

IN AND BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, *ex rel.*)
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD)
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE)
AND SUPERVISION,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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TRISTEN NICHOLE SWENGLE, PT,)
LICENSE NO. PT 5566,)
)
Defendant.)

Case No. 23-06-6236

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

The State of Oklahoma, *ex rel.* Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision (“Board”), for its Verified Complaint against Tristen Nichole Swengle (“Defendant”), alleges and states as follows:

I. JURISDICTION

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and is a duly authorized agency of the State of Oklahoma empowered to license and oversee the activities of physical therapists in the State of Oklahoma. 59 O.S. § 887.1, *et seq.* and Okla. Admin. Code 435:5-1-1, *et seq.*
2. In Oklahoma, Defendant holds physical therapist license No. 5566 issued by the Board. The act(s) and/or omission(s) complained of herein were made while Defendant was licensed to practice physical therapy by the State of Oklahoma.

II. ALLEGATIONS OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

3. Defendant was initially licensed to practice physical therapy by the Board on August 1, 2018.
4. Defendant’s license to practice physical therapy expired January 31, 2023.
5. Defendant continued to practice physical therapy in the course of her employment following the January 31, 2023, expiration of her license, through at least May 27, 2023.
6. Defendant applied for reinstatement of her license with the Board on May 27, 2023.

7. The foregoing act(s) and/or omission(s) constitute unprofessional conduct as defined under the Physical Therapy Practice Act and corresponding regulations, as detailed herein.

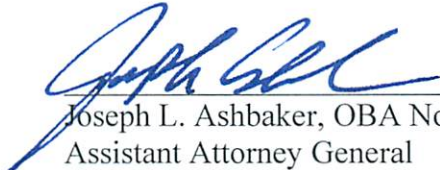
III. VIOLATIONS

8. Based on the foregoing, Defendant is guilty of unprofessional conduct as follows:
- a. Practicing physical therapy while not licensed in accordance with the provisions of the Physical Therapy Practice act, in violation of 59 O.S. § 887.3.
 - b. Violation of any provision(s) of the Physical Therapy Practice Act or the rules and regulations of the board or of an action, stipulation, agreement or order of the Board, specifically the provision of law cited above, in violation of Okla. Admin. Code § 435:20-5-8(b)(29).

V. CONCLUSION

Given the foregoing, the undersigned respectfully requests the Board conduct a hearing, and, upon proof of the allegations contained herein, impose such disciplinary action as authorized by law, up to and including suspension or revocation and any other appropriate action with respect to Defendant's professional license, including an assessment of costs and attorney's fees incurred in this action as provided by law.

Respectfully submitted,

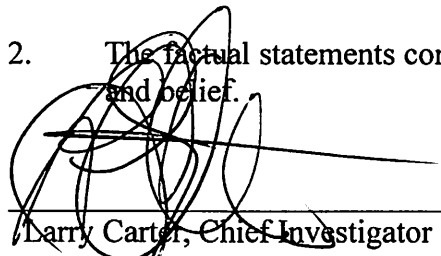


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VERIFICATION

I, Larry Carter, under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of Oklahoma, state as follows:

1. I have read the above Complaint regarding Tristen Nichole Swengle; and
2. The factual statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Larry Carter, Chief Investigator
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL
LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION

Date:

11 July 2023
Oklahoma County, OK
County, State of Execution