

Before the West Virginia Board of Examiners of Psychologists

**W. Va. Board of Examiners of
Psychologists,**

Complainant,

v.

**Complaint Nos.: 2025-13
2026-01**

**Brandon C. Dean, MA,
License # 877,**

Respondent.

Consent Agreement and Order

Pursuant to West Virginia Code § 30-21-6, the West Virginia Board of Examiners of Psychologists (“Board”) began a review of licensed psychologist Brandon C. Dean, MA (hereinafter “Respondent), and possible violation of applicable codes of conduct as set forth in West Virginia Code R. § 17-6-1 *et seq.* Respondent was provided with written notice of the allegations against him pursuant to the rules of the Board and the laws of this State.

The parties reached an agreement as to the appropriate disposition of this matter, with consideration of necessary safeguards for protection of the public.

Findings Fact and Conclusions of Law

1. The Board is a state entity created by W. Va. Code § 30-21-1 *et seq.*, and it is empowered to regulate the practice of psychology in West Virginia.

2. To carry out its regulatory duties, the Board has the authority to take disciplinary action against an individual’s psychology license if the individual has engaged in unprofessional or unethical behavior in violation of application statutes, rules, or codes of conduct. See W. Va. Code § 30-21-6; See W. Va. Code § 30-21-10; See W. Va. Code R. § 17-6-1 *et seq.*, See W. Va. Code R. § 17-4-4.

3. In West Virginia, licensed psychologists are responsible for their own professional decisions and professional actions. See W. Va. Code R. §17-6-2.3.

4. In West Virginia, licensed psychologists are expected to follow and abide by the Board's Code of Conduct, which is set forth in W. Va. Code R. § 17-6-1 *et seq.*

5. A violation of the Board's Code of Conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct and is sufficient reason for taking disciplinary action against a licensee. See W. Va. Code R. § 17-6-2.4.

6. Respondent is a licensed psychologist (License No. 877) in West Virginia, and he is subject to the jurisdiction and authority of the Board and applicable statutes, regulations, and codes of conduct.

7. The Board received a complaint that Respondent may have crossed professional boundaries by having sexual intimacies with a current client, which is a violation of West Virginia Code R. § 17-6-5.

8. The Board received a separate complaint from Respondent's former employer that he may have engaged in dual or multiple relationships with clients by initiating personal communications with clients, after hours or on weekends, in violation of West Virginia Code R. § 17-6-5.

9. The allegations set out above in the Findings of Fact, if proved consistent with the applicable burden of proof, would likely demonstrate that Respondent did not comply with applicable law, codes of conduct, and/or regulation, which is grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to West Virginia Code § 30-21-10(b)(4).

Consent of Licensee

The Respondent, by affixing his signature hereto, acknowledges the following:

1. Respondent acknowledges the Board has jurisdiction over him and the conduct which has precipitated this Consent Agreement and Order.
2. Respondent has been given the opportunity to consult with counsel and executes this negotiated Consent Agreement and Order voluntarily, freely, without compulsion or duress and is mindful that it has legal consequences.
3. No person or entity has made any promise or given any inducement whatsoever to encourage Respondent to make this settlement other than as set forth herein.
4. Respondent acknowledges that he is aware he may pursue this matter through appropriate administrative and/or court proceedings, and is aware of his legal rights regarding this matter, but intelligently and voluntarily waives such rights.
5. Respondent expressly acknowledges that the entire agreement is contained in this Consent Agreement and Order and that no representations, promises, or inducements have been made by or to Respondent other than as appear in this Consent Agreement and Order.
6. Respondent acknowledges that this Consent Agreement and Order is a public document available for inspection by the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in the West Virginia Freedom of Information Act (W. Va. Code § 29B-1 *et seq.*), and may be reported to other governmental agencies, professional boards, databases, or other organizations.
7. As a condition of the Consent Agreement and Order, Respondent agrees to waive any defenses including, but not limited to, laches, statute of limitations, and estoppel.
8. Respondent consents to the entry of the following Order affecting his conduct as a licensed psychologist in the State of West Virginia.

Order

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and based on the consent of the Respondent, the Board hereby orders the following:

1. Beginning on the date of execution of this Consent Agreement and Order, Respondent shall voluntarily surrender his license.
2. Respondent agrees not to seek reinstatement of license.
3. Respondent agrees not to engage in the unlicensed practice of psychology in West Virginia.
4. Respondent shall cooperate with the Board, and any of its agents or employees, in monitoring or investigation of Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and Order.
5. Respondent's failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and Order hereby imposed shall be deemed a violation of this Consent Agreement and Order, and should Respondent violate any of the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order, the Board may proceed with an action to enjoin violations and/or make a criminal referral as contemplated in West Virginia Code §§ 30-21-14 and 30-21-13.

Entered this 2nd of March, 2026.

W. Va. Board of Examiners of Psychologists


Board President

Inspected and agreed to by:



Brandon Dean, MA
Respondent

2.19.2026

Date



Legal Counsel or Witness
for the Respondent

2/19/2026

Date