

IN THE MATTER OF  
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE  
NUMBER 184657  
ISSUED TO  
JAMES JOSEPH SAYAH

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BEFORE THE ELIGIBILITY  
AND DISCIPLINARY  
COMMITTEE  
OF THE TEXAS  
BOARD OF NURSING



I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.  
*Patricia A. Roman*  
Executive Director of the Board

**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

TO: James Joseph Sayah  
14012 Tierra Leona Dr.  
El Paso, Texas 79938

James Joseph Sayah  
c/o A Co. CPT Ochoa  
5005 N. Piedras Street  
El Paso, Texas 79920

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on August 18, 2009, the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case. This case was heard, and based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee of the Texas Board of Nursing finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing (22 TEX. ADMIN.CODE § 213.2(j)). All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.


NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 184657, previously issued to James Joseph Sayah, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 184657, previously issued to James Joseph Sayah, upon receipt of this Order, be immediately delivered to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multi-state privilege, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 18th day of August, 2009.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:   
KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served by placement in the U.S. Mail via certified mail, and addressed to the following person(s):

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El Paso, Texas 79938

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BY: Katherine A. Thomas  
KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

**In the Matter of Permanent License** § **BEFORE THE TEXAS**  
**Number 184657, Issued to** §  
**JAMES JOSEPH SAYAH, Respondent** § **BOARD OF NURSING**

### **FORMAL CHARGES**

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, JAMES JOSEPH SAYAH, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 184657, which is in current status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

#### **CHARGE I.**

On or about June 1, 2007, while holding a permanent license as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, Respondent engaged in illegal sexual contact with A.R., a female child younger than seventeen (17) years of age and not the spouse of Respondent by, on at least five (5) occasions, kissing and touching the child's breast and causing the child to masturbate Respondent.

On or about April 24, 2009, while holding a permanent license as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, Respondent was were arrested by the El Paso Police Department and charged with the offence of Indecency With A Child Sexual Contact, a Second Degree Felony and referred to the El Paso County District Attorney's Office where, during the January, 2009 Term of the El Paso County Grand Jury an Indictment was issued from the 168th Judicial District Court. Sexual misconduct that occurs outside of the workplace may raise questions as to whether that same misconduct will be repeated in the workplace and therefore affects the ability of the nurse to safely provide patient care. Sexual misconduct is a crime of moral turpitude. Crimes of sexual misconduct that involve abuse of a minor or a vulnerable person or taking advantage of another person are extremely serious grounds for denial of an initial application for licensure or revocation of the license.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(C)&(13).

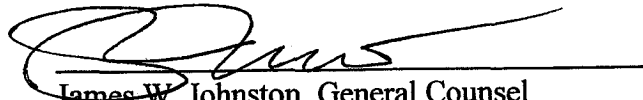
NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Board's rules, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 213.27 - 213.33. and TEX. OCC. CODE Ch. 53. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to § 301.461, TEX. OCC. CODE ANN. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, Board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, [www.bon.state.tx.us](http://www.bon.state.tx.us).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Sexual Misconduct which can be found at the Board's website, [www.bon.state.tx.us](http://www.bon.state.tx.us).

Filed this 1 day of June, 20 09.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



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