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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 571399	§	
issued to THERESA CLAUSE	§	ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of THERESA CLAUSE, Registered Nurse License Number 571399, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ART. 4525(a)(2)&(9)(effective 9/1/1989), 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 August 5, 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 in Nursing from Houston Community College, Houston, Texas, on May 1, 1991. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 26, 1991.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.

6. On or about May 17, 1991, Respondent submitted a Registration by Examination form to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question:

"Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than minor traffic violations?"

Respondent failed to disclose the following:

On or about November 19, 1980, Respondent entered a plea of Nolo Contendere and was convicted of Count I: DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a misdemeanor offense committed on February 8, 1980, in the County Court, Broward County, Florida, under Case No. 80009527TT10. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

Or about September 15, 1982, Respondent was convicted of Count II: DISORDERLY CONDUCT, in the County Court, Broward County, Florida, under Case No. 80019593MM10. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to incarceration in the Broward County Jail for a period of one (1) day.

On or about October 18, 1982, Respondent entered a plea of Nolo Contendere to and was convicted of Count I: DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a misdemeanor offense committed on December 9, 1980, in the County Court, Broward County, Florida, under Case No. 80047351TT10. As a result of the conviction, Respondent placed on probation for a period of six (6) months and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

On or about December 29, 1983, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to and was convicted of DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE LIQUOR, a misdemeanor offense committed on November 2, 1983, in the County Criminal Court at Law No. 10, Harris County, Texas, under Cause No. 737679. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Harris County Jail for a period of ninety (90) days; however, imposition of the sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of two (2) years and ordered to pay a fine. On or about April 8, 1985, Respondent was released from probation.

7. Formal Charges were filed on July 3, 2013.
8. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on July 8, 2013.
9. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6) through Eight (8), Respondent states she was a graduate nurse asking for assistance to fill out her application. She was concerned because of several misdemeanor convictions nine years earlier. She was told she really only needed to go back five years prior. So she did not mention the prior convictions when she was younger. She did not intentionally lie or give false information. In response to the first

conviction she does not remember the exact circumstances. She was 18 and that was legal drinking age. She was unaware of laws/consequences of her behavior. On the second charge, she was in an argument with a friend and the police questioned her and she was arrested and she spent the night in jail. She was charged with disorderly conduct according to the records. The second charge of DWI occurred on December 9, 1980. She does not remember the exact circumstances except, according to records, she was convicted and placed on probation. The fourth charge she does not recall going to jail ever on DWI in Texas. Additionally, Respondent states she was on her own and the world was exciting and fun she was very naive regarding responsibilities and laws and the seriousness of her actions back then and she did not have good role models in her life. She moved to Texas to start over, got married and had a son and became a registered nurse. Drinking was no longer part of her life. She realizes what is at stake and she regrets what she did when she was young and will adhere to all the principals of the Nurse Practice Act.

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 §217.13(15)(effective 9/1987).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ART. 4525(a)(2)&(9)(effective 9/1/1989), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 571399, heretofore issued to THERESA CLAUSE, 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 a 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 (\$250) dollars. 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 may 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.

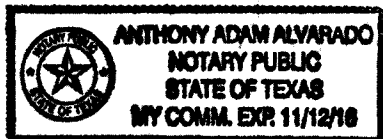
I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I 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 05
09 day of September, 2013.
Theresa Clause
THERESA CLAUSE, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5 day of September, 2013.

SEAL

Anthony Adam Alvarado
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 5th day of September, 2013, by THERESA CLAUSE, Registered Nurse License Number 571399, and said Order is final.

Effective this 10th day of September, 2013.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Katherine A. Thomas".

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