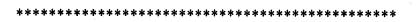
BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



In the Matter of \$ AGREED Vocational Nurse License Number 194869 \$ issued to BRENDA LEE AGBEYE, a/k/a, \$ BRENDA LEE LOPEZ \$ ORDER

Executive Director of the Board

Boar

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Boar considered the matter of BRENDA LEE AGBEYE, a/k/a, BRENDA LEE LOPEZ, Vocational Nurse License Number 194869, 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)(2),(3)&(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 February 24, 2014.

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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Schreiner College, Kerrville, Texas, on August 6, 2004. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on September 16, 2004.
- 5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history is unknown.

- 6. On or about November 29, 2005, Respondent entered a plea of Nolo Contendere to and was convicted of THEFT BY CHECK, a misdemeanor offense, committed on December 16, 2004, in the County Court at Law, Kerr County, Texas, under Cause No. CR05-1540. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Kerr County Jail for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days; however, the imposition of confinement was suspended and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of twenty-four (24) months, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
- 7. On or about February 28, 2007, Respondent submitted a Texas Online Renewal Document to the Board of Nurse Examiners in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question: "Have you ever been convicted, placed on community supervision whether or not adjudicated guilty, sentenced to serve jail or prison time or granted pre-trial diversion, or plead guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, or received a court order whether or not a sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrests whether or not on appeal (excluding minor Class C traffic violations)? This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudications with or without a finding of guilt. Please note that DUIs, DWIs, and PIs must be reported and are not considered minor traffic violations. One time in possession [MIP] or minor in consumption [MIC] does not need to be disclosed; therefore, you may answer "No." If you have two or more MIPs or MICs, you must answer "Yes." You may answer "No" if you have previously disclosed a criminal matter otherwise responsive to this question in a renewal and/or licensure form."

Respondent failed to disclose that, on or about November 29, 2005, Respondent entered a plea of Nolo Contendere to and was convicted of THEFT BY CHECK, a misdemeanor offense, committed on December 16, 2004, in the County Court at Law, Kerr County, Texas, under Cause No. CR05-1540. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Kerr County Jail for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days; however, the imposition of confinement was suspended and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of twenty-four (24) months.

8. On or about August 12, 2008, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to and was convicted of THEFT BY CHECK, a Class A misdemeanor offense, committed on August 28, 2007, in the County Court at Law, Kerr County, Texas, under Cause No. CR071903. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Kerr County Jail for a period of three hundred sixty-five (365) days; however, the imposition of confinement was suspended and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of six (6) months, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of nine hundred fifteen dollars and sixty cents (\$915.60), along with a fine and court costs. On January 29, 2009, a Motion and Order to Revoke was entered in the County Court, Kerr County, Texas. The motion to revoke was dismissed in County Court at Law, Kerr County, Texas, for the reasons: "This offense was taken into account in determining sentence in Cause No. CR080-1398 in the County Court at Law Court of Kerr County, Texas pursuant to Section 12.45, Texas Penal Code, and Other:

12.45 this MTR into CR08-1398."

- 9. On or about February 22, 2009, Respondent submitted an Online Renewal Document to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question: "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?
 - B. been convicted of a felony?
 - C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
 - D. received deferred adjudication?
 - E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
 - F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?
 - G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
 - H. been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?
 - I. been <u>cited</u> or charged with any violation of the law?
 - J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?"

Respondent failed to disclose that:

On or about August 12, 2008, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to and was convicted of THEFT BY CHECK, a Class A misdemeanor offense, committed on August 28, 2007, in the County Court at Law, Kerr County, Texas, under Cause No. CR071903. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Kerr County Jail for a period of three hundred sixty-five (365) days; however, the imposition of confinement was suspended and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of six (6) months.

On or about October 15, 2008, Respondent was arrested by the Kerr County Sheriff's Office, Kerrville, Texas, for THEFT PROP>=\$20<\$500 BY CHECK, a Class B misdemeanor offense. Respondent was subsequently charged under Cause No. CR081398 for THEFT STOLEN PROP>=\$20<\$500 BY CHECK. The charge was pending at the time of renewal.

- 10. On or about February 21, 2011, Respondent submitted an Online Renewal Document to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question: "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?
 - B. been convicted of a felony?
 - C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
 - D. received deferred adjudication?
 - E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?

- F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?
- G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
- H. been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?
- I. been <u>cited</u> or charged with any violation of the law?
- J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?"

Respondent failed to disclose that, on or about May 19, 2009, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to THEFT BY CHECK, a Class B misdemeanor offense, committed on September 15, 2008, in the County Court at Law, Kerr County, Texas, under Cause No. CR081398. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred, without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of two (2) months, and ordered to a fine and court costs.

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)(I)&(13).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(2),(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 194869, heretofore issued to BRENDA LEE AGBEYE, a/k/a, BRENDA LEE LOPEZ, 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/compliance.

- (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/compliance.
- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00). 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 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 23rd day of April, 2014.

BRENDA LEE AGBEYE, a/k/a, BRENDA LEE LOPEZ, Respondent

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of ____

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SEAL

BRANDON JOSIAH THOMPSON Notary Public, State of Texas My Commission Expires July 27, 2016 Notary Public in and for the State of

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 23rd day of April, 20_14, by BRENDA LEE AGBEYE, a/k/a, BRENDA LEE LOPEZ, Vocational Nurse License Number 194869, and said Order is final.

Effective this 19th day of May, 2014.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board