

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN**  
**THE STATE COMMITTEE OF PSYCHOLOGISTS**  
**AND ANNE MAURINA, PSY.D.**

Anne Maurina, Psy.D., (“Dr. Maurina” or “Licensee”) and the State Committee of Psychologists (“Committee”) enter into this Settlement Agreement for the purpose of resolving the question of whether Dr. Maurina’s license as a Missouri licensed psychologist (License No. 2006029913) will be subject to discipline.

The parties hereto waive the right to a hearing before the Administrative Hearing Commission of the State of Missouri and, additionally, the right to a disciplinary hearing before the Committee under § 621.110, RSMo.<sup>1</sup> The Committee and Licensee jointly stipulate and agree that a final disposition of this matter may be effectuated as described below.

Dr. Maurina acknowledges that she understands the various rights and privileges afforded her by law, including the right to a hearing of the charges against her; the right to appear and be represented by legal counsel; the right to have all charges proven upon the record by competent and substantial evidence; the right to cross-examine any witnesses appearing against her at the hearing; the right to present evidence on her behalf at the hearing; the right to a decision upon the record of the hearing by a fair and impartial administrative hearing commissioner concerning the charges pending against her; the right to a ruling on questions of law by the Administrative Hearing Commission; the right to a disciplinary hearing before the Committee at which time she may present evidence in mitigation of discipline; the right to a claim for attorney’s fees and expenses; and the right to obtain judicial review of the decisions of the Administrative Hearing Commission and the Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> All statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri 2000, as amended, unless otherwise indicated.

Being aware of these rights provided to her by law, Dr. Maurina knowingly and voluntarily waives each and every one of these rights and freely enters into this Settlement Agreement and agrees to abide by the terms of this document as they pertain to her.

Dr. Maurina acknowledges that she has received copies of the documents relied upon by the Committee in determining there was cause to discipline her license, along with citations to law and/or regulations the Committee believes were violated.

For the purpose of settling this dispute, Dr. Maurina stipulates that the factual allegations contained in this Settlement Agreement are true and stipulates with the Committee that her Missouri psychologist's license, numbered 2006029913, is subject to disciplinary action by the Committee in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 621, and §§ 337.010-.345, RSMo.

**Part I**  
**Joint Stipulation of Facts and Conclusions of Law**

Based upon the foregoing, the Committee and Dr. Maurina jointly stipulate to the following:

1. The Committee is an agency of the State of Missouri created and established pursuant to Chapter 337, RSMo, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Chapter 337, RSMo, relating to psychologists.
2. Dr. Anne Maurina is a natural person residing in St. Robert, Missouri. Dr. Maurina is retired from the practice of psychology, but until about November 27, 2024, Dr. Maurina practiced in St. Robert, Missouri. Dr. Maurina is licensed by the Committee as a psychologist, License No. 2006029913. Dr. Maurina's license was, at all relevant times herein, current and active.
3. On or about September 6, 2023, the Committee received a complaint regarding Dr. Maurina. The complainant, father of a minor child ("Father"), alleged that Dr. Maurina held

mental health services with his son without his knowledge. Father also alleged that pursuant to a custody agreement, he had final decision-making authority regarding non-emergency medical treatment for his son. Father stated he reached out to Dr. Maurina and left a voicemail message requesting the upcoming session, to take place on August 31, 2023, be cancelled. Finally, Father alleged that Dr. Maurina did not respond to his calls but when he was able to contact her by telephone she stated she should not be speaking to him. Father alleged that Dr. Maurina's actions were "illegal and unethical on multiple levels."

4. Based upon Father's complaint, the Committee initiated an investigation. The Division of Professional Registration, Central Investigative Unit ("CIU") conducted the investigation and interviews.

5. On or about October 12, 2023, the Committee's investigator received Dr. Maurina's written response to Father's complaint. In her written response, Dr. Maurina stated that she relied upon Mother's representation to her that she (Mother) had the legal authority to make medical decisions for her son because of the document Mother provided to her. Dr. Maurina stated that she did not see the 2019 court documents regarding custody that were attached to Father's complaint until she received a copy of the complaint from the Committee. Dr. Maurina stated that she received newer court records from Mother with a more current date but later learned from Mother that the document Mother first provided to her was a draft consent order agreed to by Mother and Father and signed by Mother's and Father's attorneys, but awaiting final acceptance by the judge in the case. Dr. Maurina stated that she believed she acted reasonably in trusting Mother to accurately represent her authority under Georgia law to make appointments for her child because of her professional training and experience as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, a holder of a doctoral degree, and as a participant in the Georgia domestic relations case. Dr. Maurina also

produced records with her response to the complaint, including informed consent, notes from their first interview session, the intake questionnaire, treatment notes, psychological evaluation, and billing statements.

6. On or about October 25, 2023, CIU interviewed Father by telephone. Father reiterated his concerns about Dr. Maurina's ability and qualifications. Father stated that he contacted Dr. Maurina on May 2, 2023, and asked basic questions about the appointment because it was made without his knowledge. He stated that Dr. Maurina was very rude, abrupt, and refused to discuss the appointment. He stated he asked that the appointment be cancelled, and Dr. Maurina told him to contact his ex-wife for any other information. Father stated that he informed Dr. Maurina that he was a joint legal custodian and the final decision maker for non-emergency medical care. Father stated that Dr. Maurina abruptly hung up on him. Father stated that he found out Dr. Maurina had a second appointment with his son without his knowledge. Father stated that Dr. Maurina did not return his voicemails requesting the appointment be cancelled. Father stated that Dr. Maurina hung up on him on another occasion.

7. On or about November 8, 2023, CIU interviewed Dr. Maurina in person. Dr. Maurina stated that she relied on the minor patient's mother's ("Mother") representation to her that she had legal authority to make the appointment because Mother provided a copy of a document from her domestic relations case with Father, then pending in Georgia, that supported Mother's representation. Dr. Maurina showed the investigator a document Mother provided to her stating that ". . . the Mother shall have final decision-making authority for the child's non-emergency medical decisions and education decisions." Dr. Maurina stated that she did not see a reason for the complaint because she had already terminated counseling with the child. Dr. Maurina stated Father should not have been so rude because "many psychologists would not have

interrupted a counseling session to take the call.” Dr. Maurina stated that she diagnosed the child with ADHD based on her verbal interviews only. She conducted no formal testing. Dr. Maurina stated that Mother informed her that the child was on ADHD medication, but Dr. Maurina did not know who prescribed it.

8. The Committee also received a letter from Mother. Mother stated that she was a survivor of abuse by Father. Mother stated that Father has continued to abuse her through the court system for the past seven years. She stated that beginning in January 2023, Father allowed her to make medical decisions as agreed upon, but that in June 2023, Father refused to sign the official parenting agreement making her the final decision maker. Mother stated that was the document she provided to Dr. Maurina.

9. On or about June 4, 2024, Dr. Maurina appeared before the Committee. During her appearance, Dr. Maurina testified and answered questions from the Committee members. In her testimony, Dr. Maurina stated that she asked for documentation regarding custody and Mother brought legal documents. Dr. Maurina stated that she did not verify that the documents Mother brought were current, controlling versions of the necessary documents. She stated that she received no information from Father. Dr. Maurina stated that she did not have specific training or education in custody matters, however Dr. Maurina learned about counseling in custody matters during her schooling, but had no other formal training in it. Dr. Maurina’s practice included providing therapy to children and families involved in divorce and custody matters for about two decades, dating back to her internship in 2004.

10. Although Dr. Maurina retired from the practice of psychology on or about November 27, 2024, she had been planning, for at least a year, to retire prior to the end of 2024.

11. Section 337.033.1, RSMo, states, in relevant part:

A licensed psychologist shall limit his or her practice to demonstrated areas of competence as document by relevant professional education, training, and experience. A psychologist trained in one area shall not practice in another area without obtaining additional relevant professional education, training, and experience through an acceptable program of respecialization.

12. Regulation 20 C.S.R. 2235-5.030 states, in relevant part:

(1) General Principles.

(D) Violations. A violation of these ethical rules of conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct and is sufficient reason for disciplinary action or denial of either original licensure, reinstatement or renewal of licensure.

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(3) Competence.

(A) Limits on Practice. The psychologist shall limit practice and supervision to the areas in which competence has been gained through professional education, training derived through an organized training program and supervised professional experience. If important aspects of the client's problems fall outside the boundaries of competency, then the psychologist shall assist his/her client in obtaining additional professional consultation.

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(E) Sufficient Professional Information. A psychologist rendering a formal professional opinion about a person, for example about the fitness of a parent in a custody hearing, shall not do so without direct and substantial professional contact with or a formal assessment of that person or a detailed explanation of why such contact did not occur.

(4) Maintenance and Retention of Records.

(A) The psychologist rendering professional individual services to a client (or a dependent), or services billed to a third party payer, shall maintain professional records that include:

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6. The fee arrangement and documentation of discussion with client prior to initiation of services[.]

13. Cause exists, pursuant to violations of statute and regulation as detailed in Paragraphs 11-12 above, for the Committee to take disciplinary action against Dr. Maurina's license, as detailed in Paragraphs 3-9 above, under § 337.035.2, RSMo, which states in pertinent part:

2. The Committee may cause a complaint to be filed with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621, RSMo, against any holder of any certificate of registration or authority, permit or license required by this chapter or any person who has failed to renew or has surrendered the person's certificate of registration or authority, permit or license for any one or any combination of the following causes:

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(5) Incompetency, misconduct, gross negligence, fraud, misrepresentation or dishonesty in the performance of the functions or duties of any profession licensed or regulated by this chapter;

(6) Violation of, assisting, or enabling any person to violate, any provision of this chapter, or any lawful rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter;

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(15) Being guilty of unethical conduct as defined in "Ethical Rules of Conduct" as adopted by the committee and filed with the secretary of state.

**Part II**  
**Joint Agreed Disciplinary Order**

14. Based upon the foregoing, the parties mutually agree and stipulate that the following shall constitute the disciplinary order entered by the Committee in this matter under the authority of §§ 536.060, 621.045, and 621.110, RSMo.

15. Dr. Maurina's Missouri license to practice psychology, License No. 2006029913, is hereby **VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED AS REPORTABLE DISCIPLINE**. The Committee agrees to post a link to this Settlement Agreement on its website on the Discipline - Past Discipline page (<https://www.pr.mo.gov/psychologists-discipline.past.asp>). The parties to this Settlement Agreement understand that the Committee will maintain this Settlement Agreement as an open record of the Committee as provided in Chapters 324, 337, and 610, RSMo.

16. The terms of this Settlement Agreement are contractual, legally enforceable, and binding, not merely recital. Except as otherwise provided herein, neither this Settlement Agreement nor any of its provisions may be changed, waived, discharged, or terminated, except by an instrument in writing signed by the party against whom the enforcement of the change, waiver, discharge, or termination is sought.

17. Dr. Maurina, together with her heirs and assigns, and her attorneys, hereby waives, releases, acquits, and forever discharges the Committee, its respective members and any of its employees, agents, or attorneys, including any former Committee members, employees, agents, and attorneys, of, or from, any liability, claim, actions, causes of action, fees, costs and expenses, and compensation, including but not limited to, any claims for attorney's fees and expenses, including any claims pursuant to § 536.087, RSMo, or any claim arising under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, which may be based upon, arise out of, or relate to any of the matters raised in this case, its settlement, or from the negotiation or execution of this Settlement Agreement. The parties

acknowledge that this Paragraph is severable from the remaining portions of this Settlement Agreement in that it survives in perpetuity even in the event that any court of law deems this Settlement Agreement or any portion thereof to be void or unenforceable.

18. This Settlement Agreement goes into effect fifteen (15) calendar days after the document is signed by the Executive Director of the Committee.

**Licensee**

**State Committee of Psychologists**

Anne Maurina 6/20/25  
Anne Maurina, Psy.D. Date

Pamela Groose 6/20/2025  
Pamela Groose Date  
Executive Director

Effective Date: July 7, 2025