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*Patricia Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of § REINSTATEMENT  
Registered Nurse License Number 616604 §  
issued to CANICE CHUKWUOCHA § AGREED ORDER

On this day came to be considered by the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, the Petition for Reinstatement of Registered Nurse License Number 616604, held by CANICE CHUKWUOCHA, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner.

An informal conference was held on January 6, 2015, at the office of the Texas Board of Nursing, in accordance with Section 301.464, Texas Occupations Code.

Petitioner appeared in person. Petitioner was notified of his right to be represented by legal counsel and elected to waive representation by counsel. In attendance were Denise Benbow, MSN, RN - Consultant for Nursing Practice, Executive Director's Designee; John F. Legris, Assistant General Counsel; Anthony L. Diggs, MSCJ, Director, Enforcement Division; Stacey Cropley, DNP, RN, Nursing Consultant; and Diane E. Burell, Monitoring Supervisor.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Petitioner and Petitioner was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
2. Petitioner waived representation by counsel, notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this Order.
3. Petitioner received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Jamaica, West Indies, on April 1, 1994. Petitioner was originally licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 13, 1995.
4. Petitioner's nursing employment history includes:

1995	RN	Richardson Manor Dallas, Texas
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Petitioner's nursing employment history continued:

1996	RN	Woodwind Lake Healthcare Houston, Texas
1996 - 2000	RN	Northway Healthcare Houston, Texas
2001 - 2006	RN	Sam Houston Gardens Houston, Texas
2002	RN	Jacinto City Health Care Houston, Texas
2002	RN	Twelve Oaks Hospital Houston, Texas
2002	RN	Cleveland Regional Hospital Cleveland, Texas
2002	RN	Veteran Memorial Hospital Houston, Texas
2002	RN	Manda Ann Convalescent Home Houston, Texas
2007	RN	Harmony Healthcare Chicago, Illinois
2007- 2010	RN	Lake Shore Nursing & Rehabilitation Chicago, Illinois
2010 - 2011	RN	California Gardens Chicago, Illinois
2011 - 2012	RN	Alden Convalescent Center Chicago, Illinois
2013 - 2014	RN	Renaissance Park South Chicago, Illinois
2014	RN	Brightview Healthcare & Rehabilitation Chicago, Illinois

5. On August 14, 2012, Petitioner's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas was revoked by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the August 14, 2012, Order of the Board, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as a part of this Order.
6. On or about August 25, 2014, Petitioner submitted a Petition for Reinstatement of License to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
7. Petitioner presented the following in support of his petition:
  - 7.1. Documentation of termination/completion, dated December 15, 2003, for Petitioner's Deferred Adjudication issued August 1, 2003.
  - 7.2. Certified Statement of Disposition from the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, reflecting that on May 17, 2010, a complaint was filed charging Petitioner with the offense of Driving Under the Influence/BAC .08. On August 8, 2014, the aforementioned cause was held for a hearing and the order entered by the Court was Terminated/Satisfied.
  - 7.3. Letter of support, dated August 18, 2014, from Beatriz Andrade, HR Director, Brightview Healthcare & Rehabilitation Centre, Chicago, IL. Ms. Andrade states Petitioner has been working at Brightview Healthcare & Rehabilitation Centre since November 10, 2013, and is a part-time nurse. He is currently on leave and will be permitted to come back to work when his license is reinstated.
  - 7.4. Letter of support, dated August 16, 2014, from Mene Senewo IkpoBari, College Professor and Knight of Columbus, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. IkpoBari is a church member of St. Ignatius Parish in Chicago with Petitioner and he is also a fellow member of the order of Knight of Columbus at St. Ignatius. Mr. IkpoBari got to know Petitioner through his participation in these two associations and came to see his admirable qualities. He believes him to be empathetic, and shows dedication to whatever course he believes in. Mr. IkpoBari states as a devoted family man in a medical profession, Petitioner has tremendous potential to be a great asset to society. He strongly supports his effort to reinstate his nursing license.
  - 7.5. Letter of support, dated August 14, 2014, from Anthony C. Ibeagha, Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Ibeagha has known Petitioner for five years and is also a member of St. Ignatius Parish. Throughout those five years Petitioner has persistently displayed a caring attitude, sincerity and maturity in his dealings with others in both their church community and the wider public they serve. Mr. Ibeagha states charity is one of the fundamental principles of the organization and it demands a well-integrated character, dedication to duties to society, profession, family and other personal endeavors. He believes Petitioner represents those qualities well and has proven to be a worthy member of their organization.
  - 7.6. Documentation of the required continuing education contact hours.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Pursuant to Section 301.467, Texas Occupations Code, the Board may refuse to issue or renew a license, and may set a reasonable period that must lapse before reapplication. Pursuant to 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26, the Board may impose reasonable conditions that a Petitioner must satisfy before reissuance of an unrestricted license.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that the petition of CANICE CHUKWUOCHA, Registered Nurse License Number 616604, to practice nursing in the state of Texas, be and the same is hereby GRANTED, AND SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS SO LONG AS THE PETITIONER complies 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 the stipulations contained in 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 Petitioner to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Petitioner's license(s) is/are encumbered by this Order, Petitioner 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 Petitioner wishes to work.

(1) PETITIONER SHALL pay all re-registration fees and be issued a license to practice nursing in the State of Texas, which shall bear the appropriate notation. Said license issued to CANICE CHUKWUOCHA, shall be subject to the following agreed post-licensure stipulations:

(2) PETITIONER SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars. PETITIONER SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of relicensure. 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.

(3) PETITIONER SHALL, within one (1) year of relicensure, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. PETITIONER 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. PETITIONER 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 PETITIONER'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>

(4) PETITIONER SHALL, within one (1) year of relicensure, 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, PETITIONER 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>.*

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

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PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Reinstatement Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my Petition for Reinstatement of Licensure, has been in conformity with the Board's professional character rule. I have provided the Board with complete and accurate documentation of my past behavior in violation of the penal law of any jurisdiction which was disposed of through any procedure short of convictions, such as: conditional discharge, deferred adjudication or dismissal. I have no criminal prosecution pending in any jurisdiction.

I have reviewed this Order. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me. I agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to reinstating my license to practice professional nursing in the state of Texas. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas will be revoked, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

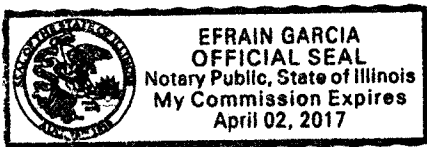
Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of JANUARY, 2015.




CANICE CHUKWUOCHA, Petitioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2015.

SEAL



  
Notary Public in and for the State of Illinois

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Reinstatement Agreed Order that was signed on the 21st day of January, 2015, by CANICE CHUKWUOCHA, Registered Nurse License Number 616604, and said Order is final.

Effective this 10th day of March, 2015.



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



IN THE MATTER OF  
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE  
NUMBER 616604  
ISSUED TO  
CANICE CHUKWUOCHA

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BEFORE THE ELIGIBILITY  
AND DISCIPLINARY  
COMMITTEE  
OF THE TEXAS  
BOARD OF NURSING

**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

TO: Canice Chukwuocha  
2411 W. Fargo #206  
Chicago, IL 60645

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on August 14, 2012, the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee of the Texas Board of Nursing finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the

proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference for all purposes and the 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 [22 TEX. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(j)]. 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 616604, previously issued to Canice Chukwuocha, to practice professional 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 nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 14th day of August, 2012.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:



KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Attachment: Formal Charge filed May 21, 2012.

Re: Permanent Certificate Number 616604  
Issued to CANICE CHUKWUOCHA  
DEFAULT ORDER -REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012, a true and correct copy of the foregoing  
DEFAULT ORDER was served by placement in the U.S. Mail via certified mail, and addressed to  
the following person(s):

Canice Chukwuocha  
2411 W. Fargo #206  
Chicago, IL 60645

BY:



KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

In the Matter of Permanent License § BEFORE THE TEXAS  
Number 616604, Issued to §  
CANICE CHUKWUOCHA, Respondent § BOARD OF NURSING

### FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, CANICE CHUKWUOCHA, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 616604, which is in delinquent 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 26, 2004, Respondent submitted an Online Renewal Document for Registered Nurses and Registered Nurses With Advanced Practice Authorization to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, in which Respondent provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question:

"Since issuance or last renewal, have you plead guilty (including no contest plea), been found guilty or convicted of any felony or misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation? (Note: DWI or DUI, including first offenses, are not considered minor traffic violations.)"

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about August 1, 2003, Respondent pled Guilty to ASSAULT CAUSES BODILY INJURY, a Class A misdemeanor offense committed on April 2, 2003, in the County Criminal Court No. 013, Harris County, Texas, under Cause No. 1172770.

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(22)(eff. 9/1/1999-9/28/2004).

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, [www.bon.texas.gov](http://www.bon.texas.gov).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Lying and Falsification, which can be found at the Board's website, [www.bon.texas.gov](http://www.bon.texas.gov).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at [www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html](http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html).

Filed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



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