



BEFORE THE STATE OF OREGON
BOARD OF LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS

In the Matter of	)	Case No. 2019-40
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CELESTE BASKETT, LCSW	)	STIPULATED FINAL ORDER OF
	)	REPRIMAND
Respondent.	)	
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1.

The Board of Licensed Social Workers (hereafter referred to as "Board") is the state agency responsible for licensing, certifying, regulating, and disciplining regulated social workers in the State of Oregon, including but not limited to Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Licensed Master's Social Workers, and Clinical Social Work Associates, pursuant to ORS 675.510 to 675.600 and OAR Chapter 877.

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At all times material herein, Celeste Baskett, LCSW (hereafter referred to as "Respondent") was licensed as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) from April 1, 2008, to present date in the State of Oregon and subject to the full jurisdiction of the Board.

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3.1 On November 14, 2019, the Board received a written, "Self-Reported," complaint from Respondent, stating that Respondent violated ethical standards for an LCSW by having engaged in a dual relationship with a subject referred to hereafter as Client. The Board conducted an investigation, which was not completed until present time due to the Pandemic and staffing issues.

3.2 In 2015, Respondent was contacted by Client who requested Respondent provide clinical social work services to Client. Thereafter, Respondent provided clinical social work services within the meaning of ORS 675.510(2) and OAR 877-001-006(4) to Client. in

1 Respondent's office on a weekly basis except as described in paragraph 3.3 below for a
2 period of about four (4) years until November 11, 2019, when the therapeutic relationship
3 ended.

4 3.3 In 2017, Respondent began seeing Client for clinical social work services three
5 (3) times per week and Client became a "test case" of psychoanalytical training with
6 Respondent. Through April, May and June of 2017, Client begins showing patterns of
7 suicidality which continued through 2018. Respondent continued to provide treatment to Client
8 by phone and in Respondent's office.

9 3.4 In December of 2018, Client asked Respondent to "put an arm around her
10 during sessions to help her through acute suicidal symptoms." From this point, a dual
11 relationship began to develop and became a non-sexual romantic relationship in May 2019,
12 with Client.

13 3.5 In June of 2019, Respondent and Client mutually agreed to terminate the
14 therapeutic relationship and Respondent made referrals to other providers. Client failed to find
15 a "good fit," so Respondent continued to provide services to Client free of charge until
16 November 11, 2019, at which time Respondent and Client agreed to end the therapeutic
17 relationship and all contact.

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18 Based on the above, the Board finds and concludes, and Respondent admits, that
19 Respondent engaged in unethical and/or unprofessional conduct in violation of OAR 877-030-
20 0070(1)(f) and/or ORS 675.540(1)(e) and ORS 675.510(8) by having entered into a dual
21 relationship with Client that had the potential for exercising undue influence on Client within one
22 year of having provided clinical social work services to Client and/or having engaged in conduct or
23 practice contrary to recognized standards of ethics of the social work profession.

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24 Respondent and the Board desire to resolve this matter pursuant to ORS 183.417(3) by
25 issuance of the stipulated Final Order below that provides for a Letter of Reprimand under the
authority of ORS 675.540, ORS 675.595(6), and other applicable authority.

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Respondent understands, acknowledges, stipulates, and agrees to the following:

- 6.1 This Stipulated Final Order of Reprimand (hereafter "Order") will be submitted to the Board for approval and is subject to and conditioned upon approval by the full Board. If approved and adopted by the Board, the Order may be issued and entered.
- 6.2 Respondent voluntarily agrees to and accepts a LETTER OF REPRIMAND to be issued by the Board pursuant to the Order for the violations herein above in Paragraph 4, pursuant to ORS 675.540 and 675.595(6).
- 6.3 The Order below, once issued, is a Final Order.
- 6.4 The Order is a public document and a matter of public discipline, pursuant to ORS 675.540 and other applicable authorities. This document must be disclosed, published and reported in accordance with ORS 676.175(5)(a)(D), OAR 877-040-0050, and Oregon Public Records Law.
- 6.5 The Order in no way limits or prevents further remedies, sanctions, or actions which may be available to the Board under Oregon law for conduct or actions of Respondent not covered by the Order, or against a party not covered by the Order.
- 6.6 Respondent has fully read the Order and understands it completely. Respondent has consulted with an attorney regarding the Order, and has been fully advised in regards thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an attorney prior to stipulating to issuance of the Order.
- 6.7 Respondent stipulates to issuance of the Order voluntarily and without any force or duress. Respondent states that no promises or representation not stated herein have been made, to induce Respondent to stipulate to issuance of the Order.
- 6.8 Respondent understands that Respondent has the right to notice and a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedures Act (ORS Chapter 183), and fully and finally waives any and all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge the Order.

IT IS SO STIPULATED AND AGREED TO this 10th day of April, 2026, by:

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Celeste Baskett, MSW, LCSW (Respondent)

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FINAL ORDER

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NOW, THEREFORE, based on the stipulations by CELESTE BASKETT above, and pursuant to ORS 183.417(3), 675.533, 675.540, and 675.595, OAR Chapter 877 Division 15, and other applicable authority, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

7.1 The above stipulations submitted by Respondent are accepted and incorporated herein by this reference.

7.2 A Letter of Reprimand shall be issued to Respondent for the above violations, pursuant to ORS 678.540, 675.595(6), and other applicable authority.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 24th day of April, 2026.



BOARD OF LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS
State of Oregon

By:

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Amy Ashton-Williams, LCSW, BLSW Board Chair

Date of Mailing: 04.24.2026