BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of

§ AGREED

Vocational Nurse License Number 315017

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issued to ASIF T. SAYANI

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of ASIF T. SAYANI, Vocational Nurse License Number 315017, 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)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on September 1, 2015.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 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 notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent's license to practice as a vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Concord Career Institute, Arlington, Texas, on June 8, 2011. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on July 30, 2013.
- 5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:

07/13 - 02/14

Unknown

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Respondent's vocational nursing employment history continued:

02/14 - Present LVN

Lexington Place Richland Hills, Tx

- 6. On or about September 11, 2012, Respondent was issued an Agreed Eligibility Order by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Eligibility Order dated September 11, 2012, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 7. On or about July 31, 2014, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Eligibility Order issued to him by the Texas Board of Nursing on September 11, 2012. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number One (1) of the Agreed Eligibility Order which states, in pertinent part:
 - "(1) PETITIONER SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. ..."
- 8. On or about February 15, 2015, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Eligibility Order issued to him by the Texas Board of Nursing on September 11, 2012. Noncompliance is the result of his failure to cause his then present employer, Lexington Place, Richland Hills, Texas, to submit a periodic report to the Texas Board of Nursing. Respondent failed to comply with Stipulation Number Five (5) of the Agreed Eligibility Order, dated February 15, 2015, which states, in pertinent part:
 - "(5) PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each present employer to submit, on forms provided to PETITIONER by the Board, periodic reports as to PETITIONER'S capability to practice nursing ... These reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month period for one (1) year of employment as a nurse."
- 9. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent states he had a lot of financial crunch due to his daughter starting college around the same time his wife got laid off. He assures the Board that he is scheduling the jurisprudence course this week and will keep us posted.
- 10. Formal Charges were filed on June 25, 2015.
- 11. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on July 1, 2015.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 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(11)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 315017, heretofore issued to ASIF T SAYANI.

TERMS OF ORDER

I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS AND A FINE in accordance with the terms of this Order.

- A. This Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- B. This Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- C. Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state without first obtaining the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the nurse licensure compact party state where Respondent wishes to work.

II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT agrees to 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.

III. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) 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.

IV. COMPLIANCE WITH PRIOR ORDER

The Order of the Board issued to RESPONDENT on September 11, 2012, is still in effect in its entirety and RESPONDENT SHALL be responsible for completing the terms of that Order with the course due within six (6) months from the date of this Order.

V. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

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

derstand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to sign; this Agreed Order.

I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor dely the violation(s) atleg: he ein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order, and any conditions of ship order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. "a ve judicial review of this Order. I in certain 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 composite the all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including possible revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texa: as a consequence of my noncompliant.

Signed this 10th day of novembon, 2015

AST TSAYANI Respondent

Sworn to and sub libed before me this 10th day of November 2015

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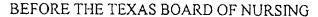
WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 10th day of November, by ASIF T SAYANI, Vocational Nurse License Number 315017, and said Order is final.

Effective this 8th day of December , 20 15.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board





AGREED

In the Matter of §

ASIF T. SAYANI,

PETITIONER for Eligibility for Licensure

\$ ELIGIBILITY ORDER

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the Application by Examination, which has been processed as a Petition for Declaratory Order pursuant to 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE§217.2(b) and §213.30, and supporting documents filed by ASIF T. SAYANI, hereinafter referred to as PETITIONER, together with any documents and information gathered by staff and Petitioner's Certification contained herein.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that PETITIONER may be ineligible for licensure pursuant to Sections 301.452(b)(10) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.

PETITIONER waived representation by counsel, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on May 23, 2012, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On or about February 21, 2011, PETITIONER submitted an Application by Examination requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Sections 301.252, 301.253, 301.257 and 301.258, Texas Occupations Code, and the Board's Rules at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE§217.2(b) and §213.30.
- 2. Petitioner waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Petitioner received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Concorde Career Institute, Arlington, Texas, on June 1, 2011.



- 4. Petitioner completed the Application by Examination and answered "Yes" to the question which reads as follows: "For any criminal offense, including those pending appeal, have you:
 - 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?

(You may only exclude Class C misdemeanor traffic violations.)"

- 5. Petitioner disclosed the following criminal history, to wit:
 - A. On or about September 7, 1994, Petitioner was arrested by the New York Police Department, New York, New York, for OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE 10/100 OF 1 PCT ALCOHOL and OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE INTOXICATED.

On or about September 8, 1994, Petitioner plead Guilty and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a misdemeanor offense committed on September 7, 1994, in the Criminal Court of the City of New York, under Cause No. 78413. As a result of the conviction, Petitioner was placed on probation for a period of one (1) year, with driver's license suspended for a period of ninety (90) days.

B. On or about April 20, 2001, Petitioner was arrested by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Austin, Texas, for SELL TO MINORS - ALCOHOL, a Class A misdemeanor offense

On or about August 22, 2001, Petitioner plead Guilty to SELL TO MINOR - ALCOHOL, a Class A misdemeanor offense committed on April 20, 2001, in the County Court at Law No. 2 of Tarrant County, Texas, under Cause No. 807378. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Petitioner were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt and Petitioner was placed on probation for a period of six (6) months. On or about February 26, 2002, Petitioner was discharged from probation.

C. On or about February 28, 2004, Petitioner was arrested by the Arlington Police Department, Arlington, Texas, for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a Class B misdemeanor offense On or about October 21, 2004, Petitioner plead Guilty and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on February 28, 2004, in the County Court at Law No. 10 of Tarrant County, Texas, under Cause No. 932210. As a result of the conviction, Petitioner was sentenced to confinement in the Tarrant County Jail for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days; however, imposition of the sentence of confinement was suspended and Petitioner was placed on probation for a period of twenty-four (24) months. On or about November 14, 2006, Petitioner was discharged from probation.

D. On or about June 2, 2010, Petitioner was arrested by the Euless Police Department, Euless, Texas, for FAIL TO IDENTIFY FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE, a Class A misdemeanor offense.

On or about December 10, 2010, Petitioner plead Guilty to FAIL TO IDENTIFY FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE, a Class A misdemeanor offense committed on June 2, 2010, in the County Court at Law No. 9 of Tarrant County, Texas, under Cause No. 120212. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Petitioner were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt and Petitioner was placed on probation for a period of nine (9) months.

- 6. There is no evidence of any subsequent criminal conduct.
- 7. Petitioner has sworn that, with the exception of matters disclosed in connection with the Application by Examination, his past behavior conforms to the Board's professional character requirements at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.27.
- 8. Petitioner presented no evidence of behavior which is inconsistent with good professional character.
- 9. The Executive Director considered evidence of Petitioner's past behavior in light of the character factors set out in 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.27 and determined that Petitioner currently demonstrates the criteria required for good professional character.
- 10. The Executive Director considered evidence of Petitioner's past criminal conduct in light of the considerations and criteria provided in 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§213.28 & 213.33, and, if applicable, Chapter 53, Section 53.001 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.
- 11. Licensure of Petitioner poses no direct threat to the health and safety of patients or the public provided Petitioner complies with the stipulations outlined in this Order.
- 12. The Executive Director's review of the grounds for potential ineligibility has been made on the basis of Petitioner's disclosures.

- 13. Petitioner has been advised by the Board that any information found to be incomplete, incorrect or misleading to the Board or a subsequent discovery of a basis of ineligibility will be considered by the Board and may result in an ultimate determination of ineligibility or the later revocation of a license obtained through fraud or deceit.
- 14. Petitioner shall immediately notify the Board of any fact or event that could constitute a ground of ineligibility for licensure under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 301.452 and 301.453, Texas
 Occupations Code.
- 2. On or about February 21, 2011, PETITIONER submitted an Application by Examination requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Sections 301.252, 301.253, 301.257 and 301.258, Texas Occupations Code, and the Board's Rules at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE§217.2(b) and §213.30.
- 3. Petitioner's history reflects conduct which may constitute grounds for denial of a license under Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code.
- 4. The Board may probate the denial of a license under conditions for a specified term pursuant to Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.
- The Board may license an individual who has been previously convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, pled guilty or pled nolo contendere to any crime whether or not a sentence was imposed upon consideration of the factors set out in 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.28 and evaluating the direct relationship to nursing according to 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.28 and, if applicable, Chapter 53, Section 53.001 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.
- 6. The Board may license an individual with prior behaviors inconsistent with the Board's character requirements if, upon evaluation of the factors in 22 Tex. ADMIN. Code §213.27, and pursuant to 22 Tex. ADMIN. Code §213.33, the Board is satisfied that the individual is able to consistently conform his conduct to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.
- 7. This Order is conditioned upon the accuracy and completeness of Petitioner's disclosures. Any subsequently discovered discrepancies will result in investigation and possible disciplinary action, up to revocation of Petitioner's license(s).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED that, upon meeting the requirements for graduation of an appropriate program in nursing education and payment of any required fees, PETITIONER is ELIGIBLE to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN® Examination) and/or the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN® Examination), as applicable.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that PETITIONER SHALL NOT be eligible for temporary authorization to practice as a Graduate Vocational Nurse (GVN) and/or as a Graduate Nurse (GN), as applicable, in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that, upon payment of any required fees and upon attaining a passing grade on the appropriate National Council Licensure Examination, PETITIONER shall be issued the applicable license to practice nursing in the State of Texas, and while under the terms of this Order, all licenses issued to PETITIONER shall be subject to the following stipulations:

PETITIONER SHALL obtain and read the Texas Nursing Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure, and Practice.

PETITIONER 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 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 Asif Sayani :063

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to a nurse licensure compact privilege without the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where PETITIONER wishes to work.

(1) PETITIONER SHALL, within one (1) year of licensure, 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. Boardapproved courses may be found at the following Board website address: http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD PETITIONER PRACTICE AS A NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, PETITIONER WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING AND PETITIONER MUST WORK IN SUCH SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR ONE (1) YEAR

OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWELVE (12) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR OF EMPLOYMENT THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN) OR A VOCATIONAL NURSE (LVN) LICENSE, AS APPROPRIATE, WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD:

- (2) PETITIONER SHALL notify each present employer in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on PETITIONER'S license(s). PETITIONER SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each present employer within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. PETITIONER SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on PETITIONER'S license(s). PETITIONER SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.
- (3) PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- (4) PETITIONER SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed and practicing as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed and practicing as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, who is on the premises. The supervising Nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as PETITIONER, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising Asif Sayani:063

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nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the PETITIONER is currently working. PETITIONER SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). PETITIONER SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. PETITIONER SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(5) PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, periodic reports as to PETITIONER'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the Nurse who supervises the PETITIONER. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month period for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

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 shall be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

I am the Petitioner in this matter. I have fully and truthfully disclosed all of my past conduct which could constitute grounds for licensure ineligibility, and I have caused a complete and accurate criminal history to be submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing from each jurisdiction in which I have been adjudged guilty by way of conviction or deferred order. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my application and/or petition, has been in conformity with the Board's character rule. I have provided the Board with complete and accurate documentation of my past conduct in violation of the penal law of any jurisdiction which was disposed of through any procedure short of conviction, such as: conditional discharge, deferred adjudication or dismissal. I have no criminal prosecution pending in any jurisdiction.

In connection with my application and/or petition, I acknowledge that I have read and I understand Sections 301.157(d), 301.252, 301.253, 301.257, 301.258, 301.260, 301.452, and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code, and Chapter 53, Section 53.001 et seq., Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§213.27, 213.28, 213.29, and 213.30. I agree with all terms of this Order, including the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any stipulations as set out in this Order. I acknowledge that this Order is stipulated and I understand that I am not eligible to receive a Temporary Permit to practice nursing. I agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to accepting any license from the Texas Board of Nursing.

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.

I understand that I can be represented by an attorney in this matter. I waive representation, notice, administrative hearing, and judicial review of this Order and request that the Texas Board of Nursing ratify this Order.

Signed this 14 day offuguet, 2012.

ASIF T. SAYANI, PETITIONER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

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JENNIFER FERGUSON Notary Public, State of Texas My Commission Expires April 20, 2016 Notary Public on and for the State of

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Eligibility Order that was signed on the 14th day of August, 2012, by ASIF T. SAYANI, PETITIONER for Eligibility for Licensure, and said Order is final.

Effective this 11th day of September, 2012.

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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board