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Patricia P. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse § **AGREED**
License Number 703636 §
issued to MELANIE ELIZABETH CAMPBELL § **ORDER**

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Bo
accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 703636, issued to MELANIE
ELIZABETH CAMPBELL, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in
accordance with Section 301.453(c) of the Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and
hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was provided to Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, 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 an Associate Degree from Tarrant County Junior College, Fort Worth, Texas on December 12, 2003. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 2, 2004.
5. Respondent's professional employment history includes:

03/04 - 09/08	RN	Baylor Southwest Fort Worth, Texas
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Respondent's professional nursing employment history continued:

11/08 - 03/09 RN Harris Methodist
Fort Worth, Texas

03/09 - Present Unemployed

6. On or about May 15, 2009 through July 21, 2009, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing in that she disclosed to the Texas Board of Nursing that she completed six (6) weeks of inpatient treatment for substance abuse/dependency after she was hospitalized following an overdose. Respondent's conduct could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.
7. On or about July 29, 2009, Respondent was indicted for the offense of "Possession of a Controlled Substance in an amount of less than one (1) gram," a State Jail Felony by the Grand Jury of Rockwall County, Texas.
8. On or about August 31, 2009, Respondent submitted an online renewal application to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "no" to the following questions:

"In the past 5 years, have you been addicted or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug? (You may answer "no" if you have completed and/or are in compliance with TPAPN)."

Respondent failed to disclose that, on or about June 8, 2009 through July 21, 2009 she completed six (6) weeks of inpatient treatment for substance abuse/dependency. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the Board and could have affected the decision to issue a license.
9. In response to the incident outlined in Finding of Fact Number Six (6) and Seven (7), Respondent states her arrest in September 2009 was due to her overdose at an acquaintance's house on May 15, 2009. 911 was called and she was transported to the hospital while the police searched some rooms in the house. Illegal substances were confiscated from the house, but it was not determined who they belonged to so no arrests were made and no tickets were given. The Respondent was released from the hospital a few hours later and returned home to her parent's house. Soon after, she admitted herself into an inpatient treatment facility. On September 20, 2009, after treatment and ninety days of sobriety, she was pulled over for a routine traffic stop and notified of a warrant issued for her arrest from Rockwall County on August 8, 2009.
10. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

11. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.
12. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or chemical dependency.

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 violation of Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(5),(11)(B)&(13).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.453(a), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered License Number 703636, heretofore issued to MELANIE ELIZABETH CAMPBELL, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Registered License Number 703636, heretofore issued to MELANIE ELIZABETH CAMPBELL, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Texas Board of Nursing.

In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional nursing, use the title "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order; and, RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.
3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multistate privilege, if any, to practice 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 waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation 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 this Order becomes final when accepted by the Executive Director at which time the terms of this Order become effective and a copy will be mailed to me.

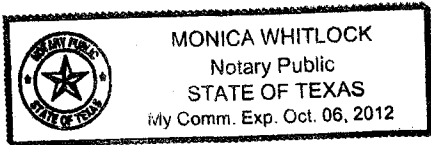
Signed this 22 day of December, 2009.

Melanie Elizabeth Campbell
MELANIE ELIZABETH CAMPBELL, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of December, 2009.


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Monica Whitlock
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 703636, previously issued to MELANIE ELIZABETH CAMPBELL.

Effective this 29th day of December, 2009.


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

