

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of §
 Vocational Nurse License Number 229137 §
 issued to JULIO CESAR LOPEZ, §
 PETITIONER for Exception §

ORDER GRANTING PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION

A public meeting of the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee of the Board, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, was held on May 10, 2016, at 333 Guadalupe, Tower 3, Suite 460, Austin, Texas, to consider the Petition for Exception and supporting documents filed by JULIO CESAR LOPEZ, hereinafter referred to as PETITIONER.

PETITIONER appeared in person.

Board Members in attendance were: Patricia Clapp, BA; Kathy Shipp, MSN, RN, FNP; and Kathy Leader-Horn, LVN. Staff present were: James W. Johnston, General Counsel; Anthony L. Diggs, Director, Enforcement Division; John DeLaRosa, Program Specialist; Kathy Hoffman, Legal Assistant Supervisor; Krystal Mendoza, Legal Assistant; Diane E. Burell, Compliance Supervisor; Janell Miller, RN, Investigator; Nicolas Lopez, RN, Investigator; and Genny Davis, RN, Investigator.

After review and due consideration of the filed Petition, the Committee voted to GRANT the Petition for Exception.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Petitioner is required to comply with and complete all of the requirements of the November 13, 2012, Agreed Order, except that Stipulation Number Seven (7) is modified as follows:

(7) For the duration of the stipulation/probation period, RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed 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 RESPONDENT, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Respondent is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL not be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health, except that RESPONDENT may accept employment at Epic Health Services, Pharr, Texas. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited. RESPONDENT SHALL meet all other requirements of this Order while working at Epic Health Services, Pharr, Texas.

All other terms and conditions of the November 13, 2012, Agreed Order remain unchanged and Petitioner is responsible for complying with those terms.

Entered this 10th day of May, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine A. Thomas".

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