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Stephanie P. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

**In the Matter of
Permanent Registered Nurse
License Number 806829
Issued to CLAUDETTE YVETTE TAYLOR,
Respondent**

**§ BEFORE THE TEXAS
§ BOARD OF NURSING
§ ELIGIBILITY AND
§ DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Claudette Taylor
6653 McKinney Ranch Pkwy., #14205
McKinney, TX 75070

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on December 11, 2018, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "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 Registered Nurse License Number 806829, previously issued to CLAUDETTE YVETTE TAYLOR to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are 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 11th day of December, 2018

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:



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

Attachment: Formal Charges filed October 3, 2018

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Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 806829
Issued to CLAUDETTE YVETTE TAYLOR
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 12th day of December, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s), as follows:

Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested,

Copy Via USPS First Class Mail

Claudette Taylor
6653 McKinney Ranch Pkwy., #14205
McKinney, TX 75070

Copy Via USPS First Class Mail

Claudette Taylor
6600 McKinney Ranch Pkwy., #19310
McKinney, TX 75070

BY: _____

Katherine A. Thomas

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN
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BEFORE THE TEXAS
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FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, CLAUDETTE YVETTE TAYLOR, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 806829 which is in current 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 August 10, 2018, Respondent's California Registered Nurse license was issued a Probated Revocation through a Decision and Order by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Sacramento, California. A copy of the California Board of Registered Nursing's Decision and Order effective August 10, 2018, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this pleading.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(8), Texas Occupations Code.

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) and/or privilege(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.

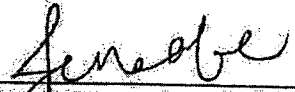
NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on adopted policies related to Substance Use Disorders and Other Alcohol and Drug Related Conduct, which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

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.

Filed this 3rd day of October, 2018

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BEFORE THE
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

CLAUDETTE YVETTE TAYLOR
6600 McKinney Ranch Pkwy., Apt. 19310
McKinney, TX 75070

Registered Nurse License No. 95059491

Respondent

Case No. 2018-170

OAH No. 2017100435

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on August 10, 2018.

IT IS SO ORDERED July 12, 2018.

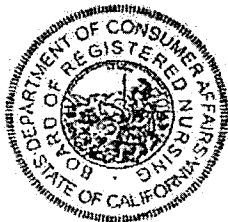
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Trande Phillips, President
Board of Registered Nursing
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California

I hereby certify the
foregoing to be a true copy
of the documents on file in our office.

BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

Joseph L. Morris
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14 **Registered Nurse License No. 95059491**

15 Respondent.

Case No. 2018-170

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STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER

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19 In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of this matter, consistent with the public
20 interest and the responsibility of the Board of Registered Nursing (the "Board") of the
21 Department of Consumer Affairs, the parties hereby agree to the following Stipulated Settlement
22 and Disciplinary Order which will be submitted to the Board for approval and adoption as the
23 final disposition of the Accusation.

24 **PARTIES**

25 1. Joseph L. Morris, PhD, MSN, RN ("Complainant") is the Executive Officer of the
26 Board. He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter by
27 Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Stephen D. Svetich, Deputy
28 Attorney General.

1 CULPABILITY

2 9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation
3 No. 2018-170.

4 10. Respondent agrees that her Registered Nurse License is subject to discipline and she
5 agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

6 CONTINGENCY

7 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Registered Nursing.
8 Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of
9 Registered Nursing may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and
10 settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation,
11 Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind
12 the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt
13 this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall
14 be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action
15 between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having
16 considered this matter.

17 12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile
18 copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile
19 signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

20 13. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an
21 integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement.
22 It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions,
23 negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
24 Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a
25 writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

26 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that
27 the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following
28 Disciplinary Order:

1 3. **Report in Person.** Respondent, during the period of probation, shall appear in
2 person at interviews/meetings as directed by the Board or its designated representatives.

3 4. **Residency, Practice, or Licensure Outside of State.** Periods of residency or
4 practice as a registered nurse outside of California shall not apply toward a reduction of this
5 probation time period. Respondent's probation is tolled, if and when she resides outside of
6 California. Respondent must provide written notice to the Board within 15 days of any change of
7 residency or practice outside the state, and within 30 days prior to re-establishing residency or
8 returning to practice in this state.

9 Respondent shall provide a list of all states and territories where she has ever been licensed
10 as a registered nurse, vocational nurse, or practical nurse. Respondent shall further provide
11 information regarding the status of each license and any changes in such license status during the
12 term of probation. Respondent shall inform the Board if she applies for or obtains a new nursing
13 license during the term of probation.

14 5. **Submit Written Reports.** Respondent, during the period of probation, shall submit
15 or cause to be submitted such written reports/declarations and verification of actions under
16 penalty of perjury, as required by the Board. These reports/declarations shall contain statements
17 relative to Respondent's compliance with all the conditions of the Board's Probation Program.
18 Respondent shall immediately execute all release of information forms as may be required by the
19 Board or its representatives.

20 Respondent shall provide a copy of this Decision to the nursing regulatory agency in every
21 state and territory in which she has a registered nurse license.

22 6. **Function as a Registered Nurse.** Respondent, during the period of probation, shall
23 engage in the practice of registered nursing in California for a minimum of 24 hours per week for
24 6 consecutive months or as determined by the Board.

25 For purposes of compliance with the section, "engage in the practice of registered nursing"
26 may include, when approved by the Board, volunteer work as a registered nurse, or work in any
27 non-direct patient care position that requires licensure as a registered nurse.

28 The Board may require that advanced practice nurses engage in advanced practice nursing

1 for a minimum of 24 hours per week for 6 consecutive months or as determined by the Board.

2 If Respondent has not complied with this condition during the probationary term, and
3 Respondent has presented sufficient documentation of her good faith efforts to comply with this
4 condition, and if no other conditions have been violated, the Board, in its discretion, may grant an
5 extension of Respondent's probation period up to one year without further hearing in order to
6 comply with this condition. During the one-year extension, all original conditions of probation
7 shall apply.

8 **7. Employment Approval and Reporting Requirements.** Respondent shall obtain
9 prior approval from the Board before commencing or continuing any employment, paid or
10 voluntary, as a registered nurse. Respondent shall cause to be submitted to the Board all
11 performance evaluations and other employment related reports as a registered nurse upon request
12 of the Board.

13 Respondent shall provide a copy of this Decision to her employer and immediate
14 supervisors prior to commencement of any nursing or other health care related employment.

15 In addition to the above, Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within seventy-two
16 (72) hours after she obtains any nursing or other health care related employment. Respondent
17 shall notify the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after she is terminated or
18 separated, regardless of cause, from any nursing, or other health care related employment with a
19 full explanation of the circumstances surrounding the termination or separation.

20 **8. Supervision.** Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board regarding
21 Respondent's level of supervision and/or collaboration before commencing or continuing any
22 employment as a registered nurse, or education and training that includes patient care.

23 Respondent shall practice only under the direct supervision of a registered nurse in good
24 standing (no current discipline) with the Board, unless alternative methods of supervision and/or
25 collaboration (e.g., with an advanced practice nurse or physician) are approved.

26 Respondent's level of supervision and/or collaboration may include, but is not limited to the
27 following:

28 (a) Maximum - The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration is present in

1 the patient care area or in any other work setting at all times.

2 (b) Moderate - The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration is in the patient
3 care unit or in any other work setting at least half the hours Respondent works.

4 (c) Minimum - The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration has person-to-
5 person communication with Respondent at least twice during each shift worked.

6 (d) Home Health Care - If Respondent is approved to work in the home health care
7 setting, the individual providing supervision and/or collaboration shall have person-to-person
8 communication with Respondent as required by the Board each work day. Respondent shall
9 maintain telephone or other telecommunication contact with the individual providing supervision
10 and/or collaboration as required by the Board during each work day. The individual providing
11 supervision and/or collaboration shall conduct, as required by the Board, periodic, on-site visits to
12 patients' homes visited by Respondent with or without Respondent present.

13 9. **Employment Limitations.** Respondent shall not work for a nurse's registry, in any
14 private duty position as a registered nurse, a temporary nurse placement agency, a traveling nurse,
15 or for an in-house nursing pool.

16 Respondent shall not work for a licensed home health agency as a visiting nurse unless the
17 registered nursing supervision and other protections for home visits have been approved by the
18 Board. Respondent shall not work in any other registered nursing occupation where home visits
19 are required.

20 Respondent shall not work in any health care setting as a supervisor of registered nurses.
21 The Board may additionally restrict Respondent from supervising licensed vocational nurses
22 and/or unlicensed assistive personnel on a case-by-case basis.

23 Respondent shall not work as a faculty member in an approved school of nursing or as an
24 instructor in a Board approved continuing education program.

25 Respondent shall work only on a regularly assigned, identified and predetermined
26 worksite(s) and shall not work in a float capacity.

27 If Respondent is working or intends to work in excess of 40 hours per week, the Board may
28 request documentation to determine whether there should be restrictions on the hours of work.

1 10. **Complete a Nursing Course(s).** Respondent, at her own expense, shall enroll in
2 and successfully complete a course(s)-relevant to the practice of registered nursing no later than
3 six months prior to the end of her probationary term.

4 Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board before enrolling in the course(s).
5 Respondent shall submit to the Board the original transcripts or certificates of completion for the
6 above required course(s). The Board shall return the original documents to Respondent after
7 photocopying them for its records.

8 11. **Cost Recovery.** Respondent shall pay to the Board costs associated with its
9 investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3 in the
10 amount of \$6,469.62. Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan
11 approved by the Board, with payments to be completed no later than three months prior to the end
12 of the probation term.

13 If Respondent has not complied with this condition during the probationary term, and
14 Respondent has presented sufficient documentation of her good faith efforts to comply with this
15 condition, and if no other conditions have been violated, the Board, in its discretion, may grant an
16 extension of Respondent's probation period up to one year without further hearing in order to
17 comply with this condition. During the one-year extension, all original conditions of probation
18 will apply.

19 12. **Violation of Probation.** If Respondent violates the conditions of her probation, the
20 Board after giving Respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may set aside the stay order
21 and impose the stayed discipline (revocation/suspension) of Respondent's license.

22 If during the period of probation, an accusation or petition to revoke probation has been
23 filed against Respondent's license or the Attorney General's Office has been requested to prepare
24 an accusation or petition to revoke probation against Respondent's license, the probationary
25 period shall automatically be extended and shall not expire until the accusation or petition has
26 been acted upon by the Board.

27 13. **License Surrender.** During Respondent's term of probation, if she ceases practicing
28 due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the conditions of probation,

1 Respondent may surrender her license to the Board. The Board reserves the right to evaluate
2 Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request, or to take any
3 other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances, without further hearing.
4 Upon formal acceptance of the surrendered license, Respondent will no longer be subject to the
5 conditions of probation.

6 Surrender of Respondent's license shall be considered a disciplinary action and shall
7 become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board. A registered nurse whose license
8 has been surrendered may petition the Board for reinstatement no sooner than the following
9 minimum periods from the effective date of the disciplinary decision:

10 (1) Two years for reinstatement of a license that was surrendered for any reason other
11 than a mental or physical illness; or

12 (2) One year for a license surrendered for a mental or physical illness.

13 14. **Physical Examination.** Within 45 days of the effective date of this Decision,
14 Respondent, at her expense, shall have a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician
15 assistant, who is approved by the Board before the assessment is performed, submit an
16 assessment of the Respondent's physical condition and capability to perform the duties of a
17 registered nurse. Such an assessment shall be submitted in a format acceptable to the Board. If
18 medically determined, a recommended treatment program will be instituted and followed by the
19 Respondent with the physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant providing written reports
20 to the Board on forms provided by the Board.

21 If Respondent is determined to be unable to practice safely as a registered nurse, the
22 licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant making this determination shall
23 immediately notify the Board and Respondent by telephone, and the Board shall request that the
24 Attorney General's office prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation. Respondent shall
25 immediately cease practice and shall not resume practice until notified by the Board. During this
26 period of suspension, Respondent shall not engage in any practice for which a license issued by
27 the Board is required until the Board has notified Respondent that a medical determination
28 permits Respondent to resume practice. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction

1 of this probationary time period.

2 If Respondent fails to have the above assessment submitted to the Board within the 45-day
3 requirement, Respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall not resume practice until
4 notified by the Board. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this
5 probationary time period. The Board may waive or postpone this suspension only if significant,
6 documented evidence of mitigation is provided. Such evidence must establish good faith efforts
7 by Respondent to obtain the assessment, and a specific date for compliance must be provided.
8 Only one such waiver or extension may be permitted.

9 **15. Participate in Treatment/Rehabilitation Program for Chemical Dependence.**

10 Respondent, at her expense, shall successfully complete during the probationary period or shall
11 have successfully completed prior to commencement of probation a Board-approved
12 treatment/rehabilitation program of at least six months duration. As required, reports shall be
13 submitted by the program on forms provided by the Board. If Respondent has not completed a
14 Board-approved treatment/rehabilitation program prior to commencement of probation,
15 Respondent, within 45 days from the effective date of the decision, shall be enrolled in a program.
16 If a program is not successfully completed within the first nine months of probation, the Board
17 shall consider Respondent in violation of probation.

18 Based on Board recommendation, each week Respondent shall be required to attend at least
19 one, but no more than five 12-step recovery meetings or equivalent (e.g., Narcotics Anonymous,
20 Alcoholics Anonymous, etc.) and a nurse support group as approved and directed by the Board.
21 If a nurse support group is not available, an additional 12-step meeting or equivalent shall be
22 added. Respondent shall submit dated and signed documentation confirming such attendance to
23 the Board during the entire period of probation. Respondent shall continue with the recovery plan
24 recommended by the treatment/rehabilitation program or a licensed mental health examiner
25 and/or other ongoing recovery groups.

26 **16. Abstain from Use of Psychotropic (Mood-Altering) Drugs.** Respondent shall
27 completely abstain from the possession, injection or consumption by any route of all controlled
28 substances and all psychotropic (mood altering) drugs, including alcohol, except when the same

1 are ordered by a health care professional legally authorized to do so as part of documented
2 medical treatment. Respondent shall have sent to the Board, in writing and within fourteen (14)
3 days, by the prescribing health professional, a report identifying the medication, dosage, the date
4 the medication was prescribed, the Respondent's prognosis, the date the medication will no
5 longer be required, and the effect on the recovery plan, if appropriate.

6 Respondent shall identify for the Board a single physician, nurse practitioner or physician
7 assistant who shall be aware of Respondent's history of substance abuse and will coordinate and
8 monitor any prescriptions for Respondent for dangerous drugs, controlled substances or mood-
9 altering drugs. The coordinating physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant shall report
10 to the Board on a quarterly basis Respondent's compliance with this condition. If any substances
11 considered addictive have been prescribed, the report shall identify a program for the time limited
12 use of any such substances.

13 The Board may require the single coordinating physician, nurse practitioner, or physician
14 assistant to be a specialist in addictive medicine, or to consult with a specialist in addictive
15 medicine.

16 17. **Submit to Tests and Samples.** Respondent, at her expense, shall participate in a
17 random, biological fluid testing or a drug screening program which the Board approves. The
18 length of time and frequency will be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent is responsible
19 for keeping the Board informed of Respondent's current telephone number at all times.
20 Respondent shall also ensure that messages may be left at the telephone number when she is not
21 available and ensure that reports are submitted directly by the testing agency to the Board, as
22 directed. Any confirmed positive finding shall be reported immediately to the Board by the
23 program and Respondent shall be considered in violation of probation.

24 In addition, Respondent, at any time during the period of probation, shall fully cooperate
25 with the Board or any of its representatives, and shall, when requested, submit to such tests and
26 samples as the Board or its representatives may require for the detection of alcohol, narcotics,
27 hypnotics, dangerous drugs, or other controlled substances.

28 If Respondent has a positive drug screen for any substance not legally authorized and not

1 reported to the coordinating physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant, and the Board
2 files a petition to revoke probation or an accusation, the Board may suspend Respondent from
3 practice pending the final decision on the petition to revoke probation or the accusation. This
4 period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period.

5 If Respondent fails to participate in a random, biological fluid testing or drug screening
6 program within the specified time frame, Respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall
7 not resume practice until notified by the Board. After taking into account documented evidence
8 of mitigation, if the Board files a petition to revoke probation or an accusation, the Board may
9 suspend Respondent from practice pending the final decision on the petition to revoke probation
10 or the accusation. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary
11 time period.

12 **18. Mental Health Examination.** Respondent shall, within 45 days of the effective date
13 of this Decision, have a mental health examination including psychological testing as appropriate
14 to determine her capability to perform the duties of a registered nurse. The examination will be
15 performed by a psychiatrist, psychologist or other licensed mental health practitioner approved by
16 the Board. The examining mental health practitioner will submit a written report of that
17 assessment and recommendations to the Board. All costs are the responsibility of Respondent.
18 Recommendations for treatment, therapy or counseling made as a result of the mental health
19 examination will be instituted and followed by Respondent.

20 If Respondent is determined to be unable to practice safely as a registered nurse, the
21 licensed mental health care practitioner making this determination shall immediately notify the
22 Board and Respondent by telephone, and the Board shall request that the Attorney General's
23 office prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation. Respondent shall immediately cease
24 practice and may not resume practice until notified by the Board. During this period of
25 suspension, Respondent shall not engage in any practice for which a license issued by the Board
26 is required, until the Board has notified Respondent that a mental health determination permits
27 Respondent to resume practice. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this
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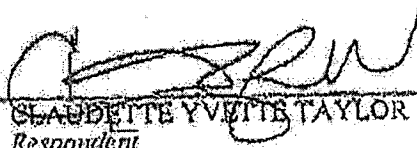
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5 documented evidence of mitigation is provided. Such evidence must establish good faith efforts
6 by Respondent to obtain the assessment, and a specific date for compliance must be provided.
7 Only one such waiver or extension may be permitted.

8 19. **Therapy or Counseling Program.** Respondent, at her expense, shall participate in
9 an on-going counseling program until such time as the Board releases her from this requirement
10 and only upon the recommendation of the counselor. Written progress reports from the counselor
11 will be required at various intervals.

12 **ACCEPTANCE**

13 I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the
14 stipulation and the effect it will have on my Registered Nurse License. I enter into this
15 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree
16 to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Registered Nursing.

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19 DATED: 5/13/18


20 CLAUDETTE YVETTE TAYLOR
Respondent

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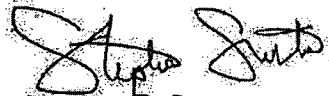
ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Registered Nursing.

Dated: May 16, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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**BEFORE THE
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

CLAUDETTE YVETTE TAYLOR
6600 McKinney Ranch Pkwy., Apt. 19310
McKinney, TX 75070

Registered Nurse License No. 95059491

Respondent.

Case No. 2018-170

ACCUSATION

Complainant alleges:

PARTIES

1. Joseph L. Morris, PhD, MSN, RN ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing (the "Board"), Department of Consumer Affairs.

2. On or about April 18, 2015, the Board issued Registered Nurse License Number 95059491 to Claudette Yvette Taylor ("Respondent"). The Registered Nurse License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on October 31, 2018, unless renewed.

1 himself or herself, any other person, or the public or to the extent that such use impairs his or her
2 ability to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by his or her license. . . .”

3 **COST RECOVERY PROVISION**

4 8. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the
5 administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of
6 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
7 enforcement of the case, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being
8 renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be
9 included in a stipulated settlement.

10 **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE**

11 9. **COCAINE:** “Cocaine” is a Schedule II controlled substance as defined in Health and
12 Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (b)(6), and “Cocaine base” is a Schedule I controlled
13 substance as defined in Health and Safety Code section 11054, subdivision (f)(1). It is categorized
14 as a dangerous drug according to section 4022.

15 **CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

16 **(Unprofessional Conduct – Use of Controlled Substance in a Dangerous Manner)**

17 10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct under section
18 2761, subdivisions (a) and (d), and section 2762, subdivision (b), of the Code in that on or about
19 August 7, 2015, Respondent provided a urine sample that tested positive for cocaine metabolite, a
20 controlled substance, in a manner dangerous to herself, her patients, and others.

21 11. On or about September 30, 2016, the Board received an online complaint from
22 Emerald Health Services (“Emerald”), an agency that provides traveling nurses on a contract
23 basis. The Director of Nursing stated in the complaint that Respondent tested positive for cocaine
24 prior to an assignment as part of Emerald’s drug-screening protocol.

25 12. On or about August 7, 2015, Respondent provided a urine sample for drug testing to
26 obtain a new assignment through Emerald. Respondent’s urine sample was tested by US
27 Healthworks—California (“US Healthworks”) on or about August 13, 2015. Respondent’s urine
28 sample tested positive for Cocaine Metabolite.

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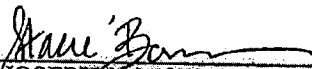
WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 95059491, issued to Claudette Yvette Taylor

2. Ordering Claudette Yvette Taylor to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; and,

3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: September 14, 2017

for 
JOSEPH L. MORRIS, PHD, MSN, RN
Executive Officer
Board of Registered Nursing
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California
Complainant

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