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8 **BEFORE THE**
9 **BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. AC 2026-2081

13 **GEORGE HERSCHEL SHAPIRO**
14 **1388 W. Colorado Blvd.**
15 **Pasadena, CA 91105**

ACCUSATION

16 **Chiropractic License No. DC 23110**

17 Respondent.

18 **PARTIES**

19 1. Kristin Walker (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as
the Executive Officer of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Department of Consumer Affairs.

20 2. On or about January 28, 1994, the Board issued Chiropractic License Number DC
21 23110 to George Herschel Shapiro (Respondent). The Chiropractic License was in full force and
22 effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on May 31, 2027, unless
23 renewed.

24 **JURISDICTION**

25 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following
26 sections of the Chiropractic Act (Act).¹ Business and Professions Code section 1000-10(a)

27 ¹ The Chiropractic Act, an initiative measure approved by the electors on November 7,
28 1922, while not included in the Business and Professions Code by the legislature, is set out in
(continued...)

1 provides that the Board may by rule or regulation adopt, amend or repeal rules of professional
2 conduct appropriate to the establishment and maintenance of a high standard of professional
3 service and the protection of the public. The regulations adopted by the board appear in Title 16,
4 California Code of Regulations, section 300, *et seq.*

5 4. Section 10, subdivision (b), of the Act states, in pertinent part, that the Board may
6 suspend or revoke a license to practice chiropractic or may place the license on probation for
7 violations of the rules and regulations adopted by the Board or for any cause specified in the
8 Chiropractic Initiative Act.

9 5. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 372 states:

10 The suspension, expiration, or forfeiture by operation of law of a license issued
11 by the board, or its suspension, or forfeiture by order of the board or by order of a
12 court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the board shall not, during
13 any period in which it may be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated, deprive the
14 board of its authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against the
licensee upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order suspending or
revoking the license or otherwise taking disciplinary action against the licensee on
any such ground.

15 **STATUTORY PROVISIONS AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

16 6. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 316, states, in pertinent part:

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18 (c) The commission of any act of sexual abuse, sexual misconduct, or sexual
19 relations by a licensee with a patient, client, customer or employee is unprofessional
20 conduct and cause for disciplinary action. This conduct is substantially related to the
qualifications, functions, or duties of a chiropractic license.

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22 7. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 317, states, in pertinent part:

23 The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of
24 unprofessional conduct which has been brought to its attention, or whose license has
been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake.

25 Unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

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28 West's Annotated California Codes as sections 1000-1 to 1000-19, and is included in Deering's
California Codes as Appendix I, for convenient reference.

1 (k) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or
2 corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of the individual's activities as
3 a license holder, or otherwise;

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5 (m) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or
6 abetting in the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision or term of the Act
7 or the regulations adopted by the board thereunder;

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8. Business and Professions Code section 726 states, in pertinent part:

9 (a) The commission of any act of sexual abuse, misconduct, or relations with a
10 patient, client, or customer constitutes unprofessional conduct and grounds for
11 disciplinary action for any person licensed under this or under any initiative act
12 referred to in this division.

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14 9. Business and Professions Code section 805.8, subdivision (a)(5) defines sexual
15 misconduct as "inappropriate contact or communication of a sexual nature."

16 **COST RECOVERY**

17 10. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 317.5, subdivision (a), states, in
18 pertinent part:

19 In any order in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the Board of
20 Chiropractic Examiners, the board may request the administrative law judge to direct
21 a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the Chiropractic
22 Initiative Act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
23 enforcement of the case.

24 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

25 **Patient M.C.**

26 11. On or about July 6, 2023, Respondent began treating female Patient M.C. for back
27 pain at respondent's office, Cornerstone Chiropractic, located at 1388 W. Colorado Blvd.,
28 Pasadena, CA. Respondent treated Patient M.C. on a second visit on or about July 11, 2023,
where Patient M.C. scheduled another visit for July 13, 2023.

12. On or about the evening of July 12, 2023, Patient M.C. was dining at a restaurant in
Highland Park, CA when she encountered respondent, who stopped to talk to her. Respondent

1 invited Patient M.C. to join him and his friends at “Gold Line,” a bar down the street from the
2 restaurant. Patient M.C. subsequently joined respondent and his friends at the bar.

3 13. Patient M.C. and respondent engaged in conversation, in which respondent made
4 inappropriate comments and asked questions to Patient M.C. of a sexual nature, including asking
5 Patient M.C. to tell him about her sexual experiences. Patient M.C. informed respondent that she
6 was not comfortable sharing her sexual experiences with him. During their conversation,
7 respondent grabbed Patient M.C.’s hand and put it on his erect penis over his clothes. Patient
8 M.C. immediately pulled her hand back, but respondent grabbed Patient M.C.’s hand again and
9 told her to touch his erect penis. Patient M.C. told respondent she would not touch his penis and
10 pulled her hand back. Patient M.C. told respondent she needed to leave, and exited the bar.

11 14. Patient M.C. decided she no longer wished to be treated by respondent, and did not
12 attend her scheduled July 13, 2023 appointment with respondent. On or about July 14, 2023,
13 Patient M.C. emailed respondent regarding his behavior at the bar, and requested a refund for the
14 treatment package she had purchased, which she received.

15 **Employee F.A.**

16 15. On or about November 1, 2023, F.A., a part-time employee at respondent’s office,
17 went to respondent’s office to hand respondent her timesheet and receive her pay. Respondent
18 and F.A. engaged in conversation, in which respondent made inappropriate comments and asked
19 questions to F.A. of a sexual nature, including describing his sex life. Respondent showed F.A.
20 sexually explicit videos of himself masturbating and of him engaging in sex acts with women.
21 F.A. then told respondent she had to go and left the office.

22 16. On or about November 2, 2023, F.A. told K.D., her immediate supervisor, of
23 respondent’s conduct and actions, and stopped working at respondent’s office.

24 17. On or about November, 13, 2023, F.A. reported respondent’s conduct and actions to
25 the Pasadena Police Department.

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1 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 **(Unprofessional Conduct and/or Sexual Misconduct – Patient M.C.)**

3 18. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 10 of the Act and under
4 California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 317 subdivision (m) and/or Business and
5 Professions Code section 726 subdivision (a) for unprofessional conduct. Respondent engaged in
6 acts of unprofessional conduct and/or sexual abuse and/or sexual misconduct against Patient M.C.
7 Complainant refers to and by this reference incorporates the allegations set forth above in
8 paragraphs 11 through 14, inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

9 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

10 **(Unprofessional Conduct and/or Sexual Misconduct – Employee F.A.)**

11 19. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 10 of the Act and under
12 California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 316 subdivision (c) and 317 subdivision (m), for
13 unprofessional conduct. Respondent engaged in acts of unprofessional conduct and/or sexual
14 misconduct against Employee F.A. Complainant refers to and by this reference incorporates the
15 allegations set forth above in paragraphs 15 through 17, inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

16 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

17 **(Unprofessional Conduct – Committing Acts Involving Moral Turpitude)**

18 20. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 10 of the Act and
19 California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 317 subdivision (k) in that Respondent
20 committed acts involving moral turpitude. Complainant hereby refers to and by this reference
21 incorporates the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 11 through 17, inclusive, as though set
22 forth fully herein.

23 **PRAYER**

24 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
25 and that following the hearing, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners issue a decision:

26 1. Revoking or suspending Chiropractic License Number DC 23110, issued to George
27 Herschel Shapiro;
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1 2. Ordering George Herschel Shapiro to pay the Board of Chiropractic Examiners the
2 reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Title 16, California
3 Code of Regulations, section 317.5 and if placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring;

4 and,

5 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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9 DATED: 7.30.2026

Signature on File

KRISTIN WALKER

Executive Officer

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California

Complainant

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