

KANSAS BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD

Eisenhower State Office Building

700 SW Harrison, Suite 420

Topeka, Kansas 66603-3240

In the Matter of)

Amanda Davis, LMSW 8274,)

Respondent.)

Pursuant to (K.S.A. 77-537))

Case No. 24-MS-0176

SUMMARY PROCEEDING ORDER

Now, on this 31 day of March, 2026, the above-captioned matter comes before the Complaint Review Committee of the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board ("Board").

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds that the following facts have been established by a preponderance of the evidence:

1. At all times relevant hereto Amanda Davis ("Respondent") has been a Licensed Master's Social Worker ("LMSW") within the meaning of the Kansas Social Workers Licensure Act, K.S.A. 65-6301, et seq., and amendments thereto.

2. Respondent caused the Board to receive a self-report of alleged violation (RAV) regarding Respondent's plea of guilty and conviction a felony obstruction of justice in a federal court in Missouri, Case No. 21-00145-01-CR-W-BP.

3. In conjunction with the RAV, Respondent caused the Board to receive a copy of the plea agreement entered into with the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Missouri, which in relevant part provides the following factual predicate in support of the plea:

3. Factual Basis for Guilty Plea. The parties agree that the facts constituting the offense to which she is pleading guilty are as follows:

The Jackson County Detention Center in Kansas City, Missouri, Western District of Missouri, was a facility that housed inmates. Inmate A and Inmate B were male inmates at the Jackson County Detention Center.

The defendant was a Health and Behavioral Services Manager with the Jackson County Detention Center.

Having established relationships with Inmates A and B, the defendant used her position as a member of the staff to smuggle contraband (cellular telephones) into the Jackson County Detention Center. The defendant met with Inmates A and B in person and unlawfully provided those telephones to them.

Beginning at a time unknown, but at least on or about July 4, 2020, and continuing until at least July 17, 2020, the defendant communicated with Inmate A's wife and Inmate B through text messages and telephone conversations, in which they discussed the amounts and accounts for the defendant to conduct financial transactions.

On or about July 18, 2020, a Jackson County corrections officer found Inmates A and B in possession of cellular telephones. One cellular telephone was seized from Inmate A and the other cellular telephone was seized from Inmate B.

On or about July 28, 2020, a detective and an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation took the defendant into custody at the Detention Center and transported her to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office in Lee's Summit, Missouri. The defendant's cellular telephone was seized. The defendant's attorney met with her at the Sheriff's Office. Following that meeting, the defendant caused her attorney to request that her cellular telephone be returned to her so that she could retrieve a telephone number. Law enforcement granted the request.

The defendant deleted all contents of her cellular telephone, including call logs and text messages, by restoring her telephone to its original factory settings. The defendant then returned her cellular telephone to law enforcement for custody.

Subsequently, a digital forensic exam was conducted on the defendant's phone by the Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory with negative results. The examiner advised that the phone had been reset rendering it of no investigative value.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation was a department and agency of the United States.

4. Respondent was sentenced to five (5) years' probation on November 29, 2023 for the felony at issue.

5. Moreover, Respondent caused the Board to receive a copy of the Settlement Agreement between Respondent and the State Committee for Social Workers in the State of Missouri, which was entered into on or about March 26, 2024, through which Respondent admitted to the felony identified herein and agreed to a term of probation, supervision and continuing education.

6. Based on information received by the Board, the conduct at issue occurred in the State of Missouri and through Respondent's practice of social work in the State of Missouri.

7. Through her self-report, Respondent demonstrated accountability and responsibility for the conduct which resulted in the conviction and discipline in the State of Missouri and further identified steps Respondent has taken to create health boundaries and further her own self-improvement.

II. APPLICABLE LAW

14. K.S.A. 65-6311(a)(2) and (10) provide in relevant part that the Board may condition, limit, revoke or suspend a license, may publicly or privately censure a licensee or may impose a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per violation upon a finding that a licensee or an applicant for license:

(2) has been convicted of a felony offense and has not demonstrated to the board's satisfaction that such person has been sufficiently rehabilitated to merit the public trust;

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(10) has had a professional license, registration or certificate revoked, suspended or limited, or has had other disciplinary action taken, or an application for a license, registration or certificate denied, by the proper regulatory authority of another state, territory, District of Columbia, or other country, a certified copy of the record of the action of the other jurisdiction being conclusive evidence thereof

15. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537(a) of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act ("KAPA"), a state agency may use summary proceedings, subject to a party's request for a hearing on the order, if:

- (1) The use of those proceedings in the circumstances does not violate any provision of law;
- (2) the protection of the public interest does not require the state agency to give notice and an opportunity to participate to the persons other than the parties;
- (3) based upon an investigation of the facts by the state agency, beyond receipt of the allegations, the state agency believes in good faith that the allegations will be supported to the applicable standard of proof, provided however that an alleged failure to meet the standard set forth in this subsection shall not be subject to immediate judicial review and shall not invalidate any later agency action that has been supported to the applicable standard of proof; and
- (4) the order does not take effect until after the time for requesting a hearing has expired

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

16. The use of summary proceedings pursuant to KAPA is appropriate in this case.

17. Respondent's conviction of the felony at issue and resulting probation, as well as the discipline imposed against her Missouri license justify sanctions pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6311(a)(2) and (10).

IV. ORDER

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Board finds that should be and his hereby PUBLICALLY CENSORED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Entered this 31 day of March, 2026.



Mary Jones, Chairperson
Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Complaint Review Committee

NOTICE OF RELIEF FROM SUMMARY PROCEEDING ORDER

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537 and 77-542, this Summary Proceeding Order is subject to your request for a hearing. If you desire a hearing, you must direct a written request for hearing to:

David Fye, Executive Director
Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
700 SW Harrison St., Suite 420
Topeka, KS 66603

This written request must be filed within eighteen (18) calendar days of the date listed in the Certificate of Service below (15 calendar days plus 3 calendar days for mail service). Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-503(c), the 18-day period begins the day after the date shown in Certificate of Service below and includes weekends and legal holidays. If the 18th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the 18-day period runs until 5:00 p.m. on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. A request is considered "filed" on the date it is received at the Board's office. If a hearing is not requested in the time and manner stated, this Summary Order becomes a final order subject to judicial review. A petition for judicial review should be directed to the above recipient.

The Board's designee who may receive service of a request for a hearing on behalf of the Board is:

David Fye, Executive Director
Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
700 SW Harrison, Suite 420
Topeka, Kansas 66603

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF

In the event that you do not timely request a hearing, the above Order will become a final order the day following the 18th day referenced above (i.e., 19 calendar days following the date listed in the Certificate of Service below). Pursuant to K.S.A 77-529, a party may file with the Board a petition for reconsideration within 15 days from the date the Summary Proceeding Order becomes a final order. Such petition must state the specific grounds upon which relief is requested. The filing of a petition for reconsideration is not a prerequisite for seeking judicial review.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-528, a party may file, if applicable, a petition for stay of effectiveness of the order prior to the expiration of the time in which to file a petition for judicial review. The filing of a petition for a stay of effectiveness is not a prerequisite for seeking judicial review.

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL RELIEF

If a petition for reconsideration is not filed pursuant to K.S.A. 77-613, a party may file within 30 days from the date the Summary Proceeding Order becomes a final order a petition for judicial review with the appropriate district court as provided in the Kansas Judicial Review Act, K.S.A. 77-601 *et seq.*

The designee who may receive service of a petition for reconsideration, a petition for stay, or a petition for judicial review on behalf of the Board is:

David Fye, Executive Director
Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Eisenhower State Office Building
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Topeka, Kansas 66603-3240

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on this 31 day of March 2026, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Summary Proceeding Order was placed in the U.S. mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to:

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