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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  
LINDSAY NICOLE APPLING,  
Registered Nurse License Number 831247

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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 LINDSAY NICOLE APPLING, Registered Nurse License Number 831247, 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 Amarillo College, Amarillo, Texas, on December 13, 2012. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 5, 2013.
4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

2/2013 – 4/2013	Unknown	
4/2013 – 9/2014	Registered Nurse	Fresenius Medical Care Pensacola, Florida

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

10/2014 – 10/2015	Registered Nurse	OU Medical System Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
10/2015 – 4/2018	Registered Nurse	Integrus Baptist Medical Center Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
4/2018 – 7/2020	Registered Nurse	Bay Area Medical Center Corpus Christi, Texas
1/2020 – 12/2020	Registered Nurse	Physician's Premier Corpus Christi, Texas
1/2021 – Unknown	Registered Nurse	Cross Country Healthcare Boca Raton, Florida

5. On or about December 1, 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 September 17, 2021, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Cross Country Staffing, Boca Raton, Florida, and assigned to Baylor Scott & White All Saints Medical Center, Fort Worth, Texas, you engaged in the intemperate and unlawful use of Fentanyl in that you submitted a specimen for a reasonable suspicion drug screen that produced a positive result for Fentanyl and Fentanyl metabolites.
6. On January 7, 2022, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated January 3, 2022, 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) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12 (1)(A),(1)(B),(4),(5),(10)(A),(10)(D) &(11)(B).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(9),(10)&(14)(effective 9/1/21), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 831247, heretofore issued to LINDSAY NICOLE APPLING, 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 831247 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:
  - A. At least one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order; and
  - B. RESPONDENT has objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.

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 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022



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

LINDSAY NICOLE APPLING  
2935 Meandering Way, Granbury, TX 76049  
RN LICENSE NUMBER 831247

Voluntary Surrender Statement

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license 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 understand that I can be represented by an attorney in this matter. I waive attorney representation, 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: Lindsay Appling  
Date: 1/31/2022  
RN LICENSE NUMBER 831247

The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared LINDSAY NICOLE APPLING 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 3 day of January, 2022.

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[Signature]  
Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS

