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*Patricia A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of  
DEBBIE SIMECEK KRUSE,  
Vocational Nurse License Number 62506

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ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of DEBBIE SIMECEK KRUSE, Vocational Nurse License Number 62506, 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 vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in delinquent status.
2. Respondent waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Temple Junior College, Temple, Texas, on August 26, 1974. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on October 29, 1974.
4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

1974 – 1982	Licensed Vocational Nurse	Cameron & Colonial Nursing Home Cameron, Texas
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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

1982 – 1987	Licensed Vocational Nurse	Home Health Agency
1987 – 09/1990	Licensed Vocational Nurse	Colonial Nursing Home Cameron, Texas
10/1990	Unknown	Unknown
11/1990 – 10/2006	Licensed Vocational Nurse	Winnie L. Nursing Facility Cameron, Texas
10/2006 – 06/2010	Licensed Vocational Nurse	Little River Healthcare Cameron, Texas
06/2010 – 03/2021	Licensed Vocational Nurse	Baylor Scott & White Clinic – Cameron Cameron, Texas
04/2021 – Present	Unknown	Unknown

5. On or about April 16, 2021, the Board provided notice to Respondent that an investigation was being initiated into alleged violations of the Nursing Practice Act and/or the Board's Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure, and Practice, as follows:
  - o On or about March 11, 2021, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Baylor Scott & White Clinic - Cameron, Cameron, Texas, you failed to appropriately intervene and escalate the care for Patient Medical Record Number 0833099, who presented to the clinic with chest pain and shortness of breath. Instead, you advised that the patient would need to go to the emergency room and, as you attempted to check the patient's vital signs, the patient decided to leave for the hospital prompting you to ask if he had a driver, and the patient departed the clinic. Subsequently, the patient experienced cardiac arrest, was transported to the hospital, and expired.
6. On November 2, 2021, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated October 20, 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)(M),(1)(P),(1)(Q)&(2)(A) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B)&(4).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13)(effective through 8/31/2021), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 62506, heretofore issued to DEBBIE SIMECEK KRUSE, 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 Vocational Nurse License Number 62506 is accepted by the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title "vocational nurse" or the abbreviation "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself/himself as a vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational 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 November 2, 2021



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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN  
Executive Director on behalf  
of said Board

DEBBIE SIMECEK KRUSE  
715 Cr 214, Cameron, TX 76520  
LVN LICENSE NUMBER 62506

Voluntary Surrender Statement

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas. I consent to the entry of an Order with findings reflecting the alleged conduct and which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I waive notice, administrative hearing, and judicial review of the Order entered by the Board. I understand that I may not petition for reinstatement until one (1) year from the effective date of the Order. I understand that I will be required to comply with the Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time I submit any petition for reinstatement.

Signature: Debbie Kruse  
Date: 10-20-2021  
LVN LICENSE NUMBER 62506

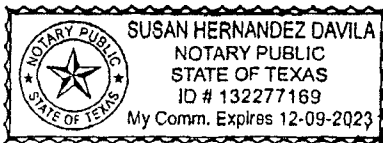
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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared DEBBIE SIMECEK KRUSE who, being duly sworn by me, stated that he or she executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that he or she understood same.

Sworn to before me the 20 day of October, 2021.

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Susan Hernandez Davila  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



Approved as to form and substance.

Glynis Zavarelli  
Glynis Zavarelli, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 2nd day of November 2021.