XAS Executive Director of the Board

IN THE MATTER OF PERMANENT VOCATIONAL NURSE LICENSE NUMBER 192264 ISSUED TO JANE MICHELLE AVANTS, RESPONDENT § BEFORE THE TEXAS
§ BOARD OF NURSING
§ ELIGIBILITY AND
§ DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: JANE MICHELLE AVANTS 12753 HWY 36 EAST MIDLAND, TX 79708

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on **Tuesday, February 14, 2017**, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinaster "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 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(s) to practice 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 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 Vocational Nurse License Number

192264, previously issued to JANE MICHELLE AVANTS, to practice 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 nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 14th day of February, 2017.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:

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

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Attachment:

Formal Charge filed December 1, 2016.

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Re: Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 192264
Issued to JANE MICHELLE AVANTS
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

| I hereby certify that on the <u>JUTh</u> day of <u>February</u> | , 20 <u>17</u> , a true and correct |
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| copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to | o the following person(s) |
| as follows: | |

Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
JANE MICHELLE AVANTS

12753 HWY 36 EAST MIDLAND, TX 79708

Via USPS First Class Mail

JANE MICHELLE AVANTS 12753 HWY 36 EAST MIDLAND, TX 79708 JANE MICHELLE AVANTS P O BOX 7325 MIDLAND, TX 79708

BY:

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

| In the Matter of | § | BEFORE THE TEXAS |
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| Permanent Vocational Nurse | § | |
| License Number 192264 | § | |
| Issued to JANE MICHELLE AVANTS, | § | |
| Respondent | § | BOARD OF NURSING |

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, JANE MICHELLE AVANTS, is a Vocational Nurse holding License Number 192264, 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 December 7, 2015, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on October 22, 2015, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Non-compliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Three (III) of the order which reads, in pertinent part:

(III.) "RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order..."

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.12(11)(B).

CHARGE II.

On or about April 22, 2016, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on October 22, 2015, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Non-compliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Four (IV) of the order which reads, in pertinent part:

(IV.) "The Order of the Board issued to RESPONDENT on December 12, 2013, is still in effect in its entirety and RESPONDENT SHALL be responsible for completing all remaining terms of that Order. Further, the REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSES and/or FINES required of that Order, if any, SHALL BE COMPLETED within six (6) months from the date of this Order."

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.12(11)(B).

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.

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, located at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.33(b), which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Order(s) which is/are attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Order dated December 12, 2013, and Order dated October 22, 2015.

Filed this 15t day of Decarles, 20 16.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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Attachments:

Order of the Board dated December 12, 2013. Order of the Board dated October 22, 2015.

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BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of

AGREED

Vocational Nurse License Number 192264

ORDER

issued to JANE MICHELLE AVANTS

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Boar considered the matter of JANE MICHELLE AVANTS, Vocational Nurse License Number 192264. 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 July 24, 2015.

- 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.
- Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Cisco Junior College, Abilene, 4. Texas, on December 13, 2003. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on January 29, 2004.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.

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- 6. On or about December 12, 2013, Respondent was issued the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION WITH FINE by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order dated December 12, 2013, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 7. On or about December 13, 2014, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on December 12, 2013, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Non-compliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Numbers One (1), of the Order which states, in pertinent part:
 - (1) "RESPONDENT SHALL, withing one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics..."
- 8. On or about December 13, 2014, Respondent falled to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on December 12, 2013, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Non-compliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Two (2), of the Order which states, in pertinent part:
 - '(2) "RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, 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 response to Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent states she tried to contact the Board because she could not get the Texas Nursing Jurisprudence and Ethics course done. The closest class was in El Paso, a little over 300 miles to get there one way. She does not own a vehicle, and they were in Midland for her husband's job transfer. She did not have the finances to complete the classes.

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(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 192264, heretofore issued to JANE MICHELLE AVANTS.

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.

TERMS OF ORDER

I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of WARNING 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 Heensure compact party state without first obtaining the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the nurse ficensure 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 two hundred fifty dollars (5250:00) 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 Decembr 12, 2013, is still in effect in its entirety and RESPONDENT SHALL be responsible for completing all remaining terms of that Order. Further, the REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSES and/or FINES required of that Order, if any, SHALL BE COMPLETED 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

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. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand 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 comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanotion, including possible revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed Inis 11 to day of Sa Jamber 20,15.

Jane Michelle Vants
Jane Michelle AVANTS, Respondent

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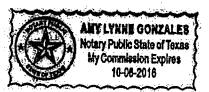
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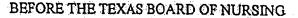


WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 11th day of September, 2015, by JANE MICHELLE AVANTS, Vocational Nurse License Number 192264, and said Order is final.

Effective this 22nd day of October, 2015.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf of said Board





In the Matter of **AGREED** Vocational Nurse License Number 192264

issued to JANE MICHELLE AVANTS

ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JANE MICHELLE AVANTS, Vocational Nurse License Number 192264, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 302.402(a)(2)&(10)(eff. 9/99-1/31/04), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on September 16, 2013.

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).
- Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and 2. agreed to the entry of this Order,
- Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas. 3.
- Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Cisco Junior College, Abilene, 4. Texas, on December 13, 2003. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on January 29, 2004.
- Respondent's vocational nursing employment history is unknown. 5.

6. On or about October 24, 2003, Respondent submitted an Application for Licensure by Examination to the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question: "Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation?"

Respondent failed to disclose that, on or about January 26, 2000, Respondent entered a plea of Nolo-Contendere to and was convicted of ISSUANCE OF BAD CHECK, a Class C misdemeanor offense, committed on December 3, 1999, in the County Court at Law #1, Taylor County, Texas, under Warrant No. 102651.

Respondent also failed to disclose that, on or about April 23, 2001, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to and was convicted of ISSUANCE OF BAD CHECK, a Class C misdemeanor offense), committed on May 26, 2000, in the County Court at Law, Taylor County, Texas, under Warrant No. 103702.

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 §239.11(8)(eff. 9/99-1/31/04).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 302.402(a)(2)&(10)(eff. 9/99-1/31/04). Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 192264, heretofore issued to JANE MICHELLE AVANTS, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

TT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a REMEDIAL EDUCATION AND A FINE, and RESPONDENT 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, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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.

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

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Homestudy courses and video programs without 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. RESPONDENT 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 RESPONDENT'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: https://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/silpscourses.html.

- (2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, 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, RESPONDENT 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://wwwt.bon.texas.cov/disciplinar-paction/stipscourses.html.
- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fity dollars (\$250.00). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine 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.

FT IS FURTHER AGREED, that 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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RESPONDENTS 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. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand 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 fall 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.

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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 6th day of December, 2013, by JANE MICHELLE AVANTS, Vocational Nurse License Number 192264, and said Order is final.

Effective this 12th day of December, 20 13.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf of said Board