BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

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IN THE MATTER OF

JOSE SALAZAR-SALGADO, RBT

Registration No. RBT3825/RBT-23-306052

Respondent.

Case No. NV07RBT25

CONSENT DECREE

The State of Nevada Board of Applied Behavior Analysis ("BOARD") having jurisdiction over JOSE SALAZAR-SALGADO ("RESPONDENT"), Registration No. RBT3825/RBT-23-306052, pursuant to NRS 641D.250; an accusation against said licensee having been received alleging violations of the Nevada statutes and regulations controlling the practice as a registered behavior technician; and the parties being mutually desirous of settling the controversy between them relative to the pending accusation;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED between the undersigned parties that this matter shall be settled and resolved upon the following terms:

JURISDICTION

RESPONDENT acknowledges the BOARD has jurisdiction over him and the conduct that has precipitated this Consent Decree. RESPONDENT acknowledges that the BOARD has the legal power and authority to take disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, the revocation of his registration to practice as a registered behavior technician in Nevada.

RESPONDENT acknowledges that the BOARD will retain jurisdiction over this matter until all terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Decree have been met to the satisfaction of the BOARD.

PUBLICATION OF CONSENT DECREE

RESPONDENT acknowledges that at the time this Consent Decree becomes effective, it also becomes a public document and will be reported to the State of Nevada, Legislative Council Bureau, Disciplinary Action Reporting System; the Behavior Analyst

Certification Board, Inc. ("BACB"), and such other national databases as required by law. It is also understood that any meeting during which the BOARD considers and accepts or rejects this Consent Decree is open to the public and that the minutes of the BOARD meeting are a public document, available for inspection by any person so requesting.

VOLUNTARY WAIVER OF RIGHTS

RESPONDENT is aware of, understands, and has been advised of the effect of this Consent Decree, which he has carefully read and fully acknowledges. RESPONDENT has had the opportunity to consult with competent counsel of his choice.

RESPONDENT has freely and voluntarily entered into this Consent Decree and he is aware of his rights to contest terms set forth in the Consent Decree. These rights include representation by an attorney at his own expense, the right to file an answer in response to a formal complaint, the right to a public hearing on any allegations formally filed, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses called to testify against him, the right to present evidence on his own behalf, the right to testify on his own behalf, the right to receive written findings of fact and conclusions of law supporting the decision on the merits of the Complaint and the right to obtain judicial review of the decision. All of these rights are being voluntarily waived by RESPONDENT in exchange for the Board's acceptance of this Consent Decree.

If the Consent Decree is not accepted by the BOARD, no member of the BOARD will be disqualified from further hearing of this matter, by reason of his or her consideration of the Consent Decree and RESPONDENT hereby waives any claim of bias or prejudice based upon said consideration by any member of the BOARD in any subsequent disciplinary hearing conducted by the BOARD.

CONTINGENCY

By signing the Consent Decree, RESPONDENT understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the Consent Decree.

The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Consent Decree, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

This Consent Decree is intended to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral).

INDEMNIFICATION

RESPONDENT, for himself, his heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, hereby indemnifies and holds harmless the State of Nevada, the BOARD, the Nevada Attorney General's office and each of their members, agents and employees in their individual and representative capacities against any and all claims, suits, demands, actions, debts, damages, costs, charges, and expenses, including court costs and attorney's fees against any persons, entities, as well as all liability, losses, and damages of any nature whatsoever that the persons and entities named in this paragraph shall have or may at any time sustain or suffer by reason of this investigation, this disciplinary action, this settlement or its administration.

STIPULATED FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

RESPONDENT understands the nature of the allegations under consideration by the BOARD. He acknowledges that the conduct described below constitutes violations of the Applied Behavior Analysis Practice Act (NRS and NAC 641D). He acknowledges that if this matter were to be taken to a disciplinary hearing before the BOARD, the following allegations could be proven by a preponderance of the evidence and that by acknowledging the same, he is subject to disciplinary action by the BOARD.

- 1. RESPONDENT was a duly registered behavior technician in the State of Nevada at all times relevant to this Complaint.
- A Complaint was received by the BOARD on or about March 31, 2025, from Aging and Disabilities Services ("ADSD").
- 3. It is alleged that RESPONDENT participated in or was in an unprofessional romantic/sexual relationship with his supervisor.

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- 4. That the foregoing facts constitute grounds for initiating disciplinary action pursuant to NRS 641D.700.
- 5. This conduct violated NRS 641D.600(4) which states that a licensed behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst or registered behavior technician shall comply with any applicable requirements concerning ethics prescribed by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc., or its successor organization.
- a. BACB Code of Ethics 1.01 Registered behavior technicians are honest and work to support an environment that promotes truthful behavior in others. They do not lead others to engage in fraudulent, illegal, or unethical behavior. They follow the law and the requirements of their professional community (e.g. BACB, employer, supervisor).
- b. BACB Code of Ethics 1.10 Registered behavior technicians avoid multiple relationships with clients, coworkers, and supervisors. Multiple relationships occur when there is a mixing of two or more relationships (e.g. friend, family member, employee/employer) that may result in conflicts of interest and risk of harm to the client. If registered behavior technicians find that a multiple relationship has developed, they immediately inform their supervisor, work to resolve it, and document these actions. If the multiple relationship involves their supervisor, registered behavior technicians should report it to their supervisor's manager or other appropriate entity (e.g. human resources, BACB) and document this communication.
- c. BACB Code of Ethics 1.12 Registered behavior technicians do not engage in romantic or sexual relationships with current clients, stakeholders, or supervisors. They do not engage in romantic or sexual relationships with former clients or stakeholders for a minimum of two years from the date the professional relationship ended. They do not engage in romantic or sexual relationships with former supervisors until the parties can document that the professional relationship has ended (i.e. completion of all professional duties). They do not receive supervision from individuals with whom they have had a past romantic or sexual relationship until at least six months after the relationship has ended.

- d. BACB Code of Ethics 3.04 Registered behavior technicians are aware of the events they need to self-report to the BACB and any other required entities (e.g. employer, supervisor). They self-report to the BACB within 30 days of the event or within 30 days of becoming aware of the event. Registered behavior technicians are required to self-report to the BACB any event that might impact their ability to effectively carry out their behavior-technician services or comply with BACB requirements, including: legal charges and subsequent related actions; investigations by employers, governmental agencies, educational institutions, or third party payers naming the registered behavior technician; disciplinary actions by employers (including suspensions and terminations for cause), governmental agencies, educational institutions, and third-party payers; OR physical conditions, mental conditions, or substance abuse that may impair the registered behavior technician's ability to safely provide behavior-technician services.
- 6. That the foregoing facts constitute grounds for initiating disciplinary action pursuant to NRS 641D.700.
 - 7. Nevada Revised Statute NRS 641.D.720 provides:
 - 1. If the Board or a hearing officer appointed by the Board finds a person guilty in a disciplinary proceeding, the Board may:

(a) Administer a public reprimand.

(b) Limit the person's practice.

(c) Suspend the person's license or registration for a period of not more than 1 year.

(d) Revoke the person's license or registration.

(e) Impose a fine of not more than \$5,000.

(f) Revoke or suspend the person's license or registration

and impose a monetary penalty.

- (g) Suspend the enforcement of any penalty by placing the person on probation. The Board may revoke the probation if the person does not follow any conditions imposed.
- (h) Require the person to submit to the supervision of or counseling or treatment by a person designated by the Board. The person named in the complaint is responsible for any expense incurred.
- (i) Impose and modify any conditions of probation for the protection of the public or the rehabilitation of the probationer.
- (j) Require the person to pay for the costs of remediation or restitution.
 - 2. The Board shall not administer a private reprimand.
- 3. An order that imposes discipline and the findings of fact and conclusions of law supporting that order are public records.

STIPULATED ADJUDICATION

RESPONDENT stipulates that pursuant to the authority of NRS 641D.720, RESPONDENT agrees that his RBT Registration No. RBT3825/RBT-23-306052 shall be placed on probation for a period of two (2) years, pursuant to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Within forty-five (45) days of BOARD approval and execution of the Consent Decree, RESPONDENT shall pay the BOARD one thousand two hundred twenty-four and 91/100 dollars (\$1,224.91) in attorney's fees and costs and one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in administrative fines within twelve (12) months from the date of the fully executed consent decree. RESPONDENT may pay the above-stated fees by way of a payment plan prepared by the Board, on the condition that the payment plan is set up with the Board within forty-five (45) days from the date of the approval and execution of this Consent Decree.
- a. No grace period is permitted. If a Board prepared payment plan is not approved, or full payment not actually received by the BOARD on or before the forty-five (45) days as indicated above, shall be construed as an event of default by RESPONDENT.
- b. In the event of default, RESPONDENT agrees that his registration number RBT3825/RBT-23-306052 shall be immediately suspended. The suspension of RESPONDENT's registration shall continue until the unpaid balance is paid in full and the suspension is subject to being reported to all appropriate agencies.
- c. RESPONDENT acknowledges that the BOARD has the legal power and authority to take action against him, including instituting debt collection actions for unpaid monetary assessments in this case.
- 2. RESPONDENT shall obey all federal, state and local laws, and orders of the BOARD, which are not inconsistent with this Consent Decree, pertaining to the practice as a behavior analyst in this State. Any and all violations shall be reported by RESPONDENT to the BOARD in writing within seventy-two (72) hours.

- 3. RESPONDENT shall provide a copy of the consent decree to each employer and supervisor until all requirements of the Consent Decree have been met. Said copy shall be signed by each employer and supervisor and page 1 shall submitted to the BOARD with signatures.
- 4. RESPONDENT is prohibited from being supervised by a licensed behavior analyst that he has had a sexual relationship with through current or future employers.
- 5. RESPONDENT is prohibited from working with a licensed behavior analyst that he has had a sexual relationship with on any professional case.
- 6. RESPONDENT shall complete eight (8) hours of Board approved continuing education courses: four (4) hours in ethics and four (4) hours in professional conduct and boundaries within the first six (6) months of his probationary period. Upon successful completion of the course work, RESPONDENT must send the certificates of completion to the Board office within 30 days of completion of the course.
- 7. RESPONDENT will be financially responsible for all requirements of this Consent Decree, including reasonable financial assessments by the Board for the cost of monitoring his compliance or carrying out the provisions of this Consent Decree.
- 8. RESPONDENT waives his right to petition for early termination and/or modification of probation.
- 9. RESPONDENT shall receive credit toward service of his probation only while employed as a registered behavior technician in the State of Nevada.
- 10. Upon completion of two (2) years of probation, RESPONDENT may apply to the BOARD for termination of his probation and full reinstatement of his RBT Registration No. RBT3825/RBT-23-30605. RESPONDENT understands that prior to terminating his probation and full reinstatement of his registration he must prove to the BOARD's satisfaction that he has complied with all the terms and conditions of this Consent Decree. RESPONDENT shall submit a written request to the BOARD for termination of his probation. Upon receipt of this request, the BOARD may request additional information from RESPONDENT to determine his compliance with the Consent Decree. Upon

establishing RESPONDENT has met all of the requirements of the Consent Decree, he may be required to meet with the Chair of the BOARD or his/her designee, the Executive Director and BOARD counsel for evaluation of his compliance with the Consent Decree and for their recommendation of termination of probation, full reinstatement, or additional disciplinary action at a separate hearing before the BOARD.

VIOLATION OF TERMS OF CONSENT DECREE

RESPONDENT understands that the BOARD may, upon thirty (30) day notice to RESPONDENT, convene a hearing for the limited purpose of establishing that he has, in fact, been in violation of the terms of this Consent Decree. If such a hearing results in a finding of a violation of this Consent Decree, the BOARD may impose any penalty upon RESPONDENT authorized by NRS 641D.720, and including, but not limited to, revocation of his registration to practice as a registered behavior technician in the State of Nevada.

In the event that a violation of the terms of the Consent Decree is alleged, RESPONDENT agrees to surrender his registration to the Executive Director/Board, if the Executive Director/Board so requests, and refrain from practicing as a registered behavior technician until entry of a final order of the BOARD or a court of competent jurisdiction, whichever last occurs, regarding a potential violation. RESPONDENT agrees to waive his right to appeal the substantive legal basis of the original disciplinary action, which is the basis for this Consent Decree. In the event an alleged violation of the Consent Decree is taken to hearing and the facts which constitute the violation are determined to be not proven, no disciplinary action shall be taken by the BOARD.

ACCEPTANCE BY THE BOARD

This Consent Decree will be presented to the BOARD with a recommendation for approval from the Attorney General's Office at its next meeting.

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1 COMPLETE CONSENT DECREE 2 This Consent Decree embodies the entire agreement between the BOARD and 3 RESPONDENT. It may not be altered, amended, or modified without the express written 4 consent of the parties. 5 DATED this Thursday day of ____ 6 7 8 9 The foregoing Consent Decree between RESPONDENT and the State of Nevada 10 Board of Applied Behavior Analysis in Case No. NV01LBA25 is approved as to form and 11 content. DATED this 28th day of Hugust, 2025 12 13 Attorney General 14 15 16 Senjor Deputy Attorney General 100 N. Carson Street 17 Carson City, Nevada 89701 (775) 684-1100 18 Counsel to the State of Nevada Board of Applied Behavior Analysis 19 **ORDER** 20 By a majority vote on the 16th day of September, 2025, the State of Nevada 21 22 Board of Applied Behavior Analysis approved and adopted the terms and conditions set 23 forth in the attached Consent Decree with Jose Salazar-Salgado, RBT. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE. 24 DATED this 16th day of September, 2025 25 26 By Chair, Board of Applied Behavior Analysis

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