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Executive Director of the Board

In the Matter of Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 222206 Issued to BRANDI ALLISON LIRA, Respondent BEFORE THE TEXAS

**BOARD OF NURSING** 

**ELIGIBILITY AND** 

**DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE** 

## ORDER OF THE BOARD

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TO: Brandi Lira 808 Walnut St Burleson, TX 76028

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on September 14, 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 Vocational Nurse License Number 222206, previously issued to BRANDI ALLISON LIRA 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 14th day of September, 2021

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BY:

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

Attachment: Formal Charges filed April 28, 2021

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Re: Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 222206
Issued to BRANDI ALLISON LIRA
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 17th day of September, 201, a true and
correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s),
as follows:

Settlerine C. Thomas

<u>Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested,</u> <u>Copy Via USPS First Class Mail</u>

Brandi Lira 808 Walnut St Burleson, TX 76028

BY:

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

In the Matter of \$ BEFORE THE TEXAS Permanent Vocational Nurse \$ License Number 222206 \$ Issued to BRANDI ALLISON LIRA, Respondent \$ BOARD OF NURSING

#### FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, BRANDI ALLISON LIRA, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 222206 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 November 24, 2019, through November 25, 2019, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Advent Health Care Center, Burleson, Texas, Respondent failed to ensure that her assigned patients received their scheduled medications as ordered in that she fell asleep in an empty room and was awoken at 0430, thus failing to administer medication throughout the night to her assigned patients. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients in that failure to administer medications as ordered by the physician could have resulted in nonefficacious treatment.

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)(T) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12 (1)(A),(1)(B),(4)&(5).

### CHARGE II.

On or about November 24, 2019 through November 25, 2019, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Advent Health Care Center, Burleson, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice nursing in that she exhibited impaired behavior, including: crying, fidgeting, acting confused and disoriented, shaking, saying her whole body was numb, and stating, "Something is wrong with me, I don't know where I am, I can't remember anything." Additionally, Respondent admitted to taking "magic eggs" from a friend before her shift. Respondent's condition could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her 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) (10),(12)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11 (1)(A),(1)(B)&(1)(T) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12 (1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(E),(4)&(5).

#### CHARGE III.

On or about November 25, 2019, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Advent Health Care Center, Burleson, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of methamphetamines and opiates in that Respondent produced a drug specimen for a drug screen which resulted positive for methamphetamines and opiates. Possession of methamphetamines and opiates are prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of methamphetamines and opiates by a Licensed Vocational Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient 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)&(1)(T) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12 (1)(A),(1)(B),(4),(5),(10)(A)&(10)(D).

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, <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

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, <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

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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, <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

Filed this 28 day of April, 2021,

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