#### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of **AGREED** 

Registered Nurse License Number 781656

§ § § issued to JENNA MICHELLE BALL ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JENNA MICHELLE BALL, Registered Nurse License Number 781656, 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. 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 is currently licensed to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Blinn College, Bryan, Texas on December 17, 2009. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 18, 2010.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

02/2010 - 03/2012 RN St. Joseph Regional Health Center

Bryan, Texas

07/2012 - 11/2012 RN Baylor Medical Center at Uptown

Dallas, Texas

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

11/2012 - 08/2013 RN/Travel Nurse Medical Staffing Network

Dallas, Texas

09/2013 - 09/2014 RN/ADON CityView Care Center

Fort Worth, Texas

10/2014 - 12/2015 Unknown

01/2016 - 04/2016 RN/Staff Nurse Richland Hills Rehabilitation

Richland Hills, Texas

On or about April 22, 2016, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to convicted of DRIVING 6. WHILE INTOXICATED 1ST BAC>=0.15, a Class A misdemeanor offense committed on February 21, 2016, in the County Court at Law No. 2 of Johnson County, Texas, under Cause No. M201600420. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Johnson County Jail for a period of one (1) year; however, imposition of the sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of two (2) years and was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of ninety dollars (\$90.00). Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

- On or about April 22, 2016, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to ASSAULT OF A 7. PUBLIC SERVANT, a Third (3rd) Degree felony offense committed on February 21, 2016, in the 249th Judicial District Court of Johnson County, Texas, under Cause No. F50350. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of ten (10) years and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
- In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6) and Seven (7), Respondent states her BAC 8. was 0.24, and the day after the arrest was when she first admitted she had a drinking problem. Respondent states that while the arresting female officer was putting Respondent into the back of the police car, Respondent kicked her in the stomach and face while trying to get out of the car. Respondent expresses great remorse over the incidents.
- On or about October 21, 2016, Respondent entered a plea of No Contest and was convicted 9. of PUBLIC INTOXICATION, a Class C misdemeanor offense committed on April 20, 2016, in the Municipal Court, City of Ennis, Ellis County, Texas, under Cause No. E0055810. As a result fo the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to serve one (1) day in the Ennis City Jail, with one (1) day credit given against the herein ordered fine and to satisfy the sum due.
- In response to Finding of Fact Number Nine (9), Respondent states that she consumed 10. alcohol, an antidepressant, and Trazadone. Respondent states she was very anxious about her upcoming trial for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED 1ST BAC>=0.15 and ASSAULT OF A PUBLIC SERVANT. Respondent further states the Trazadone was a prescription drug, but she had one tablet in her pocket that was not in the prescription bottle container.

- 11. On or about May 21, 2017, Respondent submitted a Timely 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.)"
- 12. In response to Finding of Fact Number Eleven (11), Respondent disclosed that she was treated for alcohol abuse and outlined her Relapse Prevention Plan. Respondent was admitted to the Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility (SAFPF), Ellen Halbert Unit, Burnet, Texas, on May 16, 2016. Respondent states she was released on January 18, 2017, and continued with residential treatment with Volunteers of America, Fort Worth, Texas. Respondent is currently enrolled in a one hundred eighty (180) day intensive outpatient treatment program (IOP) with Helping Open People's Eyes (HOPE), Fort Worth, Texas. Respondent also submitted a letter from her probation officer in Johnson County, Texas, stating Respondent has produced all negative drug/alcohol drug screens.
- 13. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 14. 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.
- 15. 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(3)&(13).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 781656, heretofore issued to JENNA MICHELLE BALL, 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. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.

- 7. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
- 8. 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 AGREED and ORDERED that the **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER** of Registered Nurse License Number 781656, heretofore issued to JENNA
MICHELLE BALL, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Texas Board of
Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

- 1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional/registered nursing, use the title "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself/himself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered 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 for reinstatement.
- 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.

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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 this Order becomes final when accepted by the Executive Director at which time the terms of this Order become effective and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 23 day of August, 2017.

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JENNAMICHELLE BALL, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2300 day of Au

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 781656, previously issued to JENNA MICHELLE BALL.

Effective this 30th day of August, 2017.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board