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Stephanie P. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

IN THE MATTER OF PERMANENT
REGISTERED NURSE
LICENSE NUMBER 824846
ISSUED TO
ASHLEE NICOLE PULES,
RESPONDENT

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

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Ashlee Nicole Pules
118 Misty Brook Drive
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29302

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on **Tuesday, March 13, 2018**, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee 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(s) to practice 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 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 § 213.16(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.

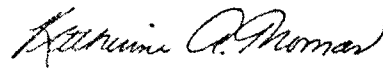
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 824846, previously issued to ASHLEE NICOLE PULES, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 13th day of March, 2018.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:



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

Attachment: Formal Charge filed September 18, 2017.

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Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 824846
Issued to ASHLEE NICOLE PULES
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

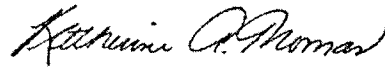
I hereby certify that on the 21st day of March, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s), as follows:

Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

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BY:

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

In the Matter of § **BEFORE THE TEXAS**
Permanent Registered Nurse §
License Number 824846 §
Issued to ASHLEE NICOLE PULES, §
Respondent § **BOARD OF NURSING**

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, ASHLEE NICOLE PULES, is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 824846, which is in delinquent 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, 2016 through the Present, while utilizing a Privilege to Practice (PTP) from Texas registered nursing license Number 824846, employed with Spartanburg Medical Center, Spartanburg, South Carolina, Respondent was practicing as a Registered Nurse without a valid license. Board records indicate that Respondent's license expired on May 31, 2016.

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)(H).

CHARGE II.

On or about May 3, 2017, while utilizing a Privilege to Practice (PTP) from Texas registered nursing license Number 824846, to practice registered nursing in the State of South Carolina was issued a Consent Agreement by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation, Columbia, South Carolina for the reason:

- a. Submitting a drug screen which resulted positive for Fentanyl
- b. Admitting to having a dependency issue with Opiates

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(5).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 213.27 - 213.33.

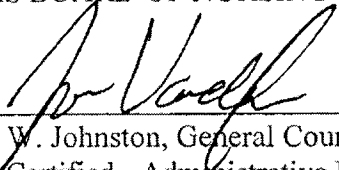
NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies related to Substance Use Disorders and Other Alcohol and Drug Related Conduct, which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, located at 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.33(b), which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

Filed this 18 day of September, 2017.

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BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of	§	AGREED
CHRISTINA LYNN GIBSON,	§	
a/k/a CHRISTINA LYNN NORTON,	§	
PETITIONER for Eligibility for Licensure	§	ELIGIBILITY ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the Petition for Declaratory Order, hereinafter referred to as the Petition, and supporting documents filed by CHRISTINA LYNN GIBSON, a/k/a CHRISTINA LYNN NORTON, hereinafter referred to as PETITIONER, requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Sections 301.252, 301.253, 301.257 and 301.258, Texas Occupations Code, and the Board's Rules at 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.30, together with any documents and information gathered by staff and Petitioner's Certification contained herein.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that PETITIONER may be ineligible for licensure pursuant to Sections 301.452(b)(3) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.

PETITIONER waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on December 4, 2017.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about July 5, 2017, Petitioner submitted the Petition requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure.
2. Petitioner was not enrolled in a Professional Nursing Program at the time of this petition.
3. Petitioner completed the Petition and answered "Yes" to the question which reads as follows:
"For any criminal offense, including those pending appeal, have you:
 - A. *been convicted of a misdemeanor?*
 - B. *been convicted of a felony?*

- C. *pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?*
 - D. *received deferred adjudication?*
 - E. *been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?*
 - F. *been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?*
 - G. *been granted pre-trial diversion?*
 - H. *been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?*
 - I. *been cited or charged with any violation of the law?*
 - J. *been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?*
- (You may only exclude Class C misdemeanor traffic violations.)"*

4. Petitioner disclosed the following criminal history, to wit:

On or about October 31, 2008, Petitioner entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE (LESS THAN ONE GRAM), a State Jail felony offense committed on September 8, 2008, in the 46th Judicial District Court, Wilbarger County, Texas, under Cause No. 11,194. As a result of the conviction, Petitioner was sentenced to confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for a period of two (2) years with credit given for time already served; however, imposition of the sentence of confinement was suspended, and Petitioner was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of one hundred forty dollars (\$140.00), along with a fine and court costs. Additionally, Petitioner was ordered to attend SAFPF for a period of not less than ninety (90) days or more than one (1) year. On or about March 14, 2011, Petitioner was discharged early from probation.

5. In response to Finding of Fact Number Four (4), Petitioner states that she was arrested for a felony possession of a controlled substance under one gram (methamphetamine). The District Attorney offered her Substance Abuse Felony Punishment. She attended half a day of treatment in groups for her six-month sentence. From there she was sent to a half way house to adjust into the community, where she stayed for two months. She then returned home to Wichita Falls, where she followed up on probation and attended mandated meetings two times a week for substance abuse treatment, as well as AA/NA meetings. She completed three years of her probation with a clean record attending every meeting and appointment that was asked of her. She did pay all her fines and asked the judge for an early release from her five-year probation sentence. The judge did grant her an early release and closed her file.
6. There is no evidence of any subsequent criminal conduct.
7. Petitioner has sworn that, with the exception of matters disclosed in connection with the Petition, her past behavior conforms to the Board's professional character requirements at 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.27.

8. The Executive Director considered evidence of Petitioner's past behavior in light of the character factors set out in 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.27 and determined that Petitioner currently demonstrates the criteria required for good professional character.
9. The Executive Director considered evidence of Petitioner's past criminal conduct in light of the considerations and criteria provided in 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§213.28 & 213.33, and, if applicable, Chapter 53, Section 53.001 *et seq.*, Texas Occupations Code.
10. The Executive Director's review of the grounds for potential ineligibility has been made on the basis of Petitioner's disclosures.
11. Petitioner has been advised by the Board that any information found to be incomplete, incorrect or misleading to the Board or a subsequent discovery of a basis of ineligibility will be considered by the Board and may result in an ultimate determination of ineligibility or the later revocation of a license obtained through fraud or deceit.
12. Petitioner shall immediately notify the Board of any fact or event that could constitute a ground of ineligibility for licensure under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 301.452 and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.
2. On or about July 5, 2017, Petitioner submitted the Petition requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Sections 301.252, 301.253, 301.257 and 301.258, Texas Occupations Code, and the Board's Rules at 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.30.
3. Petitioner's history reflects conduct which may constitute grounds for denial of a license under Section 301.452(b)(3), Texas Occupations Code.
4. The Board may probate the denial of a license under conditions for a specified term pursuant to Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.
5. The Board may license an individual who has been previously convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, pled guilty or pled nolo contendere to any crime whether or not a sentence was imposed upon consideration of the factors set out in 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.28 and evaluating the direct relationship to nursing according to 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.28 and, if applicable, Chapter 53, Section 53.001 *et seq.*, Texas Occupations Code.
6. The Board may license an individual with prior behaviors inconsistent with the Board's character requirements if, upon evaluation of the factors in 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.27, and pursuant to 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.33, the Board is satisfied that the individual is able to consistently conform her conduct to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.

7. This Order is conditioned upon the accuracy and completeness of Petitioner's disclosures. Any subsequently discovered discrepancies will result in investigation and possible disciplinary action, up to revocation of Petitioner's license(s).

TERMS OF ORDER

I. ELIGIBILITY FOR LICENSURE

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that the Petition of PETITIONER is hereby **GRANTED**, and upon meeting the requirements for graduation of an appropriate program in nursing education and payment of any required fees, PETITIONER is **ELIGIBLE** to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN® Examination) and/or the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN® Examination), as applicable.

- A. PETITIONER SHALL NOT be eligible for temporary authorization to practice as a Graduate Vocational Nurse (GVN) and/or as a Graduate Nurse (GN), as applicable, in the State of Texas.
- B. Upon payment of any required fees and upon attaining a passing grade on the applicable National Council Licensure Examination, PETITIONER shall be issued the applicable license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW AND APPLICABILITY

While under the terms of this Order, PETITIONER agrees to 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.

- A. Until successfully completed, any and all licenses issued to Petitioner shall be subject to the terms of this Order.
- B. This Order SHALL be applicable to PETITIONER'S nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

- C. As a result of this Order, PETITIONER'S license will be designated "single state" and PETITIONER may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state.

III. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)

In addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may require for licensure renewal, Petitioner SHALL successfully complete the following remedial education course(s) **within one (1) year of licensure, unless otherwise specifically indicated:**

- A. **A Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics** that shall be a minimum of six (6) 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. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.
- B. 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/these course(s), Petitioner SHALL CAUSE the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form or SHALL submit the continuing education certificate, as applicable, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office. Petitioner SHALL first obtain Board approval of any course prior to enrollment if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. *Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at www.bon.texas.gov/compliance.*

IV. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

Upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from PETITIONER'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and, subject to meeting all existing eligibility requirements in Texas Occupations Code Chapter 304, Article III, PETITIONER may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

I am the Petitioner in this matter. I have fully and truthfully disclosed all of my past conduct which could constitute grounds for licensure ineligibility, and I have caused a complete and accurate criminal history to be submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing from each jurisdiction in which I have been adjudged guilty by way of conviction or deferred order. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my application/petition, has been in conformity with the Board's character rule. I have provided the Board with complete and accurate documentation of my past conduct in violation of the penal law of any jurisdiction which was disposed of through any procedure short of conviction, such as: conditional discharge, deferred adjudication or dismissal. I have no criminal prosecution pending in any jurisdiction.

In connection with my application, I acknowledge that I have read and I understand Sections 301.157(d), 301.252, 301.253, 301.257, 301.258, 301.260, 301.452, and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code, and Chapter 53, Section 53.001 *et seq.*, Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§213.27, 213.28, 213.29, and 213.30. I agree with all terms of this Order, including the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any stipulations as set out in this Order. I acknowledge that this Order is stipulated and I understand that I am not eligible to receive a Temporary Permit to practice nursing. I agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to accepting any license from the Texas Board of Nursing.

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(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

I understand that I can be represented by an attorney in this matter. I waive representation by counsel, notice, administrative hearing, and judicial review of this Order and request that the Texas Board of Nursing ratify this Order.

Signed this 6th day of February, 2018.

[Handwritten Signature]

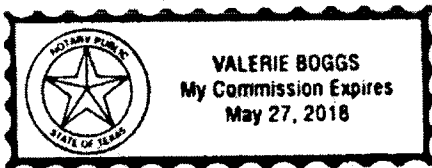
CHRISTINA LYNN GIBSON, a/k/a CHRISTINA LYNN NORTON, PETITIONER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of February 2018

[Handwritten Signature]


Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby accept and enter the Agreed Eligibility Order that was signed on the 16th day of February, 2018, by CHRISTINA LYNN GIBSON, a/k/a CHRISTINA LYNN NORTON, PETITIONER for Eligibility for Licensure, and said Order is final.

Effective this 16th day of March, 2018.



Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director on behalf
of said Board