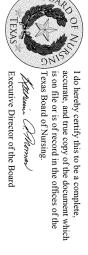
BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of TAMMY SUE WAGSTAFF, Registered Nurse License Number 606681



ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of TAMMY SUE WAGSTAFF, Registered Nurse License Number 606681, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 2. Respondent waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Paris Junior College, Paris, Texas, on May 10, 1994. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 11, 1994.
- 4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

7/1994 - 8/2013

Registered Nurse

East Texas Medical Center

Clarksville, Texas

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

8/2013 - 8/2020

Registered Nurse

Paris Regional Medical Center

Paris, Texas

8/2020 - Present

Unknown

5. Formal Charges were filed on February 11, 2021. A copy of the Formal Charges, dated February 11, 2021, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

6. On June 28, 2021, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas in lieu of completing the Order. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated June 21, 2021, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

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)&(1)(P), 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 Registered Nurse License Number 606681, heretofore issued to TAMMY SUE WAGSTAFF, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
- 6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
- 7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

TERMS OF ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of

Registered Nurse License Number 606681 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 herself/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 ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse

licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 28th day of June, 2021

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

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In the Matter of \$\frac{\\$}{\\$}\$ BEFORE THE TEXAS Permanent Registered Nurse \$\frac{\\$}{\\$}\$ License Number 606681 \$\frac{\\$}{\\$}\$ Issued to TAMMY SUE WAGSTAFF, \$\frac{\\$}{\\$}\$ BOARD OF NURSING Respondent

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, TAMMY SUE WAGSTAFF, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 606681 which is in current 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 23, 2020, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Paris Regional Medical Center, Paris, Texas, Respondent failed to timely intervene after Patient PR1368727 arrived at the Emergency Room and became progressively less alert, hypoxic and hypotensive. Further, Respondent failed to ensure the patient was wearing a BiPap mask and also failed to administer intravenous fluids as ordered by the physician. A code blue was initiated; but the patient subsequently expired. Respondent's conduct exposed to patient to risk of injury from undetected and untreated changes in cardiovascular status and may have contributed to the patient's demise.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE \$217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(D),(1)(M),(1)(P)&(3), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE \$217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

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 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 11 day of February, 2021.

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