BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the Petition for Reinstatement, hereinafter referred to as the Petition, of Vocational Nurse License Number 232326, held by CHARLES K MBAH, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner.

Petitioner waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Reinstatement Agreed Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on October 20, 2022.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Petitioner and Petitioner was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
- 2. Petitioner waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Reinstatement Agreed Order.
- 3. Petitioner received a Diploma in Nursing from American International Institute of Health, Arlington, Virginia, on September 1, 2009. Petitioner was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 28, 2010.
- 4. Petitioner's nursing employment history includes:

2010 – 2011	LVN	The Haption at Post Oak Houston, Texas
2011 – 2012	LVN	Eastan Health Care Services Houston, Texas
2012 – 2014	LVN	Smart Leaving Health Care Houston, Texas

Petitioner's nursing employment history continued:

GC Health Care Services LVN 2011 - 2014Houston, Texas Paramount Rehab and Health LVN 3/2014 - 5/2014Houston, Texas

- 5. On or about March 25, 2015, the Board accepted the Voluntary Surrender of Petitioner's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas through an Order of the Board. A copy of the March 25, 2015, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Reinstatement Agreed Order.
- 6. On or about August 3, 2022, Petitioner submitted a Petition for Reinstatement of License to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 7. Petitioner presented the following in support of said petition:
 - A. Letter of support from Isabelle Titamongu, Administrator, Tisa Foundation
 - B. Letter of support from Pastor Kiven Basang, The Kingdom Eagles Church, Houston, Texas.
 - C. Letter of support from Oreana I Johnson Administrative Assistant of Estan Healthcare Services Stafford, Texas.
 - D. Letter of support from M. Henry Ubi Alt. Administrator from Smartliving Healthcare Services, Inc, Houston, Texas.
 - E. Documentation of the required continuing education contact hours.
- 8. On or about September 30, 2022, Petitioner completed a forensic psychological evaluation with polygraph performed by Dr. J. Ray Hays, Ph.D., J.D. Dr. Hays concludes Petitioner is no more likely than any other person to engage in such behavior again and Petitioner does not appear to be a threat to the community. Petitioner should be able to follow the rules of the Board and avoid behaviors that the Board considers unprofessional. Dr. Hays sees no reason from a psychological standpoint that he should not be re-licensed as a nurse in Texas.
- 9. The Executive Director considered evidence of Petitioner's past behavior in light of the factors set out in 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.27 and determined that Petitioner currently demonstrates the criteria required for relicensure.
- 10. There is no evidence of any subsequent criminal conduct.

- 11. The Executive Director considered evidence of Petitioner's past criminal conduct in light of the considerations and criteria provided in 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§213.28 & 213.33, and, as applicable, Chapter 53, Section 53.001 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.
- 12. Relicensure of Petitioner poses no direct threat to the health and safety of patients or the public provided Petitioner complies with the stipulations outlined in this Order.
- 13. The Executive Director's review of Petitioner's eligibility for relicensure has been made on the basis of Petitioner's disclosures.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. This reinstatement is made pursuant to Sections 301.453(c) and 301.467, Texas Occupations Code and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26.
- 3. The Board may relicense an individual upon evaluation of the factors in 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.27, and pursuant to 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.33, if the Board is satisfied that the individual is able to consistently conform his conduct to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.
- 4. The Board may license an individual who has been previously convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, pled guilty or pled nolo contendere to any crime whether or not a sentence was imposed upon consideration of the factors set out in 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.28 and evaluating the direct relationship to nursing according to 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.28 and, as applicable, Chapter 53, Section 53.001 et seq., Texas Occupations Code.
- 5. This Order is conditioned upon the accuracy and completeness of Petitioner's disclosures. Any subsequently discovered discrepancies will result in investigation and possible disciplinary action, up to revocation of Petitioner's license(s).
- 6. Pursuant to Section 301.463(d), Texas Occupations Code, this Agreed Order is a settlement agreement under Rule 408, Texas Rules of Evidence, in civil or criminal litigation.

TERMS OF ORDER

I. REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that the petition of CHARLES K. MBAH for reinstatement of license to practice nursing in the State of Texas be **GRANTED** and Vocational Nurse License Number 232326 is/are hereby **REINSTATED** in accordance with the terms of this Order.

- A. Until successfully completed, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to PETITIONER to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- B. Until successfully completed, this Order SHALL be applicable to PETITIONER'S nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- C. Until successfully completed, PETITIONER may not practice nursing in the State of Texas except in accordance with the terms of this Order.
- D. As a result of this Order, PETITIONER'S license(s) will be designated "single state" as applicable and PETITIONER may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state using a Texas compact license.

II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

While under the terms of this Order, PETITIONER agrees to comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nursing Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§211.1 *et seq.*, and this Reinstatement Agreed Order.

III. REQUIREMENTS FOR VOCATIONAL NURSING REFRESHER COURSE, EXTENSIVE ORIENTATION, OR NURSING PROGRAM OF STUDY IN VOCATIONAL NURSING

Prior to practicing as a vocational nurse in the State of Texas, PETITIONER SHALL:

- A. Apply for a Six Month Temporary Permit to Complete Refresher Course, Extensive Orientation, or Nursing Program of Study in Vocational Nursing for the limited purpose of completing a refresher course, extensive orientation, or nursing program of study in vocational nursing. The application for the Six Month Temporary Permit is available via the Nurse Portal on the Board's website (www.bon.texas.gov). PETITIONER SHALL NOT, in any way, attempt to use the temporary permit for any purpose other than completing the refresher course, extensive orientation, or nursing program of study in vocational nursing.
- B. Successfully complete a Board approved refresher course, extensive orientation, or nursing program of study for vocational nursing. Petitioner MUST obtain Board approval of the nursing refresher course, extensive orientation, or nursing program, as applicable, prior to enrollment. In order for the course to be approved:
 - 1. The target audience shall include vocational nurses;
 - 2. The course instructor must be a qualified registered nurse who meets or exceeds the Board's minimum criteria for eligibility as an instructor;
 - 3. The course's content shall, at a minimum, include:
 - o Review of NPA, Rules, and Position Statements;
 - Determination of Individual Scope of Practice and role in patient safety;
 - Review of the clinical problem solving process for the provision of individualized, goal directed nursing care to include: (i) Collecting data & performing focused nursing assessments; (ii) Participating in the planning of nursing care needs for clients; (iii) Participating in the development & modification of the comprehensive nursing care plan for assigned clients; (iv) Implementing appropriate aspects of care within the LVN's scope of practice; and (v) Assisting in the evaluation of the client's responses to nursing interventions and the identification of client needs;
 - o Pharmacology review;
 - Medication administration;
 - Documentation, quality assurance, and legal implication for nursing practice; and
 - Documentation of current CPR certification prior to beginning precepted clinical learning experience; and
 - 4. The course must contain no less than a total of 80 hours of clinical practice providing direct patient care precepted by a qualified registered or vocational nurse. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.

- C. <u>Upon completion of the refresher course, extensive orientation, or nursing program of study for vocational nursing, PETITIONER SHALL return the temporary permit to the Board's office and PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to notify the Board, on a form provided by the Board, of Petitioner's successful completion of the refresher course, including the required 80 hours of precepted clinical practice.</u>
- D. <u>Upon verification of successful completion of the conditions</u> as set out in Paragraphs A through C of this Section, PETITIONER SHALL submit a completed License Reactivation Form for Vocational Nurses, which is available via the Nurse Portal on the Board's website (www.bon.texas.gov). PETITIONER shall pay all re-registration fees and, subject to meeting all other requirements for licensure in Texas, shall be issued the applicable license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, which shall be subject to the terms of this Order.

IV. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)

In addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may require for licensure renewal, PETITIONER SHALL successfully complete the following remedial education course(s) within one (1) year of relicensure, unless otherwise specifically indicated:

- A. A Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics that shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft, and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. Home study and video programs will not be approved.
- B. The course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) International Center for Regulatory Scholarship (ICRS).

In order to receive credit for completion of this/these course(s), PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form or SHALL submit the continuing education certificate, as applicable, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office. PETITIONER SHALL first obtain Board approval of any course prior to enrollment if the course is <u>not</u> being offered by a pre-approved provider.

Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at www.bon.texas.gov/compliance.

V. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete the terms of this Order, PETITIONER must work as a nurse in the State of Texas, providing direct patient care in a clinical healthcare setting, for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month for eight (8) quarterly periods [two (2) years] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until eight (8) quarterly periods of employment as a nurse have elapsed. Periods of unemployment or of employment that do not require the use of a registered nurse (RN) or a vocational nurse (LVN) license, as appropriate, will not apply to this period and will not count towards completion of this requirement.

- A. Notifying Present and Future Employers: PETITIONER SHALL notify each present employer in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. While under the terms of this Order, PETITIONER SHALL notify all future employers in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, prior to accepting an offer of employment.
- B. Notification of Employment Forms: PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment form" to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- C. Indirect Supervision: PETITIONER SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as PETITIONER, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years of experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the PETITIONER is currently working. PETITIONER SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). PETITIONER SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment

agency, hospice, or home health agency. PETITIONER SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

D. **Nursing Performance Evaluations:** PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, periodic reports as to PETITIONER'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the individual who supervises the PETITIONER and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising individual to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month quarterly period for eight (8) quarters [two (2) years] of employment as a nurse.

VI. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

Upon full compliance with the terms of this Reinstatement Agreed Order, all encumbrances will be removed from PETITIONER'S license(s) and/or privilege(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and, subject to meeting all existing eligibility requirements in Texas Occupations Code Chapter 304, Article III, PETITIONER may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

I understand this Order is conditioned upon the accuracy and completeness of my petition and disclosures. I further understand that subsequently discovered discrepancies in my petition and/or disclosures will result in investigation and possible disciplinary action, up to revocation of my license(s).

Thave reviewed this Order. I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me. I agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to reinstating my license(s) to practice nursing in the state of Texas. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including REVOCATION of my license(s) and/or nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

	Signed this 14th day of Felerualy, 2023.
	CHARLES K. MBAH, PETITIONER
Sworn to and subscribed before	me this day of 20
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	Notary Public in and for the State of
	Approved as to form and substance.
	Alejandro Mora, Attorney, Attorney for Petitioner
	Signed this 20 day of February , 20 23.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Reinstatement Agreed Order that was signed on the 19th day of February, 2023, by CHARLES K. MBAH, Vocational Nurse License Number 232326, and said Reinstatement Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 14th day of March, 2023.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board.

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § Vocational Nurse License Number 232326 issued to CHARLES K. MBAH

ORDER OF THE BOARD

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On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 232326, issued to CHARLES K. MBAH, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas. 1.
- Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing. 2.
- Respondent received a Diploma in Nursing from American International Institute of Health, 3. Arlington, Virginia, on September 1, 2009. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 28, 2010.
- Respondent's nursing employment history includes: 4.

01/11 - Unknown LVN GC Health Services, Inc.

Houston, Texas

05/14 - Unknown

LVN

Paramount Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center

Pasadena, Texas

Present -

Unknown

- 5. On or about May 9, 2014, while employed with GC Health Services, Inc., Houston, Texas, and assigned to provide private duty nursing to patient JTA, Respondent left the patient's home with the patient and proceeded to drive to Paramount Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, Pasadena, Texas, to attend a new hire orientation. After Respondent arrived to Paramount Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, he left the patient inside his vehicle and attended orientation. Subsequently, a passerby contacted the police and the patient was taken to Bayshore Medical Center, Pasadena, Texas, to be treated for exposure to heat and dehydration. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to risk of harm in that leaving the nursing assignment could have resulted in the patient not getting the care that he needed.
- 6. On or about October 3, 2014, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to ABAN/ENDANG CHILD W/INT TO RET, a State Jail felony offense committed on May 9, 2014, in the 177th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas, under Cause No. 142783401010. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred, without entering an adjudication of guilt, and he was placed on probation for a period of two (2) years and ordered to a pay a fine.
- 7. Formal Charges were filed on October 9, 2014.
- 8. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on October 13, 2014.
- 9. On March 25, 2015, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated March 25, 2015, 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)(I) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4),(6)(C), (11)(B),(12)&(13).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(3),(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 232326, heretofore issued to CHARLES K MBAH, 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, 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 TAC§§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Vocational

Nurse License Number 232326, heretofore issued to CHARLES K. MBAH, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is/are accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of 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 of vocational or the abbreviation LVN or wear any insignia identifying 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/s is/are surrendered.
- 2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: 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 AGREED and 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 25th day of March, 2015.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

CHARLES K. MBAH 1919 S. Kirkwood Rd #96 Houston, Texas 77077 Vocational Nurse License Number 232326

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 in Texas.

I consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. 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 Chair.

Date 3/25/15

Vocational Nurse License Number 232326

The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared CHARLES K. MBAH 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.