

IN THE MATTER OF * **BEFORE THE MARYLAND STATE**
KEITH COLEMAN, LMT * **BOARD OF MASSAGE**
Respondent * **THERAPY EXAMINERS**
License Number: M06753 * **Case Number: 25-46M**

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FINAL ORDER OF REVOCATION OF MASSAGE THERAPY LICENSE

On March 25, 2026, the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners (the “Board”) issued a Notice of Intent to Revoke Massage Therapy License (the “Notice”) to **KEITH COLEMAN, LMT** (Licensed Massage Therapist) (the “Respondent”), License Number **M06753**, notifying him of the Board’s intent to revoke his license to practice massage therapy in the State of Maryland pursuant to the Maryland Massage Therapy Act (the “Act”), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 6-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2025 Supp.).

In the Notice, the Board notified the Respondent of the opportunity for a hearing before the Board takes disciplinary action, and informed the Respondent that, unless he requested a hearing in writing within thirty (30) days of service of the Notice, the Board would execute and issue this Final Order revoking his license. More than thirty (30) days have elapsed, and the Board has not received a request for a hearing.

The Board’s action is based on the Respondent’s violation of the following provisions of the Act:

Health Occ. § 6-308. Denials, reprimands, suspensions, and revocations – Grounds.

- (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 6-309 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a license or registration to an applicant, reprimand a licensee or registration holder, place any licensee or registration holder on probation, or

suspend or revoke the license of a licensee or the registration of a registration holder if the applicant, licensee, or registration holder:

....

(8) Does an act that is inconsistent with generally accepted professional standards in the practice of massage therapy;

....

(20) Engages in conduct that violates the professional code of ethics; [or]

(21) Knowingly does an act that has been determined by the Board to be a violation of the Board's regulations[.]

Pursuant to Health Occ. § 6-308(20) and/or (21), the Board bases its action on the Respondent's violation of the following provisions of the Code of Maryland Regulations ("COMAR"):

COMAR 10.65.03 Code of Ethics.

.03 Standards of Practice.

A. The license holder or registration holder shall be concerned primarily with the welfare of the client.

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C. A license holder or registration holder:

(1) Use professional discretion and integrity in relationships with members of the public and health care community;

(2) Engage in professional conduct at all times, with honesty, integrity, self-respect, and fairness;

....

(5) At all times respect the client's dignity, autonomy, and privacy;

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D. A licensee or registrant may not:

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- (2) Knowingly engage in or condone behavior that;

....

- (d) Involves moral turpitude[.]

.05 Professional Boundaries.

- A. A licensee or registrant shall:

....

- (2) Respect and maintain professional boundaries and respect the client's, staff member's, or student's reasonable expectation of professional conduct.

- B. A licensee or registrant may not:

- (6) Exploit a relationship with a client, staff member, or student for the licensee's or registrant's personal advantage, including, but not limited to, a personal, sexual, romantic, or financial relationship;

- (7) Engage in a sexually intimate act with a client; or

- (8) Engage in sexual misconduct that includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) Therapeutic deception;

- (b) Non bona fide treatment; or

- (c) A sexually exploitative relationship.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board makes the following findings of fact:

I. BACKGROUND

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was licensed to practice massage therapy in the State of Maryland. The Respondent holds Massage Therapist License No. M06753, which was issued on October 29, 2024, and expires on October 31, 2026, subject to renewal.

2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent practiced massage therapy at a licensed massage therapy establishment located in Prince George's County, Maryland (the "Establishment")¹.

3. On or about March 31, 2025, the Board received a complaint from the Establishment's management regarding the Respondent's alleged inappropriate touching of a client during a massage therapy session. Management reported that the Respondent was accused of "inappropriate physical contact with a service recipient's private parts."

4. On or about April 3, 2025, the Board received a complaint from a client of the Establishment (the "Client") who reported that during a massage therapy session on March 20, 2025, the Respondent inappropriately touched her breast area and genital/pubic area while she was draped. Specifically, the Client stated that, during the March 20, 2025 massage therapy session, the Respondent "massaged under the draping, all along my underwear and pubic hair," and "proceeded to rub over the top of my underwear over my clitoris and I jumped."

5. After receiving the complaints, the Board conducted an investigation of the

¹ For confidentiality and privacy purposes, the names of individuals and health care facilities are not disclosed in this document. The Respondent may request the identity of the referenced individuals or facilities by making a request to the assigned Administrative Prosecutor.

Respondent's conduct.

II. BOARD INVESTIGATION

6. On or about April 25, 2025, the Board issued a subpoena duces tecum to the Respondent's employer (the "Establishment"), seeking production of client records pertaining to the Client and personnel/employment records pertaining to the Respondent.

7. On or about May 1, 2025, the Board received responsive records from the Establishment, including records pertaining to the Client and employment/personnel records pertaining to the Respondent. The Client records reflect that the Client received massage therapy services from the Respondent on or about March 6, 2025, and again on or about March 20, 2025, and include appointment documentation and session documentation for those visits.

8. On or about May 13, 2025, the Board conducted an under-oath interview with the Client. The Client stated that during a massage therapy session with the Respondent on or about March 20, 2025, the Respondent "moved under the sheet and was massaging more of my breasts," and that while working on her legs, "[h]e was actually rubbing against my pubic hair and my panty line." The Client further stated that the Respondent maneuvered her leg such that "my underwear was exposing my left labia lip, or labia fold," and that "he rubbed across the top of my underwear, over my vagina and my clitoral area, and I jumped."

9. The Client stated that, after the massage ended, she left the treatment room and approached the front desk to check out. The Client stated that because another customer was present at the counter, she left the Establishment and called back to report the incident.

10. On or about April 29, 2025, during an under-oath interview conducted in connection with the Board's investigation, an Establishment manager stated that shortly after the Client checked out and left the Establishment, the Client called back and "said that [the Respondent] has violated her and he touched her genitals during the session."

11. On or about May 30, 2025, during an under-oath interview conducted in connection with the Board's investigation, an employee of the Establishment who worked at the front desk stated that shortly after the Client checked out and left the Establishment, the Client called back and reported that the Respondent "touched her private areas" and that the Client "felt very violated."

12. On or about May 20, 2025, the Board conducted an interview of the Respondent. During that interview, the Respondent denied engaging in inappropriate touching of the Client during the March 20, 2025 massage therapy session.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent violated Health Occ. § 6-308(a)(8), (20), and (21); and COMAR 10.65.03.03A and C(1), (2), and (5), and D(2)(d); and COMAR 10.65.03.05A(2) and B(6), (7), and (8).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board, hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent **KEITH COLEMAN'S** license to practice massage therapy in the State of Maryland, License Number **M06753**, is **REVOKED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is prohibited from practicing massage therapy in the State of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall return to the Board all physical licenses within ten (10) days of the effective date of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this Final Order is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2019 Repl. Vol. & 2025 Supp.).

05/27/2026
Date

Signature on File
Sharon J. Oliver, MBA
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 6-310 (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2025 Supp.), the Respondent may petition for judicial review of the Board's decision. Any Petition for Judicial Review must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of this Final Order and shall be made as provided for judicial review of a final decision in Md. Code Ann., State

Gov't §§ 10-222. (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2025 Supp.) and Title 7, Chapter 200 of the Maryland Rules.

If the Respondent files a Petition for Judicial Review, the Board is a party and shall be served with the court's process at the following address:

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