

COMPLAINT NO. 2024-00413

IN THE MATTER OF

COLBY WALTERS

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**BEFORE THE TEXAS BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**THE TEXAS STATE BOARD
OF EXAMINERS OF
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS**

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 **COLBY WALTERS** ("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 professional counselor (#71603) in the State of Texas and is, therefore, subject to the jurisdiction of the Council.
2. Respondent breached professional boundaries by improperly engaging in group text messages with two former clients.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent voluntarily received a license from the Council and, therefore, is bound by the provisions of Chapters 503 and 507 of the Texas Occupations Code and the Rules of the Council, 22 Texas Administrative Code Parts 30 and 41.
2. Violation of the Council's Rules is unprofessional conduct and constitutes grounds for the imposition of sanctions under §§503.401, 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 Rule 681.41(l)(2022 ed.)

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

1. Respondent's license is hereby REPRIMANDED.

WARNING

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.

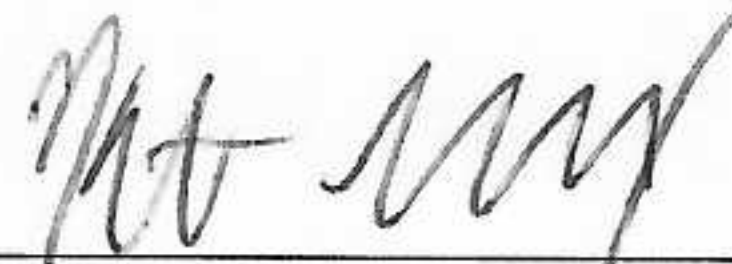
THE RESPONDENT, BY SIGNING THIS ORDER, AGREES TO ITS TERMS, ACKNOWLEDGES UNDERSTANDING OF THE FORMAL NOTICES, FINDINGS OF FACT, AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW SET FORTH HEREIN AND COVENANTS TO SATISFACTORILY COMPLY WITH THE MANDATES OF THIS ORDER IN A TIMELY MANNER. RESPONDENT FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES 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:

FOR THE STAFF OF THE COUNCIL:



Colby Walters
Licensed Professional Counselor
License No. 71603



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DATE SIGNED: July 11, 2025

DATE SIGNED: 1/20/2026

APPROVED, RATIFIED, AND ENTERED THIS 28th DAY OF January, 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Darrel Spinks", written over a horizontal line.

Darrel Spinks
Executive Director
Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council