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Stephanie P. Williams
Executive Director of the Board

**In the Matter of
Permanent Registered Nurse
License Number 650474 &
Permanent Vocational Nurse
License Number 167095
Issued to FRANCIS NNAWUGO NNAWUEZE,
Respondent**

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

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Francis Nwawueze
4111 W 195th St
Country Club Hills, IL 60478

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 650474, and Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 167095, previously issued to FRANCIS NNAWUGO NAWUEZE 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 December 15, 2020

d17r(2021.02.05)

Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 650474
& Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 167095
Issued to FRANCIS NNAWUGO NAWWUEZE
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 24th day of May, 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

Francis Nwawueze
4111 W 195th St
Country Club Hills, IL 60478

BY: 

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

In the Matter of §
Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 650474 & § **BEFORE THE TEXAS**
Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 167095 §
Issued to FRANCIS NNAWUGO NAWWUEZE, §
Respondent § **BOARD OF NURSING**

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, FRANCIS NNAWUGO NAWWUEZE, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 650474 which is in delinquent status at the time of this pleading. Further, Respondent is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 167095 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 July 16, 2020, Respondent's license to practice Advanced Practice Professional Nursing and Registered Nursing in the State of Indiana was issued an Order Accepting Voluntary Agreement to Summary Suspension by the Indiana Board of Nursing, Indianapolis, Indiana. A copy of the Order Accepting Voluntary Agreement to Summary Suspension by the Indiana Board of Nursing dated July 16, 2020, 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 15th day of December, 2020.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



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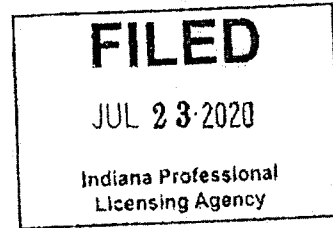
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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:)
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FRANCIS NAWWUGO NAWWUEZE, R.N., A.P.R.N.)
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LICENSE NO. 28142431A)
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71008026A/B)



**ORDER ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT
TO SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

The Petitioner, the State of Indiana, by Natalie R. Stidd, Deputy Attorney General, (“Petitioner”), and Francis Nwawugo Nwawueze, R.N., A.P.R.N., with counsel Kerry Connor, filed before the Indiana State Board of Nursing (“Board”) a Voluntary Agreement to Summary Suspension (“Agreement”), which was submitted to the Board for approval on July 16, 2020.

The Board, after reviewing the Agreement at the meeting held by audio and video conference on July 16, 2020, now finds by a vote of 7-0-0 it has been entered into fairly and without fraud, duress, or undue influence, and is fair and equitable between the parties. The Board hereby incorporates the Agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**, and approves and adopts in full the Agreement.

WHEREFORE, the Board hereby accepts and approves the Agreement summarily suspending Respondent’s license for **thirty-five (35) days**, and Respondent is hereby **ORDERED** to abide by all the terms of the Agreement.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall serve as notice to all parties that this matter is reset on **AUGUST 20, 2020 at 8:30 AM**, for a hearing to occur via <https://IndianaEnhanced.Webex.com/join/PLAWebex> or as otherwise directed by the Board, at

which the Board will consider whether the summary suspension of Respondent's license should be extended for up to an additional ninety (90) days.

SO ORDERED, this 23rd day of July, 2020; this **Order is effective as of the 16th day of July, 2020.**

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: *Maureen Bennett*
for Kim Cooper, R.N.
Board President
Indiana State Board of Nursing

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the "Order Accepting Voluntary Agreement to Summary Suspension" has been duly served upon:

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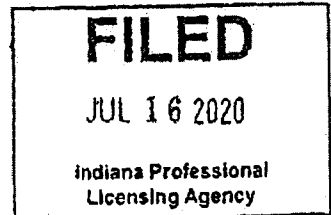
Explanation of Service Methods

Personal Service: by delivering a true copy of the aforesaid document(s) personally.

Service by U.S. Mail: by serving a true copy of the aforesaid document(s) by First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid.

Service by Email: by sending a true copy of the aforesaid document(s) to the individual's electronic mail address.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF)
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FRANCIS NWA WUGO NWA WUEZE, R.N., A.P.R.N.)
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LICENSE NO. 28142431A)
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VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT TO SUMMARY SUSPENSION

The Petitioner, the State of Indiana, by Natalie R. Stidd, Deputy Attorney General, ("Petitioner"), and Francis Nwawugo Nwawueze, R.N., A.P.R.N., with counsel Kerry Connor, hereby execute this Agreement in regard to the Summary Suspension of Respondent's licenses as a RN and APRN, which is based upon the Petition for Summary Suspension filed on July 8, 2020 ("Petition"). This Agreement is subject to the review and approval of the Indiana State Board of Nursing ("Board") and the Administrative Orders and Procedures Act, Ind. Code § 4-21.5-3 *et seq.* In the event that the Agreement is not approved by the Board, this Agreement shall be null and void and, in accordance with Indiana Rule of Evidence 408, may not be introduced into evidence in any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding.

STIPULATED FINDING OF FACTS

1. Respondent is a licensed registered nurse in the State of Indiana, having obtained license number 28142431A from the Board on October 7, 1998.
2. Respondent received his APRN prescriptive authority, under license number 71008026A/B, from the Board on June 11, 2018.
3. Respondent's address on file with the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency is 59 Deerpath Road, Matterson, Illinois 60443.

Exhibit
A

4. This Board has jurisdiction to summarily suspend Respondent's license in accordance with Ind. Code 4-21.5-4 et seq. and Ind. Code 25-1-9-10.

Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in the Petition for Summary Suspension. However, Respondent recognizes the serious nature of the allegations and wishes to agree to the temporary, non-final suspension of his RN and APRN licenses for a period of thirty-five (35) days.

STIPULATED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The agreement of the parties as stated above establishes a sufficient factual and legal basis for the suspension of the Respondent's license pursuant to Ind. Code § 25-1-9-10.

WHEREAS, this matter is set for hearing before the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Respondent and Petitioner wish to resolve this non-final matter prior to a hearing and have reached a resolution.

IT IS NOW THEREFORE AGREED by Respondent and Petitioner as follows:

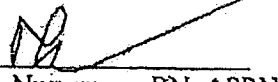
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter in this action commenced on July 8, 2020.
2. The parties execute this Agreement voluntarily.
3. Respondent and Petitioner voluntarily waive their rights to a public hearing on the Petition at this time.
4. Respondent has carefully read and examined this Agreement and fully understands its terms.
5. Respondent's licenses shall be **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED** for a period of thirty-five (35) days, as described in the terms above.

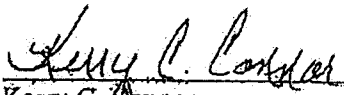
6. The parties request that this matter be set for a hearing on the Petition for Summary Suspension at the Board's meeting scheduled for August 20, 2020.

7. The parties agree to the continuing jurisdiction of the Board.

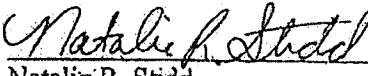
7/15/20
Date


Francis N. Nwawueze, RN, APRN
Respondent

7/15/2020
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