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*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of § AGREED  
Registered Nurse License Number 735361 §  
issued to ROXANNE CELESTE WALDEN § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board considered the matter of ROXANNE CELESTE WALDEN, Registered Nurse License Number 735361, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10) and 301.453, 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 March 28, 2013.

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 from Tri-County Technical College, Pendleton, South Carolina on May 15, 1999. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on November 10, 2006.
5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history is unknown.

6. On or about September 12, 2007, Respondent was arrested by the Houston Police Department, Houston, Texas, for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on or about September 12, 2007.

On or about January 22, 2008, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of "DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED," a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on or about September 12, 2007, in the County Criminal Court at Law Number 4 of Harris County, Texas, under Cause No. 1484883. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Harris County Jail, Harris County, Texas, for a period of three (3) days (with two (2) days credit) and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

7. On or about September 6, 2011, Respondent was arrested by the Pasadena Police Department, Pasadena, Texas, for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED 2ND, a Class A misdemeanor committed on or about September 6, 2011.

On or about October 25, 2011, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of "DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED 2ND OFFENDER," a Class A misdemeanor offense committed on or about September 6, 2011, in the County Criminal Court at Law Number 4 of Harris County, Texas, under Cause No. 177974301010. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Harris County Jail, Harris County, Texas, for a period of one (1) year; however, imposition of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of one (1) year and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

8. In response to the incidents in Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6) and Seven (7), Respondent states that she does not deny the allegations regarding the Nursing Practice Act. Respondent adds that she has completed her probation, community service and paid all fines. Respondent further adds that her actions do not reflect the oath she took when she became a nurse. Respondent states that she will continue to work on her recovery with diligence and that of her ability.
9. The Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.
10. 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.
11. Formal Charges were filed on January 31, 2013.
12. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on February 1, 2013.

13. Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact resulted from or was significantly influenced by Respondent's substance use disorder.
14. Respondent's compliance with the terms of a Board approved peer assistance program should be sufficient to protect patients and the public.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.455, 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(13).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 735361, heretofore issued to ROXANNE CELESTE WALDEN, up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. The Board may, in its discretion, order a nurse to participate in a peer assistance program approved by the Board if the nurse would otherwise have been eligible for referral to peer assistance pursuant to Section 301.410, Texas Occupations Code.

#### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL comply with the following conditions for such a time as is required for RESPONDENT to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN):

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this final Order, apply to TPAPN and SHALL, within ninety (90) days following the date of entry of this final Order, sign and execute the TPAPN participation agreement and complete the enrollment process, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the

amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) payable to TPAPN.

(2) Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, RESPONDENT SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN participation agreement to the Texas Board of Nursing.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep all applicable license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas current.

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN participation agreement.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED, RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, Section §§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 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 multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT fail to comply with this Order or the terms of the participation agreement with the TPAPN, such noncompliance will result in further disciplinary action including EMERGENCY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of Respondent's license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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. I do acknowledge possessing a diagnosis that deems me eligible to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Conditions One (1) through Four (4) of this Order to obtain disposition of the allegations through peer assistance and to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order becomes effective upon acceptance by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, and 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.

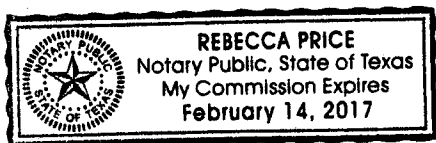
Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

Roxanne Celeste Walden RW  
ROXANNE CELESTE WALDEN, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

SEAL

[Signature]  
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 and enter the Agreed Order that was signed on the 6th day of May, 2013, by ROXANNE CELESTE WALDEN, Registered Nurse License Number 735361, and said Order is final.

Entered and effective this 8th day of May, 2013.



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