

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

IN RE:

THOMES CRAWFORD

Case No. 2022-OPT-18452

CONSENT AGREEMENT

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement, effective when signed by all parties hereto, regarding the license of Thomas Crawford O.D. (Dr. Crawford") to practice optometry in the State of Maine. The parties to this Consent agreement are Dr. Crawford, the Maine State Board of Optometry ("the Board"), and the Office of the Maine Attorney General ("the Attorney General"). The parties consent to this Agreement pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5)(C) in lieu of an adjudicatory hearing in the above referenced complaint.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

At the hearing, the Board will determine whether to take disciplinary action against the license of Thomas Crawford ("Dr. Crawford") for the following reason:

1. Dr. Crawford was first licensed as a Therapeutic optometrist on July 8, 1988 license number OPT748. On April 2, 2002 Dr. Crawford license was changed to Therapeutic Advance.
2. On December 15, 2018, Dr. Crawford entered into a Consent Agreement for failure to timely renew his license and acknowledged that he practiced optometry for at least 50 days while his licensed to do so had expired. That Consent Agreement was effective August 6, 2019.
3. Pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 2423(1), license renewal is due annually before the first day of April. Accordingly, Dr. Crawford's license renewal was due no later than March 31, 2022.
4. On April 1, 2022, Dr. Crawford's license was expired.

5. On June 30, 2022, Dr. Crawford filed an application for licensure.
6. There are 91 days, inclusive, between April 1 and June 30, 2022.
7. On June 30, 2022, Dr. Crawford acknowledged to Board staff that he had continued to practice optometry between March 31 and June 30, 2022.
8. Dr. Crawford practiced optometry without a license for ninety-one (91) days.
9. Pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 2421(1), an individual may not practice optometry without a license.
10. On July 5, 2022, Board staff filed a complaint against Dr. Crawford for unlicensed practice.
11. Pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5)(A)(1) and 32 M.R.S. § 2431-A(2)(H), violation of a Board statute is a ground for the imposition of discipline by the Board.

COVENANTS

In order to resolve fully the Complaint against Dr. Crawford's license without further legal proceedings, it is agreed to among the parties that:

1. Dr. Crawford admits that he practiced optometry in the state of Maine for 91 days without a license.
2. Dr. Crawford may date, sign, and return this entire Consent Agreement to Tina Carpentier at the below address before October 21, 2022 to indicate his assent to its terms.
3. Dr. Crawford agrees to accept a REPRIMAND from the board for the above violation.
4. Dr. Crawford agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$150 per day for the 91 days of unlicensed practice for an aggregate civil penalty of \$13,650 as a sanction for the above violation.

Said fine is to be paid by certified check or money order made payable to "Treasurer,
State of Maine" and remitted to

Tina Carpentier
Secretary, Maine Board of Optometry
Department of Professional and Financial Regulation
113 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0035

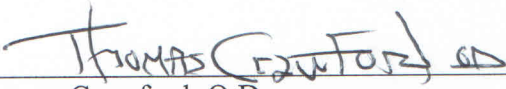
5. Although Dr. Crawford may make payments over time at his convenience, payment in full of this civil penalty shall be due no later than December 31, 2022.
6. If Dr. Crawford enters into this consent agreement, the Attorney General and the Board agree that no further agency action will be taken against Dr. Crawford's license based on the specific violations admitted to herein, except in the event that Dr. Crawford does not fully comply with the terms of the Consent Agreement. Any violation of this Consent Agreement will be an additional ground for discipline before the Board.
7. This Consent Agreement is not appealable and is effective until modified or terminated by the parties.
8. This Consent Agreement is not subject to amendment except by written agreement of all parties.
9. The Consent Agreement is a public record within the meaning of 1 M.R.S. § 402 and will be made available for inspection and copying by the public pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 408-A.
10. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall be construed to affect any right or interest of any person not a party hereto.

11. Dr. Crawford understands that execution of this Consent Agreement is completely voluntary and that he has the right to consult with an attorney before signing the Consent Agreement.

12. This Consent Agreement may be signed in counterparts, and all counterparts together constitute one original instrument. Signatures below may be applied and/or saved electronically, with such electronic signatures and this entire document being saved electronically, and given the same effect as a paper document signed in ink.

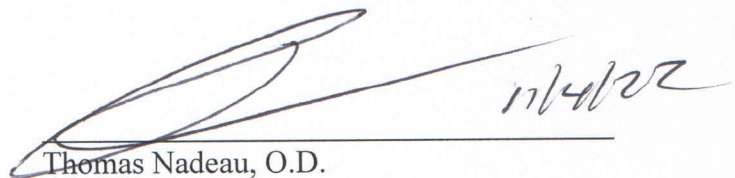
13. Dr. Crawford acknowledges that he executed this Consent Agreement of his own free will and that he agrees to abide by all terms and conditions set forth herein.

Dated: 10-20-22


Thomas Crawford, O.D.
Licensee

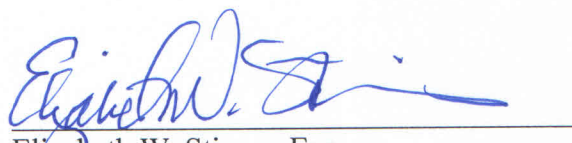
Dated:

11/4/22


Thomas Nadeau, O.D.
Board Chairman

Dated:

11/4/22


Elizabeth W. Stivers, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General