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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

VINCENT J. KABBAZ, P.T.  
RESPONDENT.

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**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance<sup>1</sup> Case No. 13 PHT 005

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Vincent J. Kabbaz  
2034 S. Stoughton Rd.  
Madison, WI 53716

Wisconsin Physical Therapy Examining Board  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Physical Therapy Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Vincent J. Kabbaz (dob November 15, 1969) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a physical therapist, having license number 5161-24, first issued on November 17, 1995, and current through February 28, 2015. Vincent J. Kabbaz's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 2034 S. Stoughton Rd., Madison, WI 53716-2850.

2. On March 1, 2013, a 29 year old female began treatment with Respondent.

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<sup>1</sup> The Division of Legal Services and Compliance was formerly known as the Division of Enforcement.

3. On March 19, 2013, Respondent told the patient he felt a connection and asked the patient if she was interested in starting an affair with him. While the patient was on the table, Respondent kissed her on the mouth; the patient reciprocated. When the treatment was completed, Respondent attempted to kiss the patient again, the patient pushed him away and said "no."

4. During the investigation of this matter, Respondent was fully cooperative, accepted full responsibility for his behavior and expressed remorse.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Physical Therapy Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.57, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Vincent J. Kabbaz, P.T. engaged in unprofessional conduct pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § PT 7.02 (19) by engaging in inappropriate sexual contact, gratification, or other sexual behavior with a patient.

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Vincent J. Kabbaz, P.T. is REPRIMANDED.

3. The physical therapist license issued to Vincent J. Kabbaz, P.T. (license number 5161-24) is LIMITED as follows:

a. Within nine (9) months of the date of this Order, Respondent shall successfully complete eight (8) hours of remedial education on the topic of professional boundaries, offered by a provider pre-approved by the Board's monitoring liaison. Successful completion shall include taking and passing any exam offered for the courses.

b. Within 30 days of satisfactorily completing the remedial education required above, Respondent shall submit, to the Department Monitor, proof of successful completion. Acceptable proof shall be verification from the institution providing the education.

c. None of the remedial education completed pursuant to this limitation may be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board or Department, and also may not be used in future attempts to upgrade a credential in Wisconsin.

d. This limitation shall be removed from Respondent's license after satisfying the Board or its designee that Respondent has successfully completed the education as ordered.

4. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Vincent J. Kabbaz, P.T. shall pay the COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$500.00.

5. Respondent shall submit requests, proof, and payments (payable to the Department of Safety and Professional Services) required by or relevant to this Order to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor  
Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935  
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264  
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

6. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of costs as ordered or fails to submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education as set forth above, Respondent's license (no. 5161-024) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of costs and completion of the education.

7. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINING BOARD

by: M. L. Thorman PT, DPT, MBA  
A Member of the Board

9/26/13  
Date

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