

# BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 1027100 issued to GLENDA FAYE TRADER

AGREED ORDER

8888 On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, conside the matter of GLENDA FAYE TRADER, Registered Nurse License Number 1027100, hereina referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Sections 301.451 and 301.452(b)(1), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order approved by Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN, Executive Director, on January 17, 2024.

## **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 Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
- 2. Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order.
- 3. On or about June 15, 2020, Respondent submitted an application for licensure and her ORBS profile to the Board attesting that she completed a nursing education program and had received an Associate Degree in 2019, from the Palm Beach School of Nursing, located in Florida.
- 4. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 26, 2021.
- 5. Palm Beach School of Nursing was named by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG) and its law enforcement partners as part of national scheme involving the sale and use of illegitimate nursing degrees/diplomas/transcripts.
- 6. The Nursing Practice Act and Board rules require that an applicant's program be substantially equivalent to the minimum standards of a Texas approved nursing program

for licensure in Texas. Palm Beach School of Nursing lacked substantial equivalency to a Texas professional nursing program in that the curriculum was inadequate and lacked supervised clinical instruction with live patients.

- 7. Formal Charges were filed on March 21, 2023.
- 8. In response to Finding of Facts Three (3) through Four (4), Respondent states that she believed that she attended a legitimate nursing education program.
- 9. Respondent by her signature expresses her desire to voluntary surrender her license to practice professional nursing.

#### **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 \$217.12(6).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Sections 301.451 and 301.452(b)(10). Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 1027100, heretofore issued to GLENDA FAYE TRADER.
- 5. 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

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Registered Nurse License Number 1027100 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 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 she has completed a nursing education program meeting the requirements of the Texas Occupations Code Chapter 301 and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.2 and/or §217.5, as applicable.
- 3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for licensure.

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.

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### RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I have reviewed this Order. I agree to the entry of this Order and any conditions of said Order. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order becomes effective upon acceptance by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2024.

CLENDA FAYE TRADEK, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1/2 day of January, 2024.



Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 17th day of January, 2024, by GLENDA FAYE TRADER, Registered Nurse License Number 1027100, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 19th day of January, 2024.

Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board