

**State of New Hampshire
Board of Acupuncture Licensing
Concord, New Hampshire 03301**

In the Matter of:
Joseph Matthews
ADS Lic. No. 49
(Misconduct Allegations)

Docket No. 23-ACU-001

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE

In order to avoid further proceedings before the New Hampshire Board of Acupuncture Licensing ("Board"), I, Joseph Matthews, per Plc 205.04 and Acp 403.04, do hereby voluntarily surrender my New Hampshire Acupuncture license (#49) to practice as an acupuncture detox specialist, effective as of the date I sign this document.

By voluntarily surrendering my license, I understand that:

1. I relinquish all rights and privileges to practice as an acupuncture detox specialist in the State of New Hampshire, effective as of the date I sign this document.
2. The Board has commenced an investigation into my practice pursuant to RSA 310:9.
3. On November 22, 2023, the Board issued an *Order of Emergency License Suspension and Notice of Hearing*.
4. This license surrender has occurred in settlement of pending allegations that I practiced outside the scope of practice as outlined in the Board's *Order of Emergency License Suspension and Notice of Hearing*.
5. I admit to no violations of any statutes, including RSA 328-G, or any administrative rules or ethics provisions adopted by the Board.

6. Should I again seek licensure in the State of New Hampshire, I must meet, and shall bear the burden of proving compliance with, all of the standards and prerequisites then required by the Board for new applicants, including professional character requirements.
7. Should I again seek licensure in the State of New Hampshire, the allegations in this matter shall be issues to be resolved in any future application, pursuant to Acp 704.04(e)(2).
8. The Board agrees that in return for my execution of this *Voluntary Surrender* the Board will not proceed with the formal adjudicatory process based upon the facts described in the *Order of Emergency License Suspension* and *Notice of Hearing*, except as noted above.
9. Once this document goes into effect, it will be reported as discipline and distributed to all relevant licensing authorities and professional societies in the same manner as a final decision making specific findings of professional misconduct would be so distributed.
10. This document shall become a permanent part of my file, and will be maintained by the Board as a public document.
11. I voluntarily submit this surrender of license to the Board and state that no promises or representations have been made to me other than those terms and conditions expressly stated herein. I understand the terms contained herein.
12. I have had the opportunity to seek and obtain the advice of an attorney of my choosing in connection with my decision to sign this document.

13. I am of sound mind and not under the influence of any substance that would impair my judgment at the time I sign this document.

FOR RESPONDENT

Feb 13, 2024
Date

Joseph Matthews
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FOR THE BOARD*/

ACCEPTED BY THE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING on this 8 ^{March} day of, 2024.

3-8-24
Date

Vicki L. Irwin, LAc
(Signature)

Vicki L. Irwin, LAc
(Print or Type Name)
Authorized Representative of the
New Hampshire Board of Acupuncture
Licensing

*/ Board members recused: