BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

In the Matter of Yia Jia Yin, LMT,

Holder of License No. MT-03815P

As a Massage Therapist

In the State of Arizona

Board Case No. 14-110

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS
OF LAW, AND ORDER

On September 28, 2015, the Arizona Board of Massage Therapy ("the Board") considered the state's Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Elizabeth Campbell, Assistant Attorney General, appeared on behalf of the State. Respondent was not present at the Board meeting. Christopher Munns of the Solicitor General's Office was available to provide independent legal advice to the Board.

After reviewing the record, the Board granted the State's Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Based upon A.R.S. § 32-4254(H) and the Complaint and Notice of Hearing filed in this matter, the Board issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

- 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for licensing and regulating the practice of massage therapy in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Respondent is the holder of license number MT-03815P, which allows her to practice as a massage therapist in the State of Arizona.
- 3. Under A.R.S. § 32-4201, *et seq.*, the Board possess jurisdiction over the subject matter and over Respondent as a licensee of the Board.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On December 4, 2013, a male massage therapy client received a massage from Respondent at Sunbird Asian Massage in Scottsdale, Arizona.

- 2. Respondent provided massage to the massage therapy client while his genitals were uncovered, exposed her breasts to the massage therapy client, placed the massage therapy client's hand on her breast, and touched the massage therapy client's penis. The massage therapy client was an undercover Scottsdale police officer.
- 3. On November 17, 2014, in Scottsdale City Court, Respondent was convicted of (1) administering massage to a client whose genitals are not covered by an opaque material in violation of Scottsdale City Code 16-221(d)(1); (2) exposing the massage therapist's genital organs, anus or female breast to any person in violation of Scottsdale City Code 16-221(e)(2) and (3) touching another person's genital organs or anus in violation of Scottsdale City Code 16-221(e)(3).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter and over respondent pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-4201 et seq.
- 2. The conviction described above in the Findings of Fact is grounds for discipline under A.R.S. § 32-4253(A)(4) (Being convicted of a felony or other offense involving moral turpitude or conviction for prostitution, solicitation or another similar offense. A conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction is conclusive evidence of the commission of the crime).
- 3. The Board may discipline a massage therapist who has engaged in sexual activity with a client. A.R.S. § 32-4253(A)(15).
- 4. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute sexual activity in violation of A.R.S. § 32-4253(B)(2)(a). ("Sexual activity" means sexual conduct). "Sexual conduct" means any direct or indirect touching, fondling, or manipulating of any part of the genitals or anus by any part of the body or by any object or causing a person to engage in that conduct. A.R.S. § 32-4253(B)(3).
- 5. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute sexual activity in violation of A.R.S. § 32-4253(B)(2)(c) ("Sexual activity" means making sexual advances, requesting sexual favors or engaging in other verbal conduct or physical contact of a sexual nature with a client).
- 6. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute sexual activity in violation of A.R.S. § 32-4253(B)(2)(d) ("Sexual activity" means intentionally viewing a

completely or partially disrobed massage therapy client in the course of treatment if the viewing is not related to treatment under current practice standards and is intended to appeal to the prurient interest of the massage therapy client or massage therapist.

- 7. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute sexual activity in violation of A.R.S. § 32-4253(B)(2)(i). ("Sexual activity" means exposing the massage therapist's breasts to a client).
- 8. The conduct described above constitutes grounds for discipline under A.R.S. § 32-4253(A)(16) (Failing to adhere to the recognized standards and ethics of the massage therapy profession). A.R.S. § 4251(B) further requires that a massage therapist refrain from engaging in sexual activity with the client even if the client attempts to sexualize the relationship. A.A.C. R4-15-103(1)(H).
- 9. The conduct described in the Findings of Fact constitute grounds for discipline under A.R.S. 32-4253(A)(16) (Failing to adhere to the recognized standards and ethics of the massage therapy profession). A.R.S. § 32-4251(B) further requires that a massage therapist adhere to the recognized standards and ethics of the massage therapy profession. When a licensee agrees to provide massage therapy to a client, the licensee shall provide draping that ensures the safety, comfort, and privacy of the client.
- 10. The conviction described above constitutes grounds for revocation of the license under A.R.S. § 32-4254(G) (if after a formal proceeding the Board finds that a licensee has been convicted of prostitution, solicitation or another similar offense, the Board shall revoke the license.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent's license is Revoked.

DATED this 5 day of October, 2015

ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

Kathleen Phillips

Executive Director

NOTICE 1 Any aggrieved party may appeal this decision by filing a written request for Rehearing or 2 Review with the Board within thirty (30) days of service of this Decision. Service of this 3 Decision is effective on personal delivery or five days after the day of mailing. A Motion for Rehearing or Review shall conform to the requirements set forth in the Board's rules at A.A.C. 4 R4-15-401 and shall be served on the opposing party. The filing of a Motion for Rehearing or 5 Review is required in order to exhaust a party's administrative remedies. The failure to file a 6 Motion for Rehearing or Review will preclude a party to seeking judicial review of this Decision. 7 8 ORIGINAL OF THE FORGOING FILED this 5th day of October 2015, with: 10 Arizona Board of Massage Therapy 11 1400 West Washington, Suite 300 12 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 13 COPY OF THE FOREGOING MAILED 14 BY CERTIFIED & REGULAR FIRST-CLASS MAIL 15 this 5th day of October, 2015, to: 16 17 Yi Jia Yin 18 (Address of Record) Respondent 19 20 COPY OF THE FOREGOING MAILED 21 this 5th day of October, 2015, to: 22 23 Christopher Munns Assistant Attorney General 24 1275 W. Washington Street, CIV/SGO

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15	The State of Arizona hereby requests that the Arizona Board of Massage Therapy	
16	Examiners (the "Board") vacate the hearing set for September 28, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. and	
17	deem the allegations contained in the Board's Complaint and Notice of Hearing admitted	
18	pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-4254(H). A copy of the Complaint and Notice of Hearing is	
19	attached.	
20	The Complaint and Notice of Hearing	notified Respondent that, pursuant to A.R.S.
21	§ 32-4254(H), Respondent was required to prepare and file with the Board a written	
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23	Answer to the allegations in the Complaint within 30 days after service. It further	
24	notified Respondent that the Board could consider Respondent's failure to respond within	
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30 days an admission by default to the allegations stated in the Complaint and that the Board could then take disciplinary action without conducting a hearing.

The Complaint and Notice of Hearing was mailed by first-class and certified mail on August 20, 2015, to Respondent's address of record with the Board. Notice of a complaint and hearing is effective by a true copy of it being sent by certified mail to the licensee's last known address if record. A.R.S. § 32-4254(N). Notice of the complaint is complete on the date of its deposit in the mail. Id.

Respondent has failed to file an Answer within the time permitted by statute. As such, the State requests that the scheduled hearing be vacated and that the allegations contained in the Complaint and Notice of Hearing be deemed admitted pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-4254(H).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 28th day of September, 2015.

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