has received *ex parte* communication.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Agreement and Order shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board and is a public record of the Board. The terms of this Consent Agreement and Order shall be published and reported in, including but not limited to, the LBMT website.

THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board and is a matter of public record.

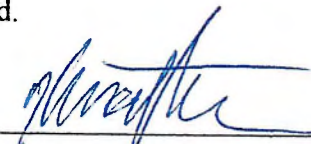
I, **JAMES R. RAINES**, serving as Prosecutor, do hereby acknowledge negotiation and preparation of this Consent Agreement and Order in order to resolve, with prejudice, the application for licensure of Kathleen Vaughan, and further certify that this Consent Agreement and Order is consistent with the evidence, adequately addresses the allegations of the Consent Agreement and Order, and represents a true and correct statement of that which could be proven at a hearing of this matter.

DATED: 8/5/25

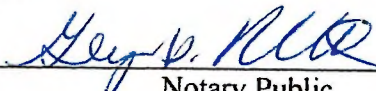

James Raines
Prosecutor

I, KATHLEEN VAUGHAN, make these acknowledgements and waivers in support of a final disposition of the pending application for licensure by Consent Agreement and Order ("Order") pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975(D), in lieu of the institution and prosecution of formal administrative proceedings, and accordingly consent to the entirety of the Order set forth hereinbefore and further waive any right to which I may be entitled under the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act or any other law to contest, in any court, my agreement to this Order. By my subscription hereto, I also hereby authorize the Prosecutor to present this Order to the LBMT for its consideration and to disclose to and discuss with the LBMT the nature and results of the investigation of this matter, including in executive session, even in my absence. I herein waive any objection to such disclosure based on due process of law under either the State or Federal Constitution or under State statutory law, including La. R.S. 49:977.2. I expressly acknowledge that the disclosure of such information to the LBMT shall be without prejudice to the Prosecutor's authority to prosecute any issues raised in the Consent Agreement and Order, or the LBMT's capacity to adjudicate the allegations raised in the Consent Agreement and Order, should the LBMT decline to approve this Consent Agreement and Order. I further acknowledge my awareness that should the LBMT approve this Consent Agreement and Order that the Consent Agreement and Order will become a matter of public record.

DATED: 8/4/25


KATHLEENVAUGHAN

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 4 day of August,
2025, at Baton Rouge Louisiana.


Notary Public
Print Name: GLYN H MORDEN
My Commission Expires: NOTARY NO. 141316
EAST BATON ROUGE PARRISH
COMMISSIONED FOR LIFE



ORDER

By a majority vote of the Board members voting in favor of the Consent Agreement and Order at the Board meeting on August 11, 2025, the Board hereby adopts said Agreement, and makes it an Order of this Board.

FOR THE BOARD:

Kathryn Lea Love, Chair