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Patricia A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED
Registered Nurse License Number 602097 §
issued to LORNA VIOLA KEE § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of LORNA VIOLA KEE, Registered Nurse License Number 602097, 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's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
4. Respondent received a Diploma in Nursing from General Hospital School of Nursing, St. John's, New Foundland, Canada, on August 1, 1992. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 15, 1994.
5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

3/1994-1/1995	Unknown	
1/1995-6/1996	Registered Nurse	Spohn Hospital South Corpus Christi, Texas

Respondent's professional nursing employment history continued:

4/1995-5/2000	Registered Nurse	Bay Area Medical Center Corpus Christi, Texas
5/2000-1/2009	Registered Nurse	Medical Center of Lewisville Lewisville, Texas
1/2009-3/2010	Unknown	
3/2010-3/2014	Registered Nurse	Baylor Medical Center of Garland Garland, Texas
3/2014-1/2016	Registered Nurse	Methodist Richardson Medical Center Richardson, Texas
2/2016 - Present	Unknown	

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Methodist Richardson Medical Center, Richardson, Texas, and had been in that position for one (1) year and ten (10) months.
7. On or about January 20, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse at Methodist Richardson Medical Center, Richardson, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice in that she exhibited signs of impaired behavior while on duty, including slurred speech, inability to focus, and rambling. Respondent's condition could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.
8. On or about January 20, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse at Methodist Richardson Medical Center, Richardson, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of amphetamines and benzodiazepines in that she produced a specimen for a drug screen that resulted positive for amphetamines and benzodiazepines. Unlawful possession of amphetamines and benzodiazepines is prohibited by Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health & Safety Code. The use of amphetamines and/or benzodiazepines by a Registered Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms, or changes in a patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing a patient in potential danger.
9. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent states she became sick while at work and reported it to her charge nurse. At the time, Respondent had recently been diagnosed with diabetes and the charge nurse suggested she go to employee health to have her glucose checked. Respondent states she was told by the employee health

nurse that her blood sugar was a little elevated. Respondent further states that the night before the incident, she was unable to sleep and found an old Xanax bottle with one pill left in the bottle. Respondent states she took the pill and then threw the bottle away. Respondent states that after she submitted her urine specimen, the doctor performing the drug screen called to ask about her prescriptions. Respondent states she provided her eleven (11) year old prescription for Xanax. Respondent states she was called by a different doctor the following day, informing her that her urine sample would be failed due to the old prescription.

10. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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(1)(E),(4),(5),(10)(A),(10)(D)&(11)(B).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(9),(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 602097, heretofore issued to LORNA VIOLA KEE, 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 602097, heretofore issued to LORNA VIOLA KEE, 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 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 one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.
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.

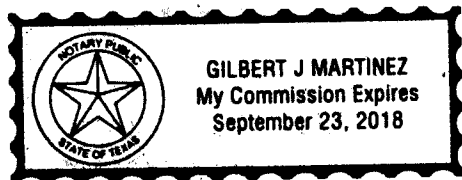
Signed this 24 day of June, 2016.

Lorna Viola Kee

LORNA VIOLA KEE, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of June, 2016.

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

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 602097, previously issued to LORNA VIOLA KEE.

Effective this 28th day of June, 2016.



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Executive Director on behalf
of said Board