

**In the Matter of
Permanent Vocational Nurse
License Number 160157
Issued to WILLIAM ROBERT HOPKINS,
Respondent**

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

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: William Hopkins
302 Broadway St. Unit 101
Quantico, VA 22134

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on November 10, 2020, 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 Vocational Nurse License Number 160157, previously issued to WILLIAM ROBERT HOPKINS 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 10th day of November, 2020

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY: _____

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

Attachment: Formal Charges filed September 18, 2020

d17r(2020.10.15)

Re: Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 160157
Issued to WILLIAM ROBERT HOPKINS
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE


CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 13th day of November, 2020 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

William Hopkins
302 Broadway St. Unit 101
Quantico, VA 22134

BY: 

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

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FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, WILLIAM ROBERT HOPKINS, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 160157 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 April 1, 2020, Respondent submitted a Delinquent (Expired) License Renewal Form to the Texas Board of Nursing in which Respondent answered "Yes" to the question: "Has any licensing authority refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a nursing license, certificate, or multi-state privilege held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded, or otherwise disciplined you?"

Respondent disclosed that on or about May 23, 2019, Respondent's license to practice practical nursing in the State of Ohio was reprimanded through a Consent Agreement by the Ohio Board of Nursing. A copy of the Consent Agreement dated May 23, 2019, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order. Further, Respondent's license to practice practical nursing in the State of Ohio was subsequently suspended by the Ohio Board of Nursing on March 18, 2020.

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 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 18th day of September, 2020.

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I certify that the attached records are a true copy of Ohio Board of Nursing records.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Houchen".

Betsy Houchen, R.N., M.S., J.D.
Executive Director



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**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
WILLIAM ROBERT HOPKINS, LPN
AND
OHIO BOARD OF NURSING**

This Consent Agreement is entered into by and between **WILLIAM ROBERT HOPKINS, LPN**, and the Ohio Board of Nursing (Board), the state agency charged with enforcing Chapter 4723, of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), and all administrative rules promulgated thereunder.

This Consent Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this Consent Agreement.

BASIS FOR ACTION

This Consent Agreement is entered into on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions, and understandings:

A. The Board is empowered by Section 4723.28, ORC, to deny, permanently revoke, revoke, suspend, or place restrictions on any nursing license issued by the Board; reprimand or otherwise discipline a licensee; or impose a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or less per violation. Section 4723.28(B)(16), ORC, authorizes the Board to discipline a licensee for violation of Chapter 4723, ORC, or any rules adopted under it. Specifically, Rule 4723-4-06(P), Ohio Administrative Code, states that a licensed nurse shall not make any false, misleading, or deceptive statements, or submit or cause to be submitted any false, misleading or deceptive information, or documentation to; (1) The board or any representative of the board; (2) Current employers; (3) Prospective employers when applying for positions requiring a nursing license; (4) Facilities in which, or organizations for whom, the nurse is working a temporary or agency assignment; (5) Other members of the client's health care team; or (6) Law enforcement personnel.

B. **MR. HOPKINS** is licensed to practice as a licensed practical nurse in the State of Ohio, LPN.130762. **MR. HOPKINS's** license was initially issued in July 2003. **MR. HOPKINS's** license to practice as a licensed practical nurse is current and valid.

C. **MR. HOPKINS** knowingly and voluntarily admits to the following:

1. On July 6, 2018, while employed at Maxim Healthcare Services (Maxim) and working as a home health nurse for Ohio Living Home Health & Hospice (Ohio Living), **MR. HOPKINS** was given an electronic tablet by Ohio Living

for documentation in the field. After multiple phone calls from Ohio Living when he failed to appear for a shift, MR. HOPKINS reported that his car and its contents, including the tablet, had been stolen. Later, MR. HOPKINS reported that only the contents of his car had been stolen, including the tablet. In addition, details regarding the location of the theft changed.

2. On August 7, 2018, MR. HOPKINS was terminated from his employment with Maxim.
3. On September 29, 2018, MR. HOPKINS submitted a License Renewal Application to the Board and failed to report a misdemeanor trespassing conviction from November 2016.

D. On August 24, 2018, during an interview with a Board Compliance Agent, MR. HOPKINS stated:

1. He stopped for gas, and while standing inside the gas station, someone stole his car and its contents, including the tablet from Ohio Living.
2. He reported the car as stolen to the police. However, he has been unable to obtain a copy of the police report.
3. His car was returned, but without any of the contents.
4. He suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder and is working with veteran services for assistance in finding a permanent residence. He was evicted from a family member's home and had been living with a friend and at a homeless shelter.

AGREED CONDITIONS

Wherefore, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual promises hereinafter set forth, and in lieu of any formal proceedings at this time, MR. HOPKINS's license is hereby REPRIMANDED.

MR. HOPKINS shall:

1. Within six (6) months of the effective date of this Consent Agreement, pay a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), payable: online by credit or debit card; or payable to the "Treasurer, State of Ohio," by certified check, cashier check, or money order mailed to the attention of the Compliance Unit, Ohio Board of Nursing, 17 South High Street, Suite 660, Columbus, OH 43215-3466.

Educational Requirements

2. Within six (6) months of the effective date of this Consent Agreement, successfully complete and submit satisfactory documentation of successful completion of the following continuing education, or other comparable course(s) approved in advance by the Board or its designee: five (5) hours of Ethics, four (4) hours Professional Accountability & Legal

Liability, two (2) hours of Ohio Nursing Law and Rules, and one (1) hour Managing Legal Risks in Home Healthcare. Continuing education required by this Consent Agreement **does not meet the continuing education requirements for license renewal.**

FAILURE TO COMPLY

MR. HOPKINS agrees that his license to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse will be automatically suspended if it appears to the Board that MR. HOPKINS has violated or breached any terms or conditions of this Consent Agreement. Following the automatic suspension, the Board shall notify MR. HOPKINS via certified mail of the specific nature of the charges and automatic suspension of MR. HOPKINS's license. MR. HOPKINS may request a hearing regarding the charges.

The above described terms and conditions shall constitute "restrictions placed on a license" for purposes of Section 4723.28(B), ORC. If, in the discretion of the Board, MR. HOPKINS appears to have violated or breached any terms or restrictions of this Consent Agreement, the Board reserves the right to institute formal disciplinary proceedings for any and all possible violations or breaches, including, but not limited to, alleged violations of the laws of Ohio occurring before the effective date of this Consent Agreement.

MODIFICATION OF TERMS

The terms and restrictions of this Consent Agreement may be modified or terminated, in writing, at any time upon the agreement of both MR. HOPKINS and the Board.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/LIABILITY RELEASE

MR. HOPKINS acknowledges that he has had an opportunity to ask questions concerning the terms of this Consent Agreement and that all questions asked have been answered in a satisfactory manner.

MR. HOPKINS waives all of his rights under Chapter 119, ORC, as they relate to matters that are the subject of this Consent Agreement.

MR. HOPKINS waives any and all claims or causes of action he may have against the Board, and its members, officers, employees and/or agents arising out of matters, which are the subject of this Consent Agreement.

This Consent Agreement shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43, ORC. The information contained herein shall be reported to data banks and governmental bodies.

This Consent Agreement is not an adjudication order as discussed in Chapter 119, ORC. Any action initiated by the Board based on alleged violations of this Consent Agreement shall comply with the Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 119, ORC.

EFFECTIVE DATE

MR. **HOPKINS** understands that this Consent Agreement is subject to ratification by the Board prior to signature by the Board President and shall become effective upon the last date of signature below.

William R. Hopkins
WILLIAM ROBERT HOPKINS, LPN

3/18/2019
DATE

Patricia A. Sharpnack RN, DNP
PATRICIA SHARPNACK, R.N., D.N.P.
President, Ohio Board of Nursing

5/23/19
DATE