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*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of § REINSTATEMENT  
Registered Nurse License Number 712614 §  
issued to KERENSA LYNN VINCENT § AGREED ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the Petition for Reinstatement of Registered Nurse License Number 712614, held by KERENSA LYNN VINCENT, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner. Petitioner waived notice and hearing and agree to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on February 12, 2018.

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 Petitioner and Petitioner was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
2. Petitioner waived representation by counsel, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Petitioner received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Texarkana Community College, Texarkana, Texas, on December 1, 2004. Petitioner was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on January 25, 2005.
4. Petitioner's nursing employment history includes:

01/2005-11/2012	RN	Good Sheppard MC Longview, Texas
2007	Charge RN	ETMC Gilmer, Texas
05/2011-06/2013	RN	Nursing RX San Diego, California
06/2013	RN	Trinity Mother Frances Tyler, Texas

5. On January 17, 2014, the Texas Board of Nursing accepted the voluntary surrender of Petitioner's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas. A copy of the Order, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as a part of this Order.
6. On or about January 12, 2018, Petitioner submitted a Petition for Reinstatement of License(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
7. Petitioner presented the following in support of her petition:
  - 7.1. Report of Health Status form received January 29, 2018 from Gracie Adkisson, PMHNP-BC of Community Health Core stating Petitioner has been treated continuously since July 2015. Petitioner is compliant with treatment/aftercare recommendations and pose no current or potential direct threat to the health and safety of patients/clients.
  - 7.2. Letter of recommendation from Tiffany Begneaud, LPN, stating that in her personal opinion, Petitioner is mentally sound and safe to practice nursing.
  - 7.3. Letter of recommendation from Renee Harrison, RN, stating it is her opinion that Petitioner is mentally sound, has knowledge of current evidence-based nursing practice, and is ready to return to work.
  - 7.4. Letter of recommendation from Mandilyn Cottingham, MSN, RN, APRRN, FNP-BC, stating she has known Petitioner for 5 years. Ms. Cottingham's opinion is that Petitioner would greatly benefit the nursing profession.
  - 7.5. Documentation of the required 20 contact hours of continuing education.
8. Petitioner'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. Pursuant to Section 301.467, Texas Occupations Code, the Board may refuse to issue or renew a license, and may set a reasonable period that must lapse before reapplication.
3. Pursuant to 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26, the Board may impose reasonable conditions that a Petitioner must satisfy before reissuance of an unrestricted license.

## TERMS OF ORDER

### I. REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that the petition of KERENSA LYNN VINCENT for reinstatement of license to practice nursing in the state of Texas be **GRANTED** and Registered Nurse License Number 712614 is hereby **REINSTATED** in accordance with the terms of this Order.

### II. PEER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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)**:

- A. **Within forty-five (45) days** following the date of entry of this Order, PETITIONER SHALL apply to TPAPN;
- B. **Within ninety (90) days** following the date of entry of this Order, PETITIONER SHALL sign and execute the TPAPN participation agreement and complete the enrollment process;
- C. Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, PETITIONER SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN participation agreement to the Texas Board of Nursing;
- D. PETITIONER 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; and
- E. PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN participation agreement.

### III. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW AND APPLICABILITY

While under the terms of this Order, PETITIONER agrees to obtain, read, and 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.

- A. This Order SHALL be applicable to PETITIONER's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- B. As a result of this Order, PETITIONER'S license(s) will be designated "single state" and PETITIONER may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state.

**IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR REFRESHER COURSE, EXTENSIVE ORIENTATION, OR NURSING PROGRAM OF STUDY IN PROFESSIONAL REGISTERED NURSING**

**Prior to practicing as an registered nurse in the State of Texas, PETITIONER**

**SHALL:**

- A. **Apply for a Six Month Temporary Permit to Complete Refresher Course, Extensive Orientation, or Nursing Program of Study in Professional Registered Nursing** for the limited purpose of completing a refresher course, extensive orientation, or nursing program of study in professional registered nursing. The application for the Six Month Temporary Permit is available on the Board's website ([www.bon.texas.gov](http://www.bon.texas.gov)) under Forms / Applications / Six Month Permits. PETITIONER SHALL NOT, in any way, attempt to use the temporary permit for any purpose other than completing the refresher course, extensive orientation, or nursing program of study in professional registered nursing.
- B. **Successfully complete a Board approved refresher course, extensive orientation, or nursing program of study for professional registered nursing.** Petitioner MUST obtain Board approval of the nursing refresher course, extensive orientation, or nursing program, as applicable, prior to enrollment. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include registered nurses and the course's content shall, at a minimum, include: 1) Review of NPA, Rules, Position Statements; 2) Determination of Individual Scope of Practice and role in patient safety; 3) Review of the nursing process to include assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation; 4) Pharmacology review; 5) Medication administration; 6) Documentation, quality assurance, and legal implication for nursing practice; and, 7) Documentation of current CPR certification prior to beginning precepted clinical learning experience. The course must contain no less than a total of 80 hours of clinical practice providing direct patient care supervised by a qualified registered nurse instructor who meets or exceeds the Board's

minimum criteria for eligibility as an instructor. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.

- C. **Upon completion of the refresher course, extensive orientation, or nursing program of study for professional registered nursing,** PETITIONER SHALL return the temporary permit to the Board's office and PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to notify the Board, on a form provided by the Board, of Petitioner's successful completion of the refresher course, including the required 80 hours of supervised practice.
  
- D. **Upon verification of successful completion of the conditions** as set out in Paragraphs A through C of this Section, PETITIONER SHALL submit a completed License Reactivation Form for Registered Nurses, which is available on the Board's website ([www.bon.texas.gov](http://www.bon.texas.gov)) under Forms / Applications / Renewals / Reactivation Renewal. PETITIONER shall pay all re-registration fees and, subject to meeting all other requirements for licensure in Texas, shall be issued the applicable license to practice registered nursing in the State of Texas, which shall be subject to the terms of this Order.

**V. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)**

In addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may require for licensure renewal, PETITIONER SHALL successfully complete the following remedial education course(s) **within one (1) year of entry of this Order:**

- A. **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.
  
- B. **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/these course(s), PETITIONER 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. PETITIONER SHALL first obtain Board approval of any course prior to enrollment if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. *Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at [www.bon.texas.gov/compliance](http://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance).*

**VI. EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE**

SHOULD PETITIONER 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 PETITIONER's license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

**VII. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)**

Upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from PETITIONER'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and, subject to meeting all existing eligibility requirements in Texas Occupations Code Chapter 304, Article III, PETITIONER may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Reinstatement Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my Petition for Reinstatement of Licensure, has been in conformity with the Board's professional character rule. I do acknowledge possessing a diagnosis that deems me eligible to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses. I have provided the Board with complete and accurate documentation of my past behavior in violation of the penal law of any jurisdiction which was disposed of through any procedure short of convictions, such as: conditional discharge, deferred adjudication or dismissal. I have no criminal prosecution pending in any jurisdiction.

I have reviewed this Order. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me. I agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to reinstating my license(s) to practice nursing in the state of Texas. 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 6 day of March, 2018.

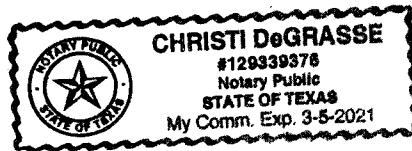
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KERENSA LYNN VINCENT, Petitioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6 day of march, 2018.

SEAL

Christi DeGrasse

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Reinstatement Agreed Order that was signed on the 6th day of March, 2018, by KERENSA LYNN VINCENT, Registered Nurse License Number 712614, and said Order is final.

Entered and effective this 19th day of April, 2018.



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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 § AGREED  
Registered Nurse License Number 712614 §  
issued to KERENSA LYNN VINCENT § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of KERENSA LYNN VINCENT, Registered Nurse License Number 712614, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, 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 provided to 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 representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Texarkana Community College, Texarkana, Texas, on December 1, 2004. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on January 25, 2005.
5. Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history is unknown.
6. On or about June 21, 2013, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Trinity Mother Frances Hospital, Tyler, Texas, Respondent exceeded her scope of practice related to: diagnosing, performing procedures on patients when not authorized to do so by physician orders, and giving families inaccurate information. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients from complications due to nursing care that may have been inadequate, unsafe, and non-efficacious.



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*Stephanie C. Williams*  
Executive Director of the Board

7. On or about June 21, 2013, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Trinity Mother Frances Hospital, Tyler, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice nursing in that while on duty she showed signs of mentally impaired behavior including: repeating phrases four to five times, continually interrupting, not making clear direction with thoughts, being verbally aggressive, and stating that another nurse had "hijacked" her phone and was sending her sexually explicit text messages. Additionally, Respondent was diagnosed and treated for a mental health condition. 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. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6) and Seven (7), Respondent states that the allegations are true.
9. 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 §217.11(1)(A), (1)(B), (1)(T) & (3)(A) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A), (1)(B), (1)(E), (4) & (5).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10), (12) & (13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 712614, heretofore issued to KERENSA LYNN VINCENT, 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.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Registered Nurse License Number 712614, heretofore issued to KERENSA LYNN VINCENT, 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 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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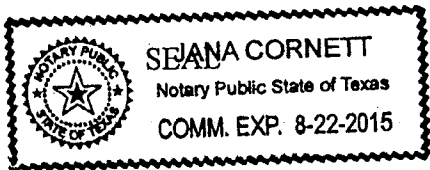
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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 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 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 9 day of January, 2014.

Kerensa Lynn Vincent  
KERENSA LYNN VINCENT, Respondent

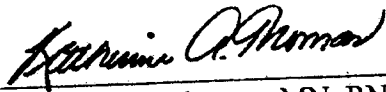
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of Jan, 2014.



Seana Cornett  
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 712614, previously issued to KERENSA LYNN VINCENT.

Effective this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 20 14.



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