DOCKET NUMBER 507-21-2377

IN THE MATTER OF PERMANENT CERTIFICATE NUMBER 700839, ISSUED TO HELEN MARTIN MASEDMAN

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

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ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO:

HELEN MARTIN MASEDMAN 619 ROLLINGBROOK DR. BAYTOWN, TX 77521

KATERINA DEANGELO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE 300 WEST 15TH STREET AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

At the regularly scheduled public meeting on October 21, 2021, the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) considered the following items: (1) Order No. 4, *Order of Default Dismissal*, issued by the ALJ in the above cited matter; (2) Staff's recommendation that the Board revoke the Respondent's registered nursing license by default; and (3) Respondent's recommendation to the Board regarding the above cited matter, if any.

On August 18, 2021, the ALJ convened a hearing on the merits in this matter. Staff of the Board was present for the hearing. However, the Respondent was not present at the hearing, and no one appeared on her behalf. During the hearing on August 18, 2021, Staff introduced evidence into the record demonstrating that Respondent had been sent an amended Notice of Hearing by first class certified mail return receipt requested to her last known address of record maintained by the Board in accordance with 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.10(a). The ALJ found that Staff's notice was adequate and issued Order No. 4, *Order of Default Dismissal*, granting Staff's Motion for Default and dismissing the case from the docket of SOAH and remanding it to the Board for informal disposition on a default basis in accordance with the Government Code §2001.056.

The Board, after review and due consideration of Order No. 4, issued by the ALJ in the above cited matter, finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with the Government Code §2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Occupations Code Chapter 301 (Nursing Practice Act) for retention of Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas. The Board further finds that the First Amended Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with the Occupations Code §301.458. The Board further finds that proper and timely notice regarding the violations alleged in the First Amended Formal Charges was given to Respondent in accordance with the requirements of the Government Code §2001.051 and §2001.052 and 1 Tex. Admin. Code §155.501. The Board further finds that the Respondent failed to appear in accordance with 22 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 213 and 1 Tex. Admin. Code §155.501. As a result of the



Respondent's failure to appear, the Board has determined that the factual allegations listed in the First Amended Formal Charges are to be deemed admitted by default and the Board is authorized to enter a default order against the Respondent pursuant to the Government Code §2001.056 and 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.22. Further, the Board has determined that it is entitled to revoke the Respondent's registered nursing license pursuant to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.33(m).

Therefore, the Board hereby adopts the factual allegations and conclusions of law contained in the First Amended Formal Charges, which have been deemed admitted, and which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes, and 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 in accordance with the Government Code Chapter 2001 and 22 Tex. Admin.Code §213.23(I), as applicable. 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.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED THAT Permanent Certificate Number 700839, previously issued to HELEN MARTIN MASEDMAN, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multi-state privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

FURTHER, pursuant to the Occupations Code §301.467, RESPONDENT is not eligible to petition for reinstatement of licensure until at least one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order. Further, upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT must satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

Entered this 21st day of October, 2021.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE BOARD

Attachment: First Amended Formal Charges

In the Matter of
Permanent Registered Nurse
License Number 700839
Issued to HELEN MARTIN MASEDMAN,
Respondent

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BEFORE THE TEXAS
BOARD OF NURSING

FIRST AMENDED FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, HELEN MARTIN MASEDMAN, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 700839 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 February 1, 2019 through December 20, 2019, while employed with The Woman's Hospital of Texas, Houston, Texas, Respondent practiced as a Registered Nurse without a valid license. Board records indicate that Respondent's license expired on January 31, 2019, and is still currently delinquent. Respondent's conduct deceived residents, their families, fellow care givers, and the public in that they believed Respondent's nursing practice was in compliance with all Board Rules and Regulations.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Sections 301.452(b)(10), 301.251, and 301.301, Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(4)& (6)(H).

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 amended 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 amended Formal Charges, the Board will rely on adopted policies related to Behavior Involving Lying and Falsification, and on adopted policies related to Behavior Involving Fraud, Theft, and Deception, 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 amended 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.

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Filed this 15th day of July, 2021.

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