### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



In the Matter of \$ AGREED ORDER Registered Nurse License Number 923438 \$ issued to CALEB ANDREW PHILLIPS \$

is on file or is of record in the offices of the Cara Board of Nursing.

\*\*Texas Board of Nursing.\*\*

\*\*Executive Director of the Board\*\*

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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of CALEB ANDREW PHILLIPS, Registered Nurse License Number 923438, 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), 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 December 4, 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 Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas, on May 13, 2017. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 13, 2017.
- 5. Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history is unknown.

- 6. On or about July 28, 2020, Respondent was in the possession of child pornography. Nurses have access to underage patients, whose bodies may be exposed during assessments. This conduct risks the protection of the public and patients regarding assessment free from professional boundary crossings. Furthermore on October 15, 2020, Respondent was indicted on five (5) counts of POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree felony, The criminal case is currently pending in the 54<sup>th</sup> District Court of McLennan County, Texas, under Cause No. 2020-1676-C2.
- 7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states he had been charged with a felony of the third degree for possession of child pornography. Respondent states he has been terminated from his workplace. Respondent states he does not have access to a computer.
- 8. Respondent by his signature expresses his desire to voluntary surrender the licenses.

### 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 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(4).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 923438, heretofore issued to CALEB ANDREW PHILLIPS.
- 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

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Registered Nurse License Number 923438 is accepted by the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional/registered nursing, use the title "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying himself as a

registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.

- 2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until at least one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.
- 3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, 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 becomes effective upon acceptance by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing and a copy will be mailed to me. 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.

Signed this 23.1 day of March, 2021.

CALEB ANDREW PHILLIPS, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of March, 2021.

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DEBBIE COWEN
Notary Public, State of Texas
Comm. Expires 05-14-2023
Notary ID 125756617

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2021, by CALEB ANDREW PHILLIPS, Registered Nurse License Number 923438, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 25th day of March, 2021.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

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