College of
COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH
PROFESSIONALS OF BC

THE COLLEGE OF COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH PROFESSIONALS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (the "College")

In the matter of a Regulatory Complaint under the
Health Professions and Occupations Act, SBC [2022] c 43 ("HPOA"), regarding:

Parminder Sohal, R.Ac
INQ-2025-00136TCMA

DISCIPLINARY ORDER
(pursuant to section 159 (2) (b) of the HPOA)

BY THE REGISTRAR:

WHEREAS:

A. On November 24, 2025, pursuant to section 33 (4) (a), (b), and (c) of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c 183 (the "HPA") the College initiated an investigation to determine whether the Respondent engaged in professional misconduct (the "Complaint"). The investigation was based on information reported to the College that the Respondent was the subject of a police investigation.

B. On December 4, 2025, the Respondent was provided with notice of the investigation regarding the Complaint.

C. At the outset of the investigation, a Panel of the College's Inquiry Committee met to consider whether action was necessary to protect the public during the investigation. On December 20, 2025, the Panel declined to impose an order pursuant to section 35 of the HPA.

D. The Respondent was provided with an opportunity to respond to the investigation before the College's Investigation Committee deliberated on the disposition of the Complaint.

E. On August 6, 2026, a panel of the College's Investigation Committee assessed the Complaint pursuant to section 134 (2) (b) of the HPOA.

F. Pursuant to section 136 of the HPOA, the Panel determined it had reasonable grounds to believe the Respondent committed the following acts of misconduct during a treatment that occurred on November 13, 2025:

i. The Respondent engaged in professional boundary violations in breach of section 3C of the Jurisprudent Handbook. In particular,

1. The Respondent accepted a gift (a Quran) from a patient (the "Patient");

2. The Respondent failed to appropriately manage discussions with the Patient during treatment by permitting conversations about religion; and

3. The Respondent disclosed personal information to the Patient during treatment, including details about the Respondent's mother's medical condition.

ii. The Respondent failed to obtain adequate consent documentation in violation of the College's Practice Standard: Consent to Treatment, section 15, and Practice Standard: Clinical Record Keeping, section 2.2 (f).

iii. The Respondent failed to adequately document a conflict with the Patient that occurred during treatment, in violation of the Practice Standard: Clinical Record Keeping, section 2.2.

iv. The Respondent permitted the Patient to undergo treatment while dressed only in his underwear and without appropriate draping. Although a towel was offered, the Patient declined it, and the Respondent allowed the treatment to proceed without ensuring adequate draping in violation of Practice Standard: Draping for Patients, section 6.

G. Pursuant to section 136 (2) (a) of the HPOA, the Panel directed the Registrar to dispose of the Complaint by making an order without the Respondent's consent pursuant to section 159 (2) (b) of the HPOA.

H. In accordance with section 256 of the HPOA, the Registrar must publish the terms of the Disciplinary Order and the reasons for the Disciplinary Order.

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

PURSUANT TO SECTION 159 (2) (b) AND 269 (d) (iii) OF THE HPOA, THE REGISTRAR ORDERS THAT:

1. The Respondent must complete the course entitled "Healthy Boundaries and Real Life Ethical Dilemmas for Acupuncturists" offered by Eastern Currents and report successful completion to the College within 3 months of the date of this order.

2. Within one month of successfully completing the coursework described in paragraph 1, the Respondent must meet by telephone or videoconference with a College Practice Advisor ("CPA"). The purpose of the meeting is for the CPA to provide practice mentorship to the Respondent while discussing the conduct issues outlined in this Order, the coursework completed by the Respondent, and the College Bylaws and Professional Standards. Specifically, the Respondent and the CPA will discuss the Respondent's obligation to:

    a. Maintain clear therapeutic boundaries with patients by ensuring that professional interactions remain patient-centered and appropriate, avoiding actions or personal disclosures that could blur the therapeutic relationship, compromise professional judgment, or shift the focus away from the patient's clinical care;

    b. Document every patient's informed consent to treatment in accordance with Professional Standards;

    c. Maintain accurate, objective, and timely clinical records that capture all significant clinical events, including treatment modifications, patient reactions, and any abrupt interruptions to care, with entries made as soon as reasonably possible after the clinical encounter; and

    d. Apply appropriate draping protocols during all clinical contact to preserve patient dignity and safety, ensuring coverings are offered, explained, and maintained at all times.

3. The Respondent is required to attend two additional meetings with the CPA within one year of his first meeting, to be scheduled at the discretion of the CPA, as well as additional meetings as required in the opinion of the CPA, which may be scheduled at the discretion of the CPA.

College of Complementary Health Professionals of British Columbia:

Marta Kumor Fane
Deputy Registrar

Dated at Vancouver this 19th day of October, 2026.