BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse License Number 314077

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issued to DANIEL LEE CASTILLO

hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of DANIEL LEE CASTILLO, Vocational Nurse License Number 314077,

xecutive Director of the Board

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 May 13, 2016.

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 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 Brightwood College, San Antonio, Texas, on March 23, 2012. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on May 30, 2013.
- 5. Respondent's complete nursing employment history is unknown.
- 6. On or about April 9, 2013, Respondent was issued an Agreed Eligibility Order by the Texas Board of Nursing. Respondent has not successfully completed the terms of this Order. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order dated April 9, 2013, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

7. On or about March 15, 2016, Respondent became noncompliant with the Agreed Eligibility Order issued to him by the Texas Board of Nursing on April 9, 2013. Noncompliance is the result of his failure to comply with all requirements of the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) participation agreement. Respondent failed to check into the program's drug testing administration system and missed drug screens on November 17, 2014, January 27, 2015, and August 3, 2015. In addition, on or about February 29, 2016, Respondent failed to abstain from the consumption of alcohol, in that he produced a urine specimen for a random drug screen that resulted positive for Ethyl Glucoronide (EtG) and Ethyl Sulfate (EtS), which are metabolites of Alcohol (ethanol).

Stipulation Number Three (3) of the Agreed Eligibility Order, dated April 9, 2013, states:

"(3) PETITIONER SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN contract during its term."

On or about March 15, 2016, Respondent was dismissed from TPAPN and referred back to the Board.

- 8. Respondent's last known date of sobriety is February 29, 2016 as indicated in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7).
- 9. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or chemical dependency.
- 10. Formal Charges were filed on June 26, 2016.
- 11. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on July 7, 2016.
- 12. Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.
- 13. Respondent's conduct as described in the preceding Finding(s) of Fact resulted from or was significantly influenced by Respondent's substance use disorder.
- 14. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or substance use disorder.
- 15. Respondent's compliance with the terms of a Board approved peer assistance program should be sufficient to protect patients and the public.

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(9)&(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 314077, heretofore issued to DANIEL LEE CASTILLO, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 5. Pursuant to Section 301.463(d), Texas Occupations Code, this Agreed Order is a settlement agreement under Rule 408, Texas Rules of Evidence, in civil or criminal litigation.
- 6. The Board may, in its discretion, order a nurse to participate in a peer assistance program approved by the Board if the nurse would otherwise have been eligible for referral to peer assistance pursuant to Section 301.410, Texas Occupations Code.

TERMS OF ORDER

I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that Vocational Nurse License Number 314077, previously issued to DANIEL LEE CASTILLO, to practice nursing in Texas is hereby **SUSPENDED** and said suspension is **ENFORCED** until Respondent:

- A. Applies to, is accepted into, and completes enrollment in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN), including payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00); and
- B. Waives confidentiality and <u>provides a copy of the fully executed TPAPN</u>

 <u>participation agreement to the Board.</u>

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, upon verification of successful completion of the above requirements, the Suspension will be **STAYED**, and RESPONDENT will be placed on /0/314077:261

PROBATION for such a time as is required for RESPONDENT to successfully complete the TPAPN **AND** until Respondent fulfills the additional requirements of this Order.

- C. RESPONDENT SHALL pay all re-registration fees, if applicable, and RESPONDENT'S licensure status in the State of Texas will be updated to reflect the applicable conditions outlined herein.
- D. RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep all applicable license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas current.
- E. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN participation agreement.
- F. This Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- G. This Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- H. 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. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)

In addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may require for licensure renewal, RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete the following remedial education course(s) within one (1) year of the suspension being stayed:

A Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics that 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. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.

In order to receive credit for completion of this/these course(s), RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form or SHALL submit the continuing education certificate, as applicable, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office. RESPONDENT SHALL first obtain Board approval of any course prior to enrollment if the course is not being offered by a preapproved provider. Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at www.bon.texas.gov/compliance.

IV. FURTHER COMPLAINTS

If, during the period of probation, an additional allegation, accusation, or petition is reported or filed against the Respondent's license(s), the probationary period shall not expire and shall automatically be extended until the allegation, accusation, or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

V. EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE

SHOULD RESPONDENT fail to comply with this Order or the terms of the participation agreement with the TPAPN, such noncompliance will result in further disciplinary action including TEMPORARY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of Respondent's license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

VI. 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.

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. I do acknowledge possessing a diagnosis that deems me eligible to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order and all conditions of said Order to obtain disposition of the allegations through peer assistance and to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order becomes effective upon acceptance by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, and 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 / L day of August, 2016.

DANIEL LEE CASTILLO, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

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JEANETTE DAVILA
Notary Public, State of Texas
Comm. Expires 03-08-2020
Notary ID 128912024

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 12th day of August, 2016, by DANIEL LEE CASTILLO, Vocational Nurse License Number 314077, and said Order is final.

Effective this 14th day of September, 2016.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of DANIEL LEE CASTILLO, PETITIONER for Eligibility for Licensure

AGREED

ELIGIBILITY ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the Petition for Declaratory Order and supporting documents filed by DANIEL LEE CASTILLO, 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)(9)&(10) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.

PETITIONER waived representation by counsel, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on March 7, 2013.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On or about March 20, 2012, PETITIONER submitted a Petition for Declaratory Order 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 §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 Quest College, San Antonio, Texas, on April 1, 2011.

- PETITIONER completed the Petition for Declaratory Order and answered "Yes" to the 4. question which reads as follows: "For any criminal offense, including those pending appeal, have you:
 - been convicted of a misdemeanor? A.
 - В. been convicted of a felony?
 - C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
 - D. received deferred adjudication?
 - been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether E. or not adjudicated guilty?
 - been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement? F. G.
 - been granted pre-trial diversion?
 - been arrested or have any pending criminal charges? Н.
 - been cited or charged with any violation of the law? I.
 - been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of J. 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 April 18, 2005, Petitioner was placed on deferred adjudication probation for a period of six (6) months for the charge of DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on March 10, 2005, in the County Court at Law No. 5 of Bexar County, Texas. Petitioner was also ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
 - On or about March 1, 2011, Petitioner pled Guilty to and was convicted of B. OBSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY INTOX, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on November 30, 2010, in the County Court No. 8 of Bexar County, Texas, under Cause No. 347975. As a result of the conviction, Petitioner was placed on probation for a period of one (1) year, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs. On or about March 5, 2005, Petitioner was discharged from probation.
 - On or about June 15, 2012, Petitioner was arrested by the Guadalupe County Sheriff's C. Office, Guadalupe County, Texas, and subsequently charged under Cause No. CCL-110246 for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a Class B misdemeanor offense, Cause No. CCL-1100247, for DUTY ON STRIKING FIXTURE/HWY LANDSCAPE >=\$200, a 3rd Degree felony offense, which was subsequently reduced to a Class B misdemeanor, and Cause No. CCL-110248 fir DRIVING W/LIC INV W/PREV CONV/SUSP/W/O FIN RES, a Class B misdemeanor offense.

On or about March 4, 2013, Cause Nos. CCL-110247 and CCL-110246 were dismissed in the County Court at Law No. 2 of Guadalupe County, Texas, for the reason: "Defendant entered guilty/no contest plea in another case or count: CCL-

On or about March 4, 2013, Petitioner pled No Contest to DRIVING W/LIC INV W/PREV CONV/SUSP/W/O FIN RES, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on June 15, 2012, in the County Court at Law NO. 2 of Guadalupe County, Texas, under Cause No. CCL-11-0248. 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 eighteen (18) months, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

- 6. There is no evidence of any subsequent criminal conduct.
- 7. On or about January 23, 2013, Petitioner underwent a Chemical Dependency evaluation conducted by Jerome Schmidt, Ph.D. Dr. Schmidt recommends that Petitioner should be closely supervised within the peer assistance program and follow any recommendations for treatment or a 12-step program.
- 8. The safety of patients and the public requires that all persons licensed to practice nursing be fit, sober, and able to consistently practice nursing in autonomous roles under demanding and stressful conditions.
- 9. PETITIONER has sworn that, with the exception of matters disclosed in connection with the Petition for Declaratory Order, his past behavior conforms to the Board's professional character requirements at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.27.
- 10. PETITIONER presented no evidence of behavior which is inconsistent with good professional character.
- 11. 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.
- 12. 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.
- 13. The Executive Director considered evidence of PETITIONER'S substance abuse/chemical dependency, and subsequent rehabilitation as provided in 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.29 and in accordance with 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.33.
- 14. PETITIONER'S compliance with the terms of a Board approved peer assistance program should be sufficient to protect patients and the public.
- 15. The Executive Director's review of the grounds for potential ineligibility has been made on the basis of PETITIONER'S disclosures.

- 16. 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.
- 17. 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

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 301.452 and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.
- 2. On or about March 20, 2012, PETITIONER submitted a Petition for Declaratory Order 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 §213.30.
- 3. PETITIONER'S history reflects conduct which may constitute grounds for denial of a license under Section 301.452(b)(9)&(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.
- 5. 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. The Board may, in its discretion, order a nurse to participate in a peer assistance program approved by the Board if the nurse would otherwise have been eligible for referral to peer assistance pursuant to Section 301.410, Texas Occupations Code.
- 8. 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 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that PETITIONER SHALL comply with the following conditions for such a time as is required for PETITIONER to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN):

- (1) PETITIONER SHALL, within forty-five (45) days of licensure, apply to and be accepted into the TPAPN, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) payable to TPAPN.
- (2) Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, PETITIONER SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN contract to the Texas Board of Nursing.
- (3) PETITIONER SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN contract during its term.
- (4) PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN contract.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD PETITIONER fail to comply with this Order or the terms of the participation agreement with the TPAPN, such noncompliance will result in disciplinary action including EMERGENCY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or revocation of PETITIONER'S license(s) and nurse compact licensure privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

I am the PETITIONER in this matter. I have fully and truthfully disclosed all of my past conducwhich 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 do acknowledge possessing a diagnosis that deems me eligible to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Conditions One (1) through Four (4) of this Order to obtain disposition of my potential ineligibility for licensure

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 EMERGENCY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of my license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, 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

Signed this 2 and day of April, 2013

ANIEL LEE CASTILLO, PETITIONER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES July 9, 2016

BETHANY BRACHEL GUZMAN

DANIEL LEE CASTILLO:238

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Eligibility Order that was signed on the <u>2nd</u> day of <u>April</u>, <u>2013</u>, by DANIEL LEE CASTILLO, PETITIONER for Eligibility for Licensure, and said Order is final.

Effective this 9th day of April, 2013

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf of said Board

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