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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED
Registered Nurse License Number 760562 §
issued to SARA ANN BALDWIN § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of SARA ANN BALDWIN, Registered Nurse License Number 760562, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 301.251, Texas Occupations Code, and Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on September 21, 2012.

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(s).
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 in Nursing from Presentation College, Aberdeen, South Dakota, on May 15, 1976. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on September 3, 2008.
5. Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history includes:

1977- 1981	RN	University of Utah Medical Center Salt Lake City, Utah
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Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history (continued):

1981 - 1983	RN	Napa County Health Department Napa, California
1983 - 1990	Nursing Instructor	Rapid City Regional Hospital Rapid City, South Dakota
1984 - 2005	RN	Rapid City Hospital Rapid City, South Dakota
1991 - 2008	Assistant Professor	South Dakota State University Rapid City, South Dakota
1999 - 2006	Project Consultant	Demonstration Project and Grant through South Dakota Department of Health and Center for Disease Control and Prevention Pierre, South Dakota
2008 - Present	Associate Professor	Texas A&M University Corpus Christi, Texas

6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as Associate Professor with Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, Texas, and had been in this position for approximately two (2) years.
7. On or about June 1, 2010 through October 18, 2011, while employed as Associate Professor with Texas A & M University College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Corpus Christi, Texas, Respondent practiced professional nursing without a valid license. Respondent's license became delinquent on June 1, 2010. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the employer and could have affected the decision to continue employment.
8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that she was working as a nursing professor at Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, primarily in the Masters Nursing Program, which is 100% online. After learning her license had lapsed, she immediately called the Texas BON Customer Service number and verified what address was on file. They had the correct address and she was told she only needed to send in the RN Online Renewal Form, Renewal fee, and 20 CEU's. She states her Dean told her she needed to also contact the Enforcement Division. She is new to the State and was unfamiliar with the Texas BON's license renewal process and time line. She states she was not required by her current workplace to keep a valid license on file. The lapse was unintentional.

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(s) of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(H)&(11)(B).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Sections 301.251 and 301.452(b)(1) &(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 760562, heretofore issued to SARA ANN BALDWIN, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION AND A FINE, 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, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license(s) is/are encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a nurse licensure compact 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, 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) 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.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>.

(2) 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. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: <http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>.*

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order . Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

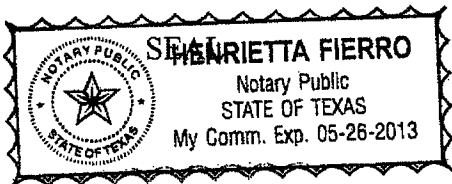
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order.

I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) 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(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 22 day of Oct, 2012.

Sara Ann Baldwin
SARA ANN BALDWIN, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of October, 2012.



Henrietta Fierro

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 ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 22nd day of October, 2012, by SARA ANN BALDWIN, Registered Nurse License Number 760562, and said Order is final.



Effective this 29th day of October, 2012.

Katherine A. Thomas

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Executive Director on behalf
of said Board