BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:		
Walter Stuart Scott, III, D.D.S. (License No. 5678)	)	**CONSENT ORDER**

THIS MATTER is before the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners [the "Board"] as authorized by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-41.1(b) for consideration of a Consent Order in lieu of a formal administrative hearing. Pursuant to the 21 NCAC 16U .0204, the Board held a settlement conference on April 17, 2026, with the signed consent of Respondent, Walter Stuart Scott, III, D.D.S. ["Respondent"]. Crystal Carlisle represented the Investigative Panel [the "IP"]. Respondent was not represented by counsel. The parties freely and voluntarily consent to the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding pursuant to the authority granted to it in Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes, including the Dental Practice Act and the rules and regulations of the Board.

2. Respondent was licensed to practice dentistry on August 19, 1987, and his license number 5678 remains active.

3. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent was subject to the Dental Practice Act and the Board's rules and regulations.

4. The Board received a complaint that Respondent may be physically unfit or have a physical disability making him unable to practice clinical dentistry in a manner that is consistently safe to the health and welfare of his patients.

5. The IP conducted a thorough investigation, including requesting Respondent's medical records and interviewing Respondent's staff.

6. The Board conducted a settlement conference. As a result of the evidence and testimony presented at the settlement conference, the Board requested additional information, including an examination by a medical doctor clearing Respondent to practice dentistry.

7. Respondent provided the requested medical evaluation to the Board but did not provide a statement from a medical doctor clearing Respondent to practice dentistry.

8. The Board requested that Respondent take and pass within six (6) months all components of the hands-on, clinical portions of the ADEX examination ("ADEX clinical examination"), which the Board requires for licensure to demonstrate clinical competency to practice dentistry.

9. In March 2026, Respondent reported that he took, but did not successfully pass, all portions of the ADEX clinical examination.

10. After receiving Respondent's ADEX clinical examination results, the Board held another settlement conference on April 17, 2026.

11. At the second settlement conference, Respondent stated that he believed he could pass all portions of the ADEX clinical examination, given additional time to prepare. He also stated that one of his physical conditions has recently shown signs of improvement.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and over the person of Respondent.

2. Respondent was properly notified of this matter and has consented to the entry of this Consent Order.

3. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent was subject to the Dental Practice Act and the Board's rules and regulations.

4. Respondent currently has one or more medical or physical conditions and is physically not fit to provide clinical treatment to patients as defined in G.S. 90-29(b)(1)-(10) and (13).

5. Licensee's physical conditions do not impair his ability to practice dentistry as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-29(b)(11) and (12), generally involving ownership and operation of a dental practice and use of dental designations.

6. Licensee's medical condition warrants non-disciplinary protective measures restricting his license pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-41(a)(7).

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and with the consent of the parties hereto, it is ORDERED as follows:

ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

1. The North Carolina dental license of Licensee is hereby **INDEFINITELY RESTRICTED.** Licensee is prohibited from providing clinical treatment to patients, as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-29(b)(1)-(10) and (13), but is permitted to practice dentistry as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-29(b)(11) and (12).

2. Respondent is prohibited from providing any clinical treatment to patients as long as this indefinite restriction remains in effect and doing so would violate N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-41(b) and subject his license to permanent revocation.

3. Respondent may petition the Board to lift the indefinite restriction on his North Carolina dental license by demonstrating through clear and convincing evidence that he is physically fit to resume the clinical treatment of patients by retaking and passing all components of the ADEX clinical examination.

4. If the Board approves Licensee's petition and lifts the restriction on Licensee's North Carolina dental license, the Board may impose probationary terms and conditions of reinstatement deemed necessary for the protection of the public.

5. Respondent recognizes that the conditions, limitations, or requirements set forth in this Consent Order may present him with certain practical difficulties. The Board concludes that each one is necessary to ensure public protection, and it does not intend to modify or eliminate any of the conditions, limitations, or requirements set forth herein based on such potential difficulties.

6. The Board shall maintain this Non-Disciplinary Consent Order as a public record and shall report the contents of this Consent Order to the National Practitioner Data Bank, as required.

7. The Consent Order and the provisions contained herein shall be effective upon entry.

8. The Board shall retain jurisdiction of this matter and Respondent to enforce the provisions herein or enter orders as necessary in the future.

This the 4th day of May 2026.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Casie S. Goode
Director of Investigations

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I, Walter Stuart Scott, III, D.D.S., do hereby certify that I have read the foregoing Consent Order in its entirety. I assent to its terms and conditions set out herein freely, voluntarily, and without coercion or duress. I acknowledge that there is sufficient evidence to form a factual basis for the findings of fact herein, that the findings of fact support the conclusions of law, and that I will not contest the findings of fact, the conclusions of law, or the order in any future proceedings before or involving the Board. I knowingly waive any right to seek judicial review, appeal, or otherwise later challenge this Consent Order once entered. I understand that the Board will report the contents of this Consent Order to the National Practitioner Data Bank and that this Consent Order will become part of the Board's permanent public record. I further acknowledge that this required reporting may have adverse consequences in other contexts and any potential effects will not be the basis for a reconsideration of this Consent Order. I have had the opportunity to consult with an attorney prior to signing this Consent Order.

This the 1st day of May 2026.

Walter Stuart Scott III DDS

Walter Stuart Scott, III, D.D.S.

Waiver of Limited Ex Parte Communication

I understand that the proposed Consent Order that I have signed is subject to review and approval and is not effective until approved by the Hearing Panel. **I agree and consent that the Hearing Panel members may be provided the proposed Consent Order for review and consideration.**

I further agree and consent that the Board staff, the Investigative Panel (IP), and its counsel may discuss the proposed Consent Order and related information and documentation with Hearing Panel members for the purpose of advocating approval of the proposed Consent Order without me or my counsel being present.

If the proposed Consent Order is not approved, I agree and consent that neither I nor anyone on my behalf will assert that these limited ex parte communications, including review of the documents, will disqualify any Hearing Panel members from considering and deciding this matter after a contested case hearing.

I also agree that I am not entitled to obtain or discover the above-referenced limited communications or the substance of these communications between the Hearing Panel members and the Board staff, the IP, and its counsel, regardless of whether the proposed Consent Order is approved.

I have had the opportunity to consult with counsel before signing and agreeing to this waiver of limited ex parte communication.

Walter Stuart Scott III DDS
Walter Stuart Scott, III, D.D.S.

May 1, 2026
Date