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*William J. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

## BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of §  
Vocational Nurse License Number 81687 §  
issued to DELORES JEAN TAYLOR §

### ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of DELORES JEAN TAYLOR, Vocational Nurse License Number 81687, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is currently licensed to practice as a vocational nurse in the State of Texas.
2. Respondent waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from New Mexico on July 28, 1978. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on October 18, 1979.
4. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.
5. On or about May 23, 2013, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to and was convicted of NEGLIGENT DRIVING I, a misdemeanor offense committed on May 10, 2013, in the District Court of Washington for Okanogan County, Washington, under Cause No. CR3608. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Okanogan County Jail for a period of ninety (90) days, with credit given for one (1) day; however, imposition of the sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on

probation for a period of one (1) year and was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

6. On or about December 5, 2016, Respondent submitted a Delinquent (Expired) License Renewal Form 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 cited or charged with any violation of the law?
  - J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgement/punishment/action?"

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about May 23, 2013, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to and was convicted of NEGLIGENT DRIVING I, a misdemeanor offense committed on May 10, 2013, in the District Court of Washington for Okanogan County, Washington, under Cause No. CR3608. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Okanogan County Jail for a period of ninety (90) days, with credit given for one (1) day; however, imposition of the sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of one (1) year and was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

7. On or about December 5, 2016, Respondent submitted a Delinquent (Expired) License Renewal Form to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she answered "Yes" to the question: "Has any licensing authority ever refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a license, certificate, or multi-state privilege held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded, or otherwise disciplined you? (You may exclude disciplinary actions issued by the Texas Board of Nursing and disciplinary actions previously disclosed to the Texas Board of Nursing on an initial or renewal licensure application.)"
8. On or about December 5, 2016, Respondent submitted a Delinquent (Expired) License Renewal Form to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she answered "Yes" to the question: "In the past 5 years, have you been addicted to or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug? (You may answer "no" if you have completed and/or are in compliance with

TPAPN.)"

9. On January 23, 2017, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated January 19, 2017, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
10. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.
11. 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.

#### 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(5)&(13).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 81687, heretofore issued to DELORES JEAN TAYLOR, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

### TERMS OF ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER** of Vocational Nurse License Number 81687, heretofore issued to DELORES JEAN TAYLOR, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:


1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title "vocational nurse" or the abbreviation "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself/himself as a vocational nurse, or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until:
  - A. At least one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order; and,
  - B. RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.
3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

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.

Effective this 23rd day of January, 2017.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:

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

DELORES JEAN TAYLOR  
11719 WIGINTON DR  
AUSTIN, TX 78758  
Vocational Nurse License Number 81687

Voluntary Surrender Statement

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license(s) to practice in Texas. I waive representation by counsel and consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I understand that I may not petition for reinstatement until one (1) year from the effective date of the Order. I understand that I will be required to comply with the Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time I submit any petition for reinstatement.

Signature

Delores Jean Taylor

Date

1/19/17

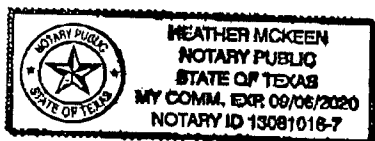
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The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared DELORES JEAN TAYLOR who, being duly sworn by me, stated that he or she executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that he or she understood same.

Sworn to before me the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

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[Signature]  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas