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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of	§	AGREED ORDER
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License	§	
Number AP109764 with Prescription	§	
Authorization Number 3183, and	§	
Registered Nurse License Number 589485	§	
issued to LINDA D. MCKNIGHT		

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of LINDA D. MCKNIGHT, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP109764 with Prescription Authorization Number 3183, and Registered Nurse License Number 589485, 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)&(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 January 6, 2021.

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. Respondent's license to practice advanced practice nursing in the State of Texas in the role of Women's Health Nurse Practitioner is in current status.
4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Baylor University, Dallas, Texas, on December 1, 1992, and received a Certificate from UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas, on July 2, 1999. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 23, 1993, and was licensed to practice advanced

practice registered nursing in the State of Texas in the role of Women's Health Nurse Practitioner on October 13, 1999.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

5/1993 – 7/1999	Registered Nurse	Tri-City Hospital Dallas, Texas
8/1999-12/2000	Unknown	
1/2001-3/2006	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner	Female Specialty Care Dallas, Texas
4/2006-7/2006	Unknown	
8/2006-4/2020	Women's Health Nurse Practitioner	Parkland Health and Hospital System/Southeast Dallas Women's Health Center Dallas, Texas
5/2020-Present	Not Employed in Nursing	

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner with Southeast Dallas Women's Health Center, Dallas, Texas, and had been in that position for thirteen (13) years and one (1) month.
7. On or about September 12, 2019, through March 10, 2020, while employed as a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner with Southeast Dallas Women's Health Center, Dallas, Texas, Respondent failed to accurately document sonogram dates in the medical record of pregnant Patient Number 4467834, and failed to correctly measure fundal height. Subsequently, there was a size/date discrepancy that remained unaddressed, and the infant was delivered preterm at 32 weeks gestation, instead of what medical staff believed to be 41 weeks gestation. Respondent's conduct resulted in an inaccurate medical record and exposed the patient and infant to a risk of harm from complications of a preterm delivery.
8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that she failed to accurately document sonogram results, but is not clear how this occurred. Respondent states that she recorded the wrong date on the patient's chart of the sonogram report, though she always uses a measurement tape per protocol to have accurate size dates. Respondent states that afterwards, she changed her practice to check sonogram results over and over again and made sure to chart everything on each visit accurately. Respondent adds that she never failed to identify discrepancies in fundal heights before or failed to consult with other providers to double check size if needed.

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)(D)&(1)(M) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP109764 with Prescription Authorization Number 3183, and Registered Nurse License Number 589485, heretofore issued to LINDA D. MCKNIGHT.
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 **REPRIMAND WITH STIPULATIONS** and RESPONDENT'S license(s), and any privilege(s) to practice, as applicable, 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.

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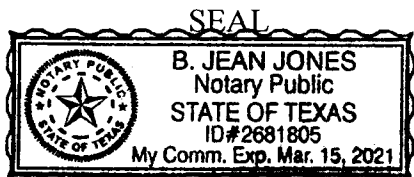
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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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 31st day of January, 2021.
Linda D. Mcknight
LINDA D. MCKNIGHT, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of January, 2021.



B. Jones
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 31st day of January, 2021, by LINDA D. MCKNIGHT, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP109764 with Prescription Authorization Number 3183, and Registered Nurse License Number 589485, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 23rd day of March, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Katherine A. Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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