

COMPLAINT NO. 2023-00345

IN THE MATTER OF

DAVID BRADFORD BELL PHD

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BEFORE THE TEXAS BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

THE TEXAS STATE BOARD
OF EXAMINERS OF
PSYCHOLOGIST

AGREED ORDER

Pursuant to its authority under §507.305 of the Texas Occupations Code, §2001.056 of the Government Code, and 22 Texas Administrative Code §884.12(e), the Executive Director for the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council ("Council") hereby approves, ratifies, and enters this Agreed Order with the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order of Council, which have been approved and accepted by Dr. David Bell ("Respondent") and which constitutes a full settlement and compromise of the complaint(s) currently pending against Respondent before the Council in the above-referenced and numbered matter(s).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is licensed as a psychologist (#22362) in the State of Texas and is, therefore, subject to the jurisdiction of the Council.
2. On August 16, 2022, Respondent served as a court appointed child custody evaluator for Complainant and Complainant's ex-spouse ("ex-spouse").
3. Respondent conducted a psychological evaluation of ex-spouse and communicated with Complainant's and ex-spouse's adult children as well as family friends and neighbors prior to the court appointment. Respondent did not document in writing whether a disclosure was made to the court or the parties concerning the pre-appointment evaluation.
4. Complainant and other collateral witnesses raised concerns involving ex-spouse keeping unsecure and loaded firearms in the presence of Complainant's and ex-spouse's minor children. Respondent's report and evaluation records insufficiently document that Respondent addressed and resolved firearms issue.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent voluntarily received a license from the Council and, therefore, is bound by the provisions of Chapters 501 and 507 of the Texas Occupations Code and the Rules of the Council, 22 Texas Administrative Code Parts 21 and 41.

2. Violation of the Council's Rules is unprofessional conduct and constitutes grounds for the imposition of sanctions under §§ 501.401, 507.301, and 507.351 of the Texas Occupations Code.
3. Based on the above Findings of Fact, the Council finds that Respondent violated Council Rules 22 Tex. Admin. Code § 465.16 pertaining to Evaluation, Assessment, Testing, and Reports and 22 Tex. Admin. Code § 465.22 pertaining to Psychological Records, Test Data, and Test Materials.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

1. Respondent, within ninety (90) days of the date this order is ratified, shall complete and submit proof of completion of ten (10) hours of professional development relating to child custody evaluations or report writing for forensic evaluations, or any combination thereof; and five (5) hours of professional development relating to conflict of interests. This professional development is in addition to the professional development hours required for license renewal. Respondent will pay all costs of the coursework.
2. Respondent's license is hereby REPRIMANDED.

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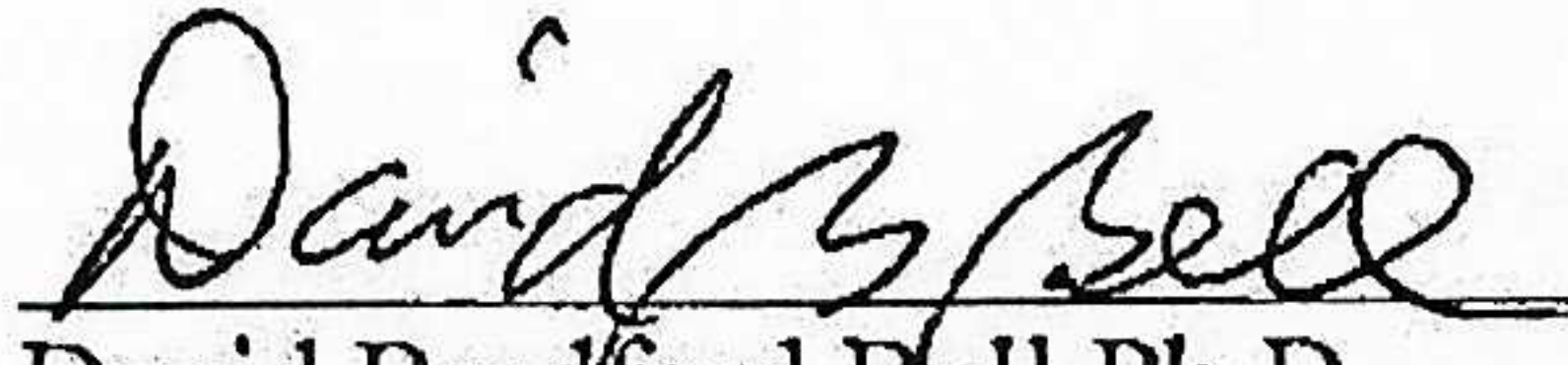
RESPONDENT'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ONE OR MORE TERMS OF THIS ORDER MAY CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF 22 TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE §884.55 REQUIRING FURTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

WAIVERS

On the underlying investigative file, Respondent has waived his or her right to an informal settlement conference, a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), and judicial review pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2001, in exchange for the conditions set out in this Agreed Order.

THE RESPONDENT, BY SIGNING THIS ORDER, AGREES TO ITS TERMS, ACKNOWLEDGES UNDERSTANDING OF THE FORMAL NOTICES, FINDINGS OF FACT, AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW SET FORTH HEREIN AND COVENANTS TO SATISFACTORILY COMPLY WITH THE MANDATES OF THIS ORDER IN A TIMELY MANNER. RESPONDENT FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT HE OR SHE HAS AGREED TO THIS ORDER UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF COUNSEL, OR THAT HE OR SHE HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THIS ORDER REVIEWED BY COUNSEL OF HIS OR HER CHOICE.

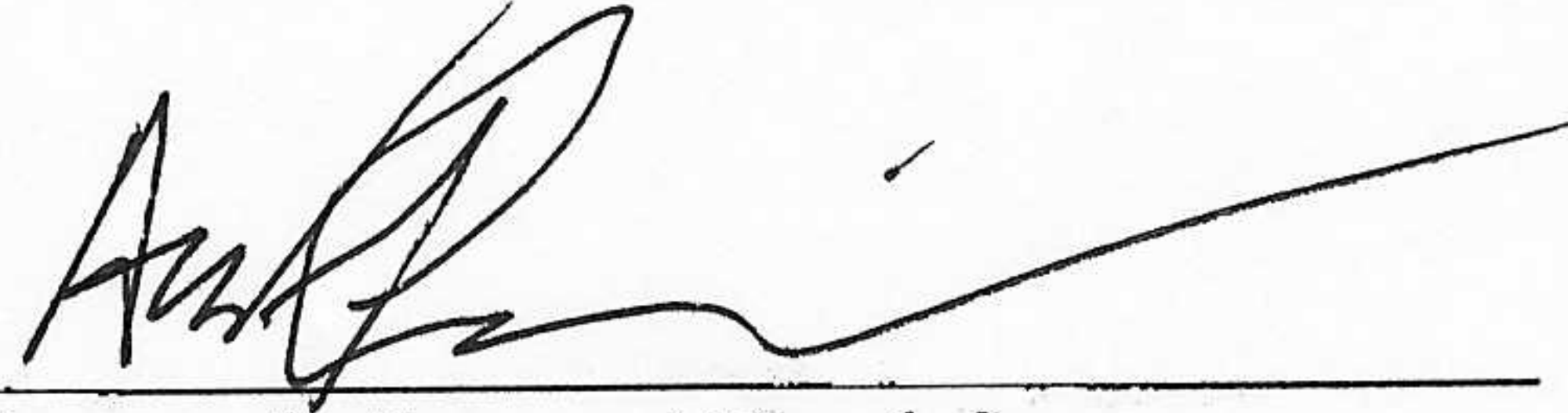
FOR THE RESPONDENT:



David Bradford Bell Ph.D.
Licensed Psychologist
License #22362

DATE SIGNED: 7/29/25

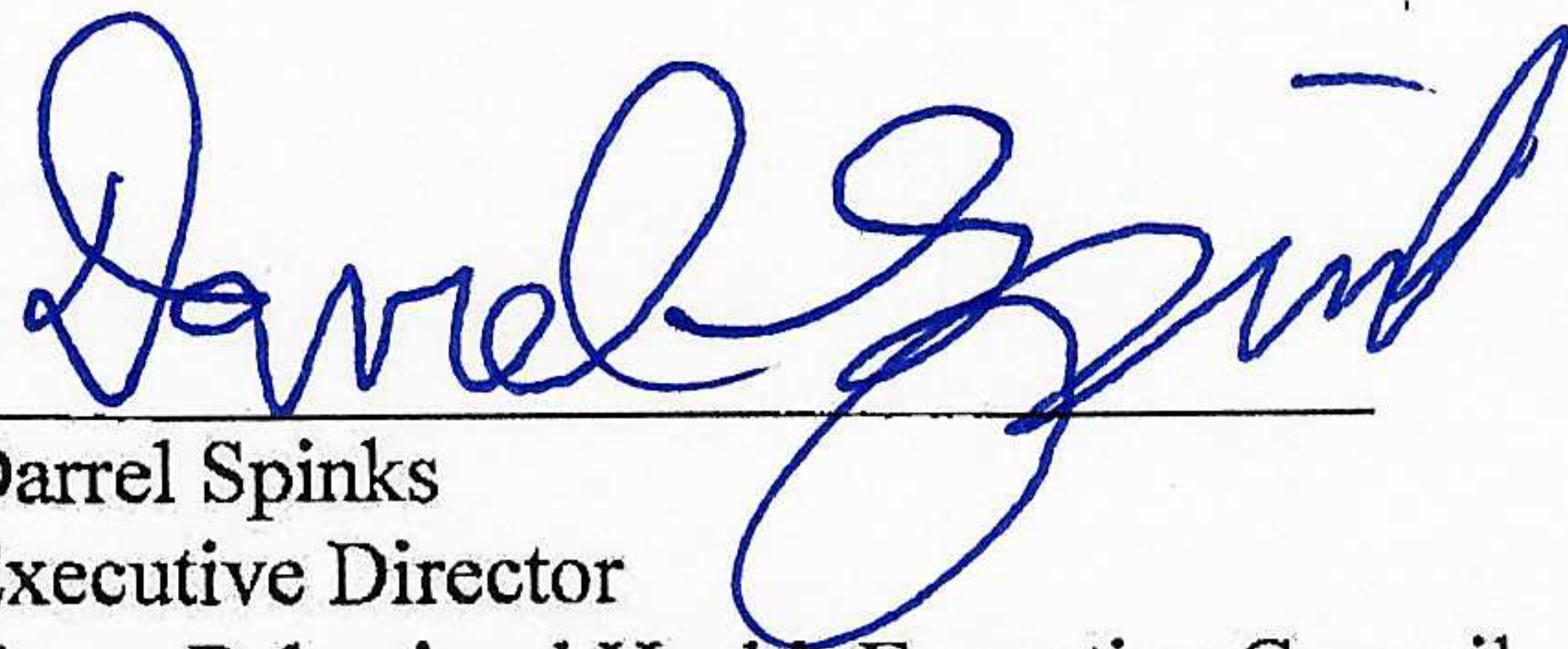
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APPROVED, RATIFIED, AND ENTERED THIS 29th DAY OF July, 2025.



Darrel Spinks
Executive Director
Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council