

1 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS**
2 **FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA**

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4 **In the Matter of:**) **Case No. T-21-01**
5 **Karol Basel, Ed.S.**) **CEASE AND DESIST ORDER**
6 **An Unlicensed Individual**)
7 **in the State of Arizona**)
8 **Respondent**)

9 On July 9, 2021, the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners (“Board”) met in open
10 session to discuss the above-referenced case for the purposes of determining whether grounds
11 exist to issue a Cease and Desist Order to Karol Basel ("Respondent"). Respondent appeared
12 virtually with her attorney, Charles Hover III, Esq.

13 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

14 1. Respondent currently holds a school psychologist certification with the Arizona
15 Department of Education; she is also a Nationally Certified school Psychologist. Respondent
16 has never held a license with the Board to practice psychology in the State of Arizona.

17 2. Respondent works in a contracted capacity at Sunlight Center for Change, LLC
18 (“Agency”), an outpatient treatment center in Tucson, Arizona where she provides various
19 court-ordered services. Respondent works under the supervision of Agency’s owner, Holly
20 Joubert, Psy.D. (“Licensee”).

21 3. On February 11, 2021, the Board received an anonymous complaint alleging that
22 Respondent is advertising and misrepresenting that she is a licensed psychologist in Arizona and
23 acting as a forensic supervisor. The complaint included a printout of a Facebook post from
24 Agency’s account regarding an advertisement for their “Co-Parenting for Change” class. The
25 post indicated that the class would be co-facilitated by Respondent “who is a nationally
26 certified and licensed school psychologist.”

27 4. In March of 2021, Licensee submitted a response to the complaint on
28 Respondent’s behalf indicating that she created the Facebook advertisement and posted the

1 incorrect credentials for Respondent but that the error had been corrected once it was brought
2 to her attention and that the post was deleted from the Facebook account.

3 5. On April 21, 2021, the Board’s Complainant Screening Committee (“CSC”)
4 reviewed Complaint no. T-21-01 and expressed concern that based on the representations made
5 by Respondent at that meeting, she may possibly be providing psychological testing and
6 services at Agency outside of the exemption for school psychologists permitted by A.R.S. § 32-
7 2075(A)(1). The CSC voted to forward the case to the Board for further review and issue a
8 subpoena to Respondent/Licensee for a complete list of clients seen by Respondent in the past
9 year at Agency. Upon receiving this list, Board staff would randomly select five client records
10 to subpoena and these five records would be reviewed by the Board at the future meeting date.

11 6. On July 9, 2021, the Board reviewed Complaint no. T-21-01. Respondent was
12 present with her attorney. The Board expressed concern that several of the reports and other
13 associated documentation for the five client files reviewed reflect that she signed the
14 documentation with the designation “National Certified School Psychologist” underneath her
15 name even though services were not conducted in a school setting.

16 7. After deliberation, the Board voted to issue Respondent a Cease & Desist Order.

17 **VIOLATION**

18 1. The use of the designation “certified school psychologist” used by Respondent in
19 the documentation reviewed for Complaint no. T-21-01 constitutes a violation of A.R.S. § 32-
20 2084(C)(1), “It is a class 2 misdemeanor for a person not licensed pursuant to this chapter to:
21 Use the designation "psychology", "psychological" or "psychologist".

22 **ORDER**

23 1. Under the authority set forth in A.R.S. § 32-3227(C), the Board orders
24 Respondent to immediately Cease and Desist from using the designation “certified school
25 psychologist” on documentation, records or advertisements that are unrelated to her work in a
26 school setting. If Respondent continues to engage in such activity in violation of the Board’s
27 statutes and rules, the Board may pursue injunctive relief pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2083.
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1 DATED this 19 day of July, 2021.

2 ARIZONA BOARD OF
3 PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS

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7 Heidi Herbst Paakkonen
8 Executive Director

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