

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF

FILE #2022-106

PRECIOUS LASHAE SMITH, CSW

LICENSE NO. 15926

INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

NOW COME, PRECIOUS LASHAE SMITH (License No. 15926) ("Ms. Smith") and the LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS (hereinafter the "Board"), appearing through its Chairman, Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS, who agree as follows:

1.

Ms. Smith is licensed by the Board as a Certified Social Worker ("CSW") in the State of Louisiana, pursuant to the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act, La. R.S. 37:2701 *et seq.*, as evidenced by License No. 15926.

2.

On or about June 7, 2022, Ms. Smith was arrested and charged with two counts of Pornography Involving Juveniles under La. R.S. 14:81.1.

3.

On or about June 10, 2022, the Board office received a rap sheet from the State's "rap back" program detailing the arrest of Ms. Smith. Thereafter, and contrary to L.A.C. 46:XXV §117(E), Ms. Smith failed to notify the Board of her arrest within seven business days.

4.

The criminal case against Ms. Smith relative to the charges of Pornography Involving Juveniles is currently pending in the 39th Judicial District Court, Red River Parish, *State of Louisiana v. Lashae Smith*, Docket No. C220174. The criminal case is not yet set for trial. Ms. Smith has pled "not guilty" to the charges.

5.

After learning information related to Ms. Smith's alleged conduct, at a Board meeting on June 24, 2022, the Board voted to summarily suspend the license of Ms. Smith due to the serious nature of the charges against her. Thereafter, pursuant to the Board's directive, Emily DeAngelo, Administrator of the Board, signed an Order of Summary Suspension, summarily suspending the license of Ms. Smith from practicing social work, on June 30, 2022. A hearing regarding the disciplinary action on Ms. Smith's license was scheduled for July 29, 2022.

6.

Disciplinary counsel for the Board communicated with Ms. Smith, who indicated her desire to resolve this matter through an Interim Consent Agreement and Order. Accordingly, in order to avoid a disciplinary hearing until the criminal matters involving Ms. Smith have been resolved, the parties agree to the following, to be made an Order of the Board:

- a. The SUSPENSION of License No. 15926 issued to Precious Lashae Smith shall continue in effect, and her license is indefinitely SUSPENDED. Thus, while this

Interim Consent Agreement and Order is in effect, Ms. Smith is precluded from providing social work services in any capacity. Ms. Smith represents that she is not currently working as a social worker in any capacity.

b. Before further proceedings in this matter may take place, including an informal conference, filing of an administrative complaint, or an administrative hearing regarding the merits of the complaint against Ms. Smith, the following conditions must be met:

(1) The criminal case against Precious Lashae Smith in Red River Parish resulting from the arrest noted above must be entirely concluded, including all appeals.

(2) Precious Lashae Smith must have served the entire sentence, if any, arising from the pending criminal case, including probation, parole and/or supervised release.

c. MS. SMITH waives any potential defense she could make regarding the timeliness of the administrative proceedings brought by the Board if the proceedings are initiated after the time allowed pursuant to any administrative rule or law governing same.

7.

By signing this Interim Consent Agreement, Ms. Smith agrees that the Board has jurisdiction in this matter, and waives her right to a formal administrative hearing and to judicial review of this Interim Consent Agreement. However, Ms. Smith reserves the right to a formal administrative hearing relative to the merits of the case against her once the conditions at Paragraph 5 above, are met. While this Interim Consent Agreement is in effect, Ms. Smith shall continue to renew her license with the Board.

8.

By signing this Interim Consent Agreement, Ms. Smith agrees that any failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement is a basis for discipline by the Board.

9.

Ms. Smith further understands that this Interim Consent Agreement shall constitute a Public Record pursuant to La. R.S. 44-1 *et seq.* and is considered disciplinary action by the Board.

10.

The parties agree that this Interim Consent Order does not serve as a resolution of the captioned complaint and is merely being entered into on an interim basis until the pending criminal charges are resolved.

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Both Ms. Smith and the Board stipulate that this Interim Consent Agreement shall not become effective and shall not become binding on the Board unless and until approved by the Board at a meeting of a quorum of the Board.

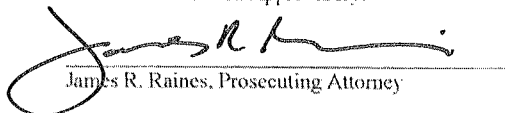
I, PRECIOUS LASHAE SMITH, understand that this Agreement is effective upon an affirmative vote by the Board at a formal meeting. It is also understood that should the Board not approve the Interim Consent Agreement, my agreement thereon does not preclude the Board from requiring a formal hearing of my case. I further understand that should this Interim Consent

Agreement not be accepted by the Board, the presentation to and consideration by the Board of this Agreement, including presented documentary evidence and information, shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice or preclude the Board or any of its present or future members, from further participation in hearings or resolution of these proceedings. Ms. Smith also specifically authorizes a member of the Investigative Committee, the Board Administrator, or the Board attorney to present this Agreement to the Board for its consideration, and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation, and she waives any objection to such disclosures under La. R.S. 49:950, *et seq*.

SIGNED, AGREED TO, AND ENTERED on this ____ day of _____, 2022.


PRECIOUS LASHAE SMITH (License No. 15926)

Submitted for Board Approval By:


James R. Raines, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD ORDER
and
ACCEPTANCE OF THE INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT BY THE LOUISIANA STATE
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS:

By a majority vote of the Board members voting in favor of the foregoing Interim Consent Agreement at the Board meeting on July 29, 2022, the Board hereby adopts said Agreement, and makes it an Order of this Board.

FOR THE BOARD:


Hyacinth McKee, LCSW-BACS, Chair

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