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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of
Registered Nurse License Number 451514
issued to DEBORAH ANN PRICE

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AGREED ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of DEBORAH ANN PRICE, Registered Nurse License Number 451514, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10),(12)&(13), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on August 26, 2020.

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 Agreed Order.
3. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts, on June 1, 1978. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on January 21, 1980.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

1/1980 – 2/1982

Unknown

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

3/1982 – 4/2019	RN	Seton Medical Center Austin, Texas
4/2019 – 5/2019	RN	St. David's South Austin Medical Center Austin, Texas
6/2019	Unknown	
7/2019 – Unknown	RN	Cornerstone Hospital Austin, Texas
Present	Unknown	

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with St. David's South Austin Medical Center, Austin, Texas, and had been in that position for one (1) month.
7. On or about April 18, 2019, while employed as a Registered Nurse with St. David's South Austin Medical Center, Austin, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice nursing in that she exhibited signs of impaired behavior while on duty, including, but not limited to: swaying, having glassy eyes, being unsteady on her feet, stumbling over her words, drooling, and having the smell of alcohol on her breath. In addition, Respondent admitted to taking Xanax for a headache approximately two and half hours after beginning her shift. Respondent's condition could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected his/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 February 1, 2020, Respondent underwent a Medical Evaluation by Jeremy Wiseman, M.D., who stated Respondent was found to be "medically fit to continue to practice as a Registered Nurse in the state of Texas."
9. In response to Findings of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states she realizes her lapse in professional judgement has cost the board valuable time & resources and requests that her license reflect her retirement.

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) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(E), (4),(5)&(10)(A).
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 451514, heretofore issued to DEBORAH ANN PRICE.
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.

TERMS OF ORDER

I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of **WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS** and RESPONDENT'S license(s) shall be placed in **INACTIVE** status.

Should RESPONDENT decide in the future to reactivate his/her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, RESPONDENT SHALL be required to petition the Board for reactivation of the license and satisfy all then existing requirements for reactivation. Further, RESPONDENT'S reactivated license(s) SHALL BE subject to, at a minimum, the remedial education courses, work restrictions, supervised practice, and employer reporting which would have been requirements of this Order had RESPONDENT not chosen to inactivate his/her nursing license(s).

Until such time that RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas is/are reactivated, RESPONDENT SHALL NOT use a Privilege to Practice Nursing in the State of Texas from any Nurse License Compact member state.

II. SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, should the RESPONDENT'S conduct, as outlined in the findings of fact of this Agreed Order, result in subsequent judicial action, including a deferred disposition, RESPONDENT may be subject to further disciplinary action, up to, and including, revocation of RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

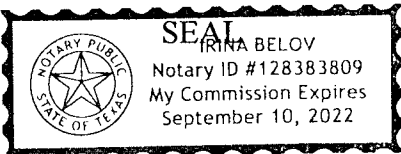
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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this 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 is subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing and a copy of this Order will be mailed to me once the Order becomes effective. 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 possible revocation of my license(s) and/or privileges to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance. I further understand that, should I decide in the future to reactivate my license(s), I will be required to satisfy, at a minimum, the additional requirements that would have been part of this Order had the license(s) not been placed in inactive status, as stated herein, as well as all then existing requirements for reactivation.

Signed this 16 day of Nov, 20 20
Deborah Ann Price
DEBORAH ANN PRICE, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16 day of November, 20 20

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

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 16th day of November, 2020, by DEBORAH ANN PRICE, Registered Nurse License Number 451514, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 8th day of December, 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Katherine A. Thomas".

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