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Stephanie O'Hanrahan
Executive Director of the Board

**In the Matter of
Permanent Registered Nurse
License Number 555742 &
Permanent Vocational Nurse
License Number 81279
Issued to SYNTHIA SMITH CHANDLER,
Respondent**

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

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Synthia Chandler
804 Forest Glen Dr
Bedford, TX 76021

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on March 23, 2021, 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 555742, and Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 81279, previously issued to SYNTHIA SMITH CHANDLER 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 23rd day of March, 2021

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY: 

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

Attachment: Formal Charges filed November 30, 2020

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Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 555742
& Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 81279
Issued to SYNTHIA SMITH CHANDLER
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 25th day of March, 2021, 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

Synthia Chandler
804 Forest Glen Dr
Bedford, TX 76021

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, SYNTHIA SMITH CHANDLER, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 555742 which is in current status at the time of this pleading. Further, Respondent is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 81279 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 August 28, 2019, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Sagecrest Hospital, Grapevine, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate and/or unlawful use of Alprazolam and Butalbital in that Respondent produced a specimen for a urine pre-employment drug screen which resulted positive for Alprazolam and Butalbital. Unlawful possession of Alprazolam or Butalbital is prohibited by Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code. The use of Alprazolam and Butalbital by a Registered Nurse or Licensed Vocational Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patients' conditions, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(9),(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A)&(1)(B), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4),(5),(10)(A),(10)(D)&(11)(B).

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 30 day of Notice, 2020.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



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