BEFORE THE
BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against: **PRISCILLA ANN RIOS** Associate Marriage and Family Therapist Registration Applicant Respondent.	Case No. 2002022001323

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Behavioral Sciences, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on January 5, 2023.

It is so ORDERED December 6, 2022.

FOR THE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
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In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against: **PRISCILLA ANN RIOS** Associate Marriage and Family Therapist Registration Applicant Respondent.	Case No. 2002022001323 **STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

PARTIES

1. Steve Sodergren (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Thomas L. Rinaldi, Supervising Deputy Attorney General.

2. Respondent Priscilla Ann Rios (Respondent) is representing herself in this proceeding and has chosen not to exercise her right to be represented by counsel.

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3. On or about September 20, 2021, Respondent filed an application dated August 20, 2021, with the Board to obtain an Associate Marriage and Family Therapist Registration. The Board denied the application on January 11, 2022.

JURISDICTION

4. Statement of Issues No. 2002022001323 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Statement of Issues and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on May 3, 2022.

5. A copy of Statement of Issues No. 2002022001323 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

6. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Statement of Issues No. 2002022001323. Respondent has also carefully read, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

7. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Statement of Issues; the right to be represented by counsel at her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Statement of Issues No. 2002022001323.

10. Respondent agrees that her Associate Marriage and Family Therapist Registration application is subject to denial and she agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Behavioral Sciences may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

13. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent Priscilla Ann Rios be issued an Associate Marriage and Family Therapist Registration upon successful completion of all registration requirements. Said registration shall be immediately revoked. The revocation will be stayed and Respondent placed on three (3) years' probation on the following terms and conditions.

Probation shall continue on the same terms and conditions if Respondent is granted a subsequent registration, becomes licensed, or is granted another registration or license regulated by the Board during the probationary period.

For the purpose of this Order, and consistent with Business and Professions Code section 23.7, all references to the word "license" contained in any term or condition below shall also be interpreted as meaning "registration."

1. **Psychological / Psychiatric Evaluation**

Within 90 days of the effective date of this Decision, and on a periodic basis thereafter as may be required by the Board or its designee, respondent shall complete a psychological or psychiatric evaluation by such licensed psychologists or psychiatrists as are appointed by the Board. The cost of such evaluation shall be borne by respondent. Failure to pay for the report in a timely fashion constitutes a violation of probation.

Such evaluator shall furnish a written report to the Board or its designee regarding respondent's judgment and ability to function independently and safely as a counselor and such other information as the Board may require. Respondent shall execute a Release of Information authorizing the evaluator to release all information to the Board. Respondent shall comply with the recommendations of the evaluator.

If a psychological or psychiatric evaluation indicates a need for supervised practice, (within 30 days of notification by the Board), respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee, for its prior approval, the name and qualification of one or more proposed supervisors and a plan by each supervisor by which the respondent's practice will be supervised.

If respondent is determined to be unable to practice independently and safely, upon notification, respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall not resume practice until notified by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall not engage in any practice for which a license issued by the Board is required, until the Board or its designee has notified respondent of its determination that respondent may resume practice.

2. **Psychotherapy**

Respondent shall participate in ongoing psychotherapy with a California licensed mental

health professional who has been approved by the Board. Within 15 days of the effective date of this Decision, respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for its prior approval the name and qualifications of one or more therapists of respondent's choice. Such therapist shall possess a valid California license to practice and shall have had no prior business, professional, or personal relationship with respondent, and shall not be respondent's supervisor. Counseling shall be at least once a week unless otherwise determined by the Board. Respondent shall continue in such therapy at the Board's discretion. Cost of such therapy is to be borne by respondent.

Respondent may, after receiving the Board's written permission, receive therapy via videoconferencing if respondent's good faith attempts to secure face-to-face counseling are unsuccessful due to the unavailability of qualified mental health care professionals in the area. The Board may require that respondent provide written documentation of her good faith attempts to secure counseling via videoconferencing.

Respondent shall provide the therapist with a copy of the Board's Decision no later than the first counseling session. Upon approval by the Board, respondent shall undergo and continue treatment until the Board or its designee determines that no further psychotherapy is necessary.

Respondent shall take all necessary steps to ensure that the treating psychotherapist submits quarterly written reports to the Board concerning respondent's fitness to practice, progress in treatment, and to provide such other information as may be required by the Board. Respondent shall execute a Release of Information authorizing the therapist to divulge information to the Board.

If the treating psychotherapist finds that respondent cannot practice safely or independently, the psychotherapist shall notify the Board within three (3) working days. Upon notification by the Board, respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall not resume practice until notified by the Board or its designee that respondent may do so. Respondent shall not thereafter engage in any practice for which a license issued by the Board is required until the Board or its designee has notified respondent that she may resume practice. Respondent shall document compliance with this condition in the manner required by the Board.

3. **Dependency Support Program**

Respondent shall attend a dependency support program approved by the Board no less than 3 times per week. Respondent shall provide proof of attendance at said program with each quarterly report that Respondent submits during the period of probation. Failure to attend, or to show proof of such attendance, shall constitute a violation of probation.

4. **Education**

Respondent shall take and successfully complete the equivalency of two semester units in substance use/abuse. All course work shall be taken at the graduate level at an accredited or approved educational institution that offers a qualifying degree for licensure as a marriage and family therapist, clinical social worker, educational psychologist, or professional clinical counselor or through a course approved by the Board. Classroom attendance must be specifically required. Course content shall be pertinent to the violation and all course work must be completed within 18 months (or as approved by the Board) from the effective date of this Decision.

Within 90 days of the effective date of the Decision respondent shall submit a plan for prior Board approval for meeting these educational requirements. All costs of the course work shall be paid by respondent. Units obtained for an approved course shall not be used for continuing education units required for renewal of licensure.

5. **Abstain from Controlled Substances / Submit to Drug and Alcohol Testing**

Respondent shall completely abstain from the use or possession of controlled or illegal substances unless lawfully prescribed by a medical practitioner for a bona fide illness.

Respondent shall immediately submit to random and directed drug and alcohol testing, at respondent's cost, upon request by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall be subject to a minimum number of random tests per year for the duration of the probationary term, as prescribed in the Uniform Standards Related to Substance Abuse listed herein. There will be no confidentiality in test results. Any confirmed positive finding will be immediately reported to Respondent, Respondent's current employer, and the supervisor, if any, and shall be a violation of probation.

If Respondent tests positive for a controlled substance, Respondent's license shall be automatically suspended. Respondent shall make daily contact as directed by the Board to

determine if she must submit to testing. Respondent shall submit her test on the same day that she is notified that a test is required. All alternative testing sites due to vacation or travel outside of California must be approved by the Board prior to the vacation or travel.

6. **Abstain from Use of Alcohol / Submit to Alcohol and Drug Testing**

Respondent shall completely abstain from the intake of alcohol during the period of probation.

Respondent shall immediately submit to random and directed drug and alcohol testing, at respondent's cost, upon request by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall be subject to a minimum number of random tests per year for the duration of the probationary term, as prescribed in the Uniform Standards Related to Substance Abuse listed herein. There will be no confidentiality in test results. Any confirmed positive finding will be immediately reported to Respondent, Respondent's current employer, and to the supervisor, if any, and shall be a violation of probation.

If Respondent tests positive for alcohol and/or a controlled substance, Respondent's license shall be automatically suspended. Respondent shall make daily contact as directed by the Board to determine if she must submit to testing. Respondent shall submit her drug test on the same day that she is notified that a test is required. All alternative testing sites due to vacation or travel outside of California must be approved by the Board prior to the vacation or travel.

7. **Obey All Laws**

Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all statutes and regulations governing the licensee, and remain in full compliance with any court ordered criminal probation, payments and other orders. A full and detailed account of any and all violations of law shall be reported by respondent to the Board or its designee in writing within seventy-two (72) hours of occurrence. To permit monitoring of compliance with this term, respondent shall submit fingerprints through the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation within 30 days of the effective date of the Decision, unless previously submitted as part of the licensure application process. Respondent shall pay the cost associated with the fingerprint process.

8. **File Quarterly Reports**

Respondent shall submit quarterly reports, to the Board or its designee, as scheduled on the "Quarterly Report Form" (rev. 07/2016). Respondent shall state under penalty of perjury whether she has been in compliance with all the conditions of probation. Notwithstanding any provision for tolling of requirements of probation, during the cessation of practice respondent shall continue to submit quarterly reports under penalty of perjury.

9. **Comply with Probation Program**

Respondent shall comply with the probation program established by the Board and cooperate with representatives of the Board in its monitoring and investigation of the respondent's compliance with the program.

10. **Interviews with the Board**

Respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the Board or its designee upon request at various intervals and with reasonable notice.

11. **Failure to Practice**

In the event respondent stops practicing in California, respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing within 30 calendar days prior to the dates of non-practice and return to practice. Non-practice is defined as any period of time exceeding thirty calendar days in which respondent is not engaging in any activities defined in Sections 4980.02, 4989.14, 4996.9, or 4999.20 of the Business and Professions Code. Any period of non-practice, as defined in this condition, will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term and will relieve respondent of the responsibility to comply with the probationary terms and conditions with the exception of this condition and the following terms and conditions of probation: Obey All Laws; File Quarterly Reports; Comply With Probation Program; Maintain Valid License/Registration; and Cost Recovery. Respondent's license shall be subject to cancellation if Respondent's periods of non-practice total two years.

12. **Change of Place of Employment or Place of Residence**

Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing within 30 days of any change of place of employment or place of residence. The written notice shall include the address, the telephone number and the date of the change.

13. **Supervision of Unlicensed Persons**

While on probation, respondent shall not act as a supervisor for any hours of supervised practice required for any license issued by the Board. Respondent shall terminate any such supervisorial relationship in existence on the effective date of this Decision.

14. **Notification to Clients**

Respondent shall notify all clients when any term or condition of probation will affect their therapy or the confidentiality of their records, including but not limited to supervised practice, suspension, or client population restriction. Such notification shall be signed by each client prior to continuing or commencing treatment. Respondent shall submit, upon request by the Board or its designee, satisfactory evidence of compliance with this term of probation.

15. **Notification to Employer**

Respondent shall provide each of her current or future employers, when performing services that fall within the scope of practice of her license, a copy of this Decision and the Statement of Issues or Accusation before commencing employment. Notification to respondent's current employer shall occur no later than the effective date of the Decision or immediately upon commencing employment. Respondent shall submit, upon request by the Board or its designee, satisfactory evidence of compliance with this term of probation.

Respondent shall provide to the Board the names, physical addresses, and telephone numbers of all employers, supervisors, and contractors.

Respondent shall complete the required consent forms and sign an agreement with the employer and supervisor, or contractor, and the Board to allow the Board to communicate with the employer and supervisor or contractor regarding the licensee or registrant's work status, performance, and monitoring.

16. **Violation of Probation**

If respondent violates the conditions of her probation, the Board, after giving respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may set aside the stay order and impose the discipline (revocation/suspension) of respondent 's license provided in the Decision.

If during the period of probation, an accusation, petition to revoke probation, or statement

of issues has been filed against respondent's license or application for licensure, or the Attorney General's office has been requested to prepare such an accusation, petition to revoke probation, or statement of issues, the probation period set forth in this Decision shall be automatically extended and shall not expire until the accusation, petition to revoke probation, or statement of issues has been acted upon by the Board. Upon successful completion of probation, respondent's license shall be fully restored.

17. **Maintain Valid License**

Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain a current and active license with the Board, including any period during which suspension or probation is tolled. Should respondent's license, by operation of law or otherwise, expire, upon renewal respondent's license shall be subject to any and all terms of this probation not previously satisfied.

18. **License Surrender**

Following the effective date of this Decision, if respondent ceases practicing due to retirement or health reasons, or is otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, respondent may voluntarily request the surrender of her license to the Board. The Board reserves the right to evaluate the respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, respondent shall within 30 calendar days deliver respondent's license and certificate and if applicable wall certificate to the Board or its designee and respondent shall no longer engage in any practice for which a license is required. Upon formal acceptance of the tendered license, respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation.

Voluntary surrender of respondent's license shall be considered to be a disciplinary action and shall become a part of respondent's license history with the Board. Respondent may not petition the Board for reinstatement of the surrendered license. Should respondent at any time after voluntary surrender ever reapply to the Board for licensure respondent must meet all current requirements for licensure including, but not limited to, filing a current application, meeting all current educational and experience requirements, and taking and passing any and all examinations

required of new applicants.

19. **Instruction of Coursework Qualifying for Continuing Education**

Respondent shall not be an instructor of any coursework for continuing education credit required by any license issued by the Board.

20. **Notification to Referral Services**

Respondent shall immediately send a copy of this Decision to all referral services registered with the Board in which respondent is a participant. While on probation, respondent shall send a copy of this Decision to all referral services registered with the Board that respondent seeks to join.

21. **Reimbursement of Probation Program**

Respondent shall reimburse the Board for the costs it incurs in monitoring the probation to ensure compliance for the duration of the probation period. Reimbursement costs shall be $1,200 per year.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Associate Marriage and Family Therapist Registration. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Behavioral Sciences.

DATED: 7-19-22 Priscilla Ann Rios

PRISCILLA ANN RIOS
Respondent

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ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Behavioral Sciences.

DATED: 8-19-2022

Respectfully submitted,

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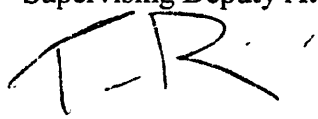

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Exhibit A

Statement of Issues No. 2002022001323

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PARTIES

1. Steve Sodergren (Complainant) brings this Statement of Issues solely in his official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs.

2. On or about September 20, 2021, the Board received an application for an Associate Marriage and Family Therapist Registration from Priscilla Ann Rios (Respondent). On or about August 20, 2021, Respondent certified under penalty of perjury to the truthfulness of all statements, answers, and representations in the application. The Board denied the application on January 11, 2022.

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JURISDICTION

3. This Statement of Issues is brought before the Board under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

4. Section 480 states, in pertinent part:

> (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, a board may deny a license regulated by this code on the grounds that the applicant has been convicted of a crime or has been subject to formal discipline only if either of the following conditions are met:
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> (1) The applicant has been convicted of a crime within the preceding seven years from the date of application that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the application is made, regardless of whether the applicant was incarcerated for that crime, or the applicant has been convicted of a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the application is made and for which the applicant is presently incarcerated or for which the applicant was released from incarceration within the preceding seven years from the date of application.

5. Section 4982 states, in pertinent part:

> The board may deny a license or registration or may suspend or revoke the license or registration of a licensee or registrant if he or she has been guilty of unprofessional conduct. Unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:
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> (a) The conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a licensee or registrant under this chapter. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred. The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if the conviction is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a licensee or registrant under this chapter. A conviction has the same meaning as defined in Section 7.5. The board may order any license or registration suspended or revoked, or may decline to issue a license or registration when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or, when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence. All actions pursuant to this subdivision shall be taken pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475).
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> (c) Administering to themself any controlled substance or using of any of the dangerous drugs specified in Section 4022, or of any alcoholic beverage to the extent, or in a manner, as to be dangerous or injurious to the person applying for a registration or license or holding a registration or license under this chapter, or to any other person, or to the public, or, to the extent that the use impairs the ability of the person applying for or holding a registration or license to conduct with safety to the

public the practice authorized by the registration or license. The board shall deny an application for a registration or license or revoke the license or registration of any person, other than one who is licensed as a physician and surgeon, who uses or offers to use drugs in the course of performing marriage and family therapy services.

REGULATORY PROVISIONS

6. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1812, subdivision (a) states:

> For purposes of denial, suspension, or revocation of a license pursuant to Section 141, Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475), or Section 4982, Section 4989.54, Section 4992.3, or Section 4999.90 of the Code, a crime, professional misconduct, or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a person holding a license under Chapters 13, 13.5, 14, and 16 of Division 2 of the Code if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a person holding a license to perform the functions authorized by the license in a manner consistent with the public health, safety or welfare. For purposes of this section, "license" shall mean license or registration.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

(Conviction of Substantially Related Crimes)

7. Respondent's application is subject to denial under sections 4982, subdivision (a) and 480, subdivision (a)(1), in that Respondent was convicted of crimes substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of an associate marriage and family therapist as follows:

a. On or about August 3, 2020, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (a) [driving under the influence of alcohol] with admitted enhancement of Vehicle Code section 23572 [minor under 14 years was a passenger in the vehicle] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Priscilla Ann Rios* (Super. Ct. Inyo County, 2020, No. MB-CRTR-2020-65158). The court sentenced Respondent to serve 10 days in jail and placed her on 36 months' probation, with terms and conditions. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about February 17, 2020, Respondent was contacted by an officer during a traffic enforcement stop. At the time of the stop, Respondent had a young child with her in the rear seat of the vehicle. While speaking to Respondent, the officer detected the odor of alcohol emitting her breath and her eyes were watery. While at the scene, Respondent submitted to a series of field sobriety tests which she was unable to perform as indicated. During the booking procedure, Respondent provided a breath sample that revealed a breath alcohol content level of 0.13% on the first reading and 0.14% on the second reading.

b. On or about March 18, 2015, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (a) [driving under the influence of alcohol], one misdemeanor count of violating Penal Code section 273A, subdivision (b) [willfully exposing a child to unjustifiable pain, suffering, or danger], and one misdemeanor count of violating Vehicle Code section 12500, subdivision (a) [driving without a valid license] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Priscilla Ann Rios* (Super. Ct. L.A. County, 2015, No. 4VY04834). The court sentenced Respondent to serve 45 days in jail and placed her on 48 months' probation, with terms and conditions. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about November 22, 2014, officers responded to a report of a hit and run. While at the scene, officers were notified that Respondent's boyfriend had called to notify police that Respondent was the driver in the hit and run. After officers contacted Respondent at her residence, they could smell the odor of alcohol emanating from her breath and person. Respondent admitted to drinking three glasses of wine and colliding with a parked vehicle. Respondent subsequently submitted to a series of field sobriety tests which she was unable to perform as indicated. During the booking procedure that followed, Respondent provided breath samples that revealed breath alcohol content levels of 0.14% and 0.12% respectively.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

(Dangerous Use of Alcohol)

8. Respondent's application is subject to denial under section 4982, subdivision (c), in that on or about February 17, 2020 and November 22, 2014, Respondent used alcohol to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to herself or others when she operated motor vehicles while having 0.08% or more of alcohol in her blood. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraph 7, as though set forth fully.

DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS

9. To determine the degree of discipline, Complainant alleges that on or about February 28, 2007, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was convicted of one misdemeanor count of violating Vehicle Code section 23103 [reckless driving] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The*

People of the State of California v. Priscilla Ann Rios (Super. Ct. L.A. County, 2007, No. 6WA28785). The court placed Respondent on 24 months' probation, with terms and conditions.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Behavioral Sciences issue a decision:

1. Denying the application of Priscilla Ann Rios for an Associate Marriage and Family Therapist Registration; and

2. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: April 27, 2022

Steve Sodergren

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Executive Officer
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