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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse § AGREED
License Number 455776 §
issued to MAUREEN ANNE LOPEZ § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of MAUREEN ANNE LOPEZ, Registered Nurse License Number 455776, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on August 18, 2008, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license.
2. Respondent waived informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received a Diploma in Nursing from Chestnut Hill Hospital School of Nursing, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 1, 1972; received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from The University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island, in 1978; and received a Master's Degree in Emergency Nursing from The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas, in 1985. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on December 1, 1980.

5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

6/72 - 11/80	Unknown	
12/80 - 8/82	Nurse Manager	Seton Medical Center Austin, Texas
9/82 - 2/83	Unknown	
3/83 - 3/85	Staff Nurse Emergency Room	St. Luke's/ Texas Children's Hospital Houston, Texas
4/85 - 7/85	Unknown	
8/85 - 6/88	Clinical Instructor Nursing	Neumann College Aston, Pennsylvania
9/85 - 6/89	Staff Nurse Emergency Room	Bryn Maur hospital Byrn Maur, Pennsylvania
7/89 - 1/92	Manager	South Texas Organ Bank San Antonio, Texas
2/92 - 6/97	President/ CEO	San Antonio Eye Bank San Antonio, Texas
7/97	Unknown	
8/97 - Present	School Nurse	Northside Independent School District Clarence Galm Elementary School San Antonio, Texas

6. At the time of the initial incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent was employed as a School Nurse with Northside Independent School District, assigned to Clarence Galm Elementary School, San Antonio, Texas, and had been in this position for nine (9) years and seven (7) months.

7. On or about March 29, 2007, while employed as a School Nurse with Northside Independent School District and assigned to Clarence Galm Elementary School, San Antonio, Texas, Respondent evaluated Student C.A., who presented to the nurse's office complaining of a stomachache. Pursuant to applicable rules and guidelines, Respondent evaluated the student and offered the student an opportunity to rest in the clinic until dismissal time. Subsequently, Respondent left the office, turning out the light, and leaving the student alone, forgetting that the student was there. Furthermore, Respondent failed to notify the school staff and the student's mother that the student was in her office, as required, before leaving the office. Respondent's did acknowledge the error, which Respondent has certified as inadvertent, and

did call C.A.'s parent on the same day of the error to apologize and explain the situation.

8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent admits that she inadvertently left the clinic while Student CA was still resting on the cot and that she did not inform the office staff of the student's status. Respondent explains that the student came to the clinic at 2:30 pm complaining of a stomach ache, at which time she took the student's temperature (98.4), asked the student what she had eaten for lunch, and then instructed the student to rest on the cot. Respondent states that she did not notify the student's mother because dismissal was at 2:45 pm. Respondent adds that the cot is located behind a file cabinet, for privacy, and is out of view of the office staff. Subsequently, the clinic has been rearranged to ensure that another incident like this does not occur again. In addition, the school staff have all been instructed to check the clinic every day before leaving the office.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555 , the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violations of Section 301.452(b)13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(A),(1)(B)&(1)(P) and 217.12(1)(B).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 455776, heretofore issued to MAUREEN ANN LOPEZ.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.1 *et seq.* and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of

Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license is encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-sized license issued to MAUREEN ANNE LOPEZ to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing within ten (10) days of the date of ratification of this Order for appropriate notation.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It shall be a minimum of six (6) contact hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT's successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address:*

<http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete the course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension. In order to receive credit for completion of this program, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure.

Information regarding this workshop may be found at the following web address:

<http://www.learningext.com/products/generalce/critical/ctabout.asp>.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be issued an unencumbered license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

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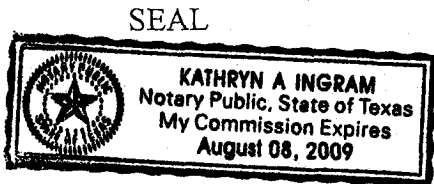
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violations alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 13 day of October, 2008.

Maureen Anne Lopez RN
MAUREEN ANNE LOPEZ, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of October, 2008.



Kathryn A. Ingram
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

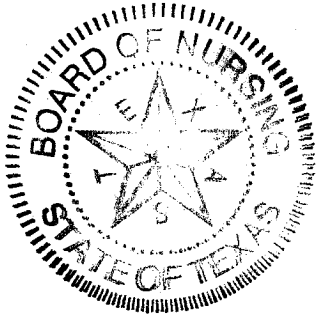
Approved as to form and substance.

Paula Maddox Roalson
Paula Maddox Roalson, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 17th day of October, 2008.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the ___
13th day of October, 2008, by MAUREEN ANNE LOPEZ, Registered Nurse License Number
455776, and said Order is final.

Effective this 21st day of October, 2008.



Katherine A. Thomas
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Executive Director on behalf
of said Board