#### **DOCKET NUMBER 507-14-0181**

IN THE MATTER OF § BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE PERMANENT CERTIFICATE § NUMBER 748685 § OF ISSUED TO § ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

### OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO:

LESLIE ANN LORE 12223 WESTLOCK DR. TOMBALL, TX 77377

PRATIBHA J. SHENOY ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE 300 WEST 15TH STREET AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

At the regularly scheduled public meeting on January 23-24, 2014, the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) considered the following items: (1) Order Number 1, *Dismissing Case*, issued by the ALJ in the above cited matter; (2) Staff's recommendation that the Board revoke the Respondent's registered nursing license by default; and (3) Respondent's recommendation to the Board regarding the above cited matter, if any.

On October 9, 2013, the ALJ convened a hearing on the merits in this matter. Staff of the Board was present for the hearing. However, the Respondent was not present at the hearing, and no one appeared on her behalf. During the hearing on October 9, 2013, Staff introduced evidence into the record demonstrating that Respondent had been sent a Notice of Hearing by first class certified mail return receipt requested to her last known address of record maintained by the Board in accordance with 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.10(a). The ALJ found that Staff's notice was adequate and issued Order No. 1, granting Staff's Motion for Default and dismissing the case from the docket of SOAH and remanding it to the Board for informal disposition on a default basis in accordance with the Government Code §2001.056.

The Board, after review and due consideration of Order Number 1, *Dismissing Case*, issued by the ALJ in the above cited matter, finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with the Government Code §2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Occupations Code Chapter 301 (Nursing Practice Act) for retention of Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas. The Board further finds that the First Amended Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with the Occupations Code §301.458. The Board further finds that proper and timely notice regarding the violations alleged in the First Amended Formal Charges was given to Respondent in accordance with the requirements of the Government Code §2001.051 and §2001.052 and 1 Tex. Admin. Code §155.501. The Board further finds that the Respondent failed to appear in accordance with 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 213 and 1 Tex. Admin. Code §155.501. As a result of the



is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.

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Respondent's failure to appear, the Board has determined that the factual allegations listed in the First Amended Formal Charges are to be deemed admitted by default and the Board is authorized to enter a default order against the Respondent pursuant to the Government Code §2001.056 and 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.22. Further, the Board has determined that it is entitled to revoke the Respondent's registered nursing license pursuant to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.33(m).

Therefore, the Board hereby adopts the factual allegations, which have been deemed admitted, and the conclusions of law contained in the First Amended Formal Charges, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes, and 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 in accordance with the Government Code Chapter 2001 and 22 Tex. Admin.Code §213.23(I), as applicable. 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.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED THAT Permanent Certificate Number 748685, previously issued to LESLIE ANN LORE, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

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

FURTHER, pursuant to the Occupations Code §301.467, RESPONDENT is not eligible to petition for reinstatement of licensure until at least one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order. Further, upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT must satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

Entered this <u>J3vd</u> day of January, 2014.

**TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING** 

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE BOARD

Attachment: First Amended Formal Charges

In the Matter of	§	BEFORE THE TEXAS
Permanent Registered Nurse	8	
License Number 748685	8	
Issued to LESLIE ANN LORE,	§	
Respondent	§	<b>BOARD OF NURSING</b>

# FIRST AMENDED FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, LESLIE ANN LORE, is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 748685 which is in current 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 April 10, 2008, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on November 26, 2007, in the County Criminal Court at Law No. 1, Harris County, Texas, under Cause No. 1493714. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Harris County Jail for a period of three (3) days with two (2) days credit time served, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

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(13).

#### CHARGE II.

On or about September 11, 2008, Respondent submitted an Online Renewal Document Registered Nurse to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question, which states in pertinent part:

"Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense, including those pending appeal:

## A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?..."

Respondent failed to disclose that, on or about April 10, 2008, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on November 26, 2007, in the County Criminal Court at Law No. 1, Harris County, Texas, under Cause No. 1493714. Respondent's conduct was deceiving and may have affected the Board's decision to renew her license.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I).

### CHARGE III.

On or about September 29, 2009, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED 2<sup>nd</sup>, a Class A misdemeanor offense committed on April 17, 2009, in the County Criminal Court at Law No. 1 of Harris County, Texas, under Cause No. 1594057. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Harris County Jail for a period of one (1) year; 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 and court costs.

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(13).

### CHARGE IV.

On or about June 26, 2013, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED 3RD OFFENDER BAC .08, a 3rd Degree felony offense committed on March 5, 2013, in the 232nd District Court, Harris County, Texas, under Cause No. 137969801010. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Institutional Division, Texas Department of Criminal Justice for a period of ten (10) years; however, imposition of the sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on felony probation for a period of five (5) years, and confinement in the Harris County Jail for a period of ten (10) days as a condition of probation. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay court costs.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).

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. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to Section 301.461, Texas Occupations Code. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, Board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

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, <a href="www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct and on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder, and for Lying and Falsification, which can be found at the Board's website, <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html">www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html</a>.

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