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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 2025-2060

13 **MARK ROMEO ALGEE**
5725 Ralston Street #219
Ventura, CA 93003

ACCUSATION

14 **Chiropractic License No. DC 28927**

15 Respondent.

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17 **PARTIES**

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

20 2. On or about September 3, 2003, the Board issued Chiropractic License Number DC
21 28927 to Mark Romeo Algee (Respondent). The Chiropractic License was in full force and effect
22 at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on August 31, 2026, unless
23 renewed.

24 **JURISDICTION**

25 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board),
26 Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following sections of the
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1 Chiropractic Act (Act).¹ Business and Professions Code section 1000-10(a) provides that the
2 Board may by rule or regulation adopt, amend or repeal rules of professional conduct appropriate
3 to the establishment and maintenance of a high standard of professional service and the protection
4 of the public. The regulations adopted by the board appear in Title 16, California Code of
5 Regulations, section 300, *et seq.*

6 4. Section 10 of the Act states, in pertinent part, that the Board may suspend or revoke a
7 license to practice chiropractic or may place the license on probation for violations of the rules
8 and regulations adopted by the Board or for any cause specified in the 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 AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

16 6. Business and Professions Code section 805.8, subdivision (a)(5) defines sexual
17 misconduct as, “inappropriate contact or communication of a sexual nature.

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

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20 (b) Where a chiropractic license is used in connection with any premises,
21 structure or facility, no sexual acts or erotic behavior involving patients, patrons or
customers, including, but not necessarily limited to, sexual stimulation, masturbation
or prostitution, shall be permitted on said premises, structure or facility.

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

27 ¹ The Chiropractic Act, an initiative measure approved by the electors on November 7, 1922, while not
28 included in the Business and Professions Code by the legislature, is set out in 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 8. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 317, states, in pertinent part, “The
2 board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct
3 which has been brought to its attention [...].”

4 **COST RECOVERY**

5 9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 317.5, subdivision (a), states, in
6 pertinent part:

7 (a) In any order in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the Board of
8 Chiropractic Examiners, the board may request the administrative law judge to direct
9 a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of the Chiropractic
Initiative Act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
enforcement of the case.

10 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

11 10. On or about September 14, 2023, Patient A. visited Respondent’s office to address
12 her back pain.

13 11. Patient A reported to the Board that during this appointment, Respondent repeatedly
14 kissed the back of her neck while she was disrobed from the waist up, lying face down, and not
15 covered with any draping.

16 12. Video footage date stamped September 14, 2023, near the lobby area of Respondent’s
17 office, depicts that Respondent engaged Patient A. in conversation about his marital problems,
18 discussed his desire to find a date, and inquired about Patient A.’s interest in watching him “make
19 out” with her girlfriends. The video footage also shows that Respondent embraced Patient A. in a
20 hug and kissed her face.

21 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

22 **(Sexual Misconduct)**

23 13. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 10 of the Act and
24 California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 316, subdivision (c) and California Code of
25 Regulations, title 16, section 317, in that Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct as
26 defined in California Business and Professions Code section 805.8 subdivision (a)(5), by
27 engaging in inappropriate contact or communication of a sexual nature with a patient.
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1 Complainant hereby refers to and by this reference incorporates the allegations contained in
2 paragraphs 10 through 13, above, as though set forth fully.

3 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

4 **(Unprofessional Conduct)**

5 14. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 10 of the Act and
6 California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 317 in that Respondent engaged in
7 unprofessional conduct. Complainant hereby refers to and by this reference incorporates the
8 allegations contained in paragraphs 10 through 13, above, as though set forth fully.

9 **PRAYER**

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

12 1. Revoking or suspending Chiropractic License Number DC 28927, issued to Mark
13 Romeo Algee;

14 2. Ordering Mark Romeo Algee to pay the Board of Chiropractic Examiners the
15 reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to California Code of
16 Regulations, title 16, section 317.5 and if placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring;
17 and,

18 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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20 DATED: 10/9/25

Signature on File

21 KRISTIN WALKER
22 Executive Officer
23 Board of Chiropractic Examiners
24 Department of Consumer Affairs
25 State of California
26 *Complainant*

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