

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of \$ REINSTATEMENT Registered Nurse License Number 772613 \$ AGREED ORDER issued to REGINA AVILA \$

I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate and true control the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of Texas Board of Nursing.

Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN
Executive Director
Texas Board of Nursing

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, consider the Petition for Reinstatement, hereinafter referred to as the Petition, of Registered Nurse License Number 772613, held by REGINA AVILA, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner.

Petitioner waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Reinstatement Agreed Order approved by Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN, Executive Director, on December 7, 2023.

#### 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. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Cisco Junior College, Cisco, Texas, on May 9, 2008. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Chamberlain College of Nursing, Addison, Illinois, on April 23, 2017. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 14, 2009.
- 4. Petitioner's nursing employment history includes:

7/2009 - 1/2010	RN	United Blood Services Lubbock, Texas
1/2010 – 4/2010	RN	Beyond Faith Home Health Lubbock, Texas
Unknown	RN	Calbert Home Health Lubbock, Texas

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Petitioner's nursing employment history continued:

12/2011 - 2/2014	RN	South Plains Endoscopy Center Lubbock, Texas
3/2014	Unknown	
4/2014 - 12/2014	RN	Cuidado Casero Home Health Austin, Texas
12/2014 - 1/2015	RN	Cuidado Casero Home Health Lubbock, Texas
2/2015 – Unknown	RN	Covenant Medical Center Lubbock, Texas
4/2018 - 6/2018	RN	Covenant Outpatient Infusion Center Lubbock, Texas
Unknown	RN	West Texas Digestive Disease Center Lubbock, Texas
5/2019 - Unknown	RN	D&S Community Services Lubbock, Texas

- 5. On or about September 14, 2021, Petitioner was issued the sanction of Warning with Stipulations and was required to successfully complete the Knowledge, Skills, Training, Assessment and Research (KSTAR) Program through an Order of the Board. A copy of the September 14, 2021, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Reinstatement Agreed Order.
- 6. On or about July 26, 2022, the Board accepted the Voluntary Surrender of Petitioner's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas through an Order of the Board. A copy of the July 26, 2022, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Reinstatement Agreed Order.
- 7. On or about October 11, 2023, Petitioner submitted a Petition for Reinstatement of License to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 8. Petitioner presented the following in support of said petition:
  - A. Letter of Support dated November 18, 2023, from Blaire Barker Reed, BSN.
  - B. Letter of Support from Arianna Butler.

- C. Letter of Support dated December 5, 2023, from Kelsey Groch.
- D. Letter of Support dated December 5, 2023, from Margaret Heinrich.
- E. Documentation of the required continuing education contact hours.
- 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. 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.
- 11. 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 her conduct to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.
- 4. 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).
- 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.

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#### **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 REGINA AVILA for reinstatement of license to practice nursing in the State of Texas be **GRANTED** and Registered Nurse License Number 772613 is/are hereby **REINSTATED** in accordance with the terms of this Order.

- A. PETITIONER SHALL submit an application for licensure renewal/reactivation, as applicable, and pay all re-registration fees, if any, and PETITIONER'S licensure status in the State of Texas will be activated and updated to current status and to reflect the applicable conditions outlined herein.
- B. Until successfully completed, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to PETITIONER to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- C. 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.
- D. Until successfully completed, PETITIONER may not practice nursing in the State of Texas except in accordance with the terms of this Order.
- E. 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. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)

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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. <u>A Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics</u> 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 "Righting a Wrong," a 3.0 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 <u>www.bon.texas.gov/compliance</u>.

## IV. 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, <u>for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month</u> for four (4) quarterly periods [one (1) year] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until four (4) 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 four (4) quarters [one (1) year] of employment as a nurse.

## V. 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).

I have reviewed this Order. I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. I waive representation by counsel. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

**SEAL** 

DAKOTA ROBERT BEAUDOIN

Notary ID #130804003 Commission Expires August 31, 2024

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Reinstatement Agreed Order that was signed on the 1st day of April, 2024, by REGINA AVILA, Registered Nurse License Number 772613, and said Reinstatement Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 14th day of May, 2024.

Kristin K. Berton, DNP, RN

Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN Executive Director on behalf of said Board

#### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Segistered Nurse License Number 772613 Segistered Nurse License Nurse Nur

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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of REGINA AVILA, Registered Nurse License Number 772613, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order for KSTAR Program approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on June 8, 2021.

#### 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 for KSTAR Program.
- 3. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Cisco Junior College, Cisco, Texas, on May 9, 2008. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Chamberlain College of Nursing, Addison, Illinois, on April 23, 2017. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 14, 2009.

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5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

7/2009 – 1/2010	Registered Nurse	United Blood Services Lubbock, Texas
1/2010 - 4/2010	Registered Nurse	Beyond Faith Home Health Lubbock, Texas
Unknown	Registered Nurse	Calvert Home Health Lubbock, Texas
12/2011 – 2/2014	Registered Nurse	South Plains Endoscopy Center Lubbock, Texas
3/2014	Unknown	
4/2014 - 12/2014	Registered Nurse	Cuidado Casero Home Health Austin, Texas
12/2014 – 1/2015	Registered Nurse	Cuidado Casero Home Health Lubbock, Texas
2/2015 – Unknown	Registered Nurse	Covenant Medical Center Lubbock, Texas
4/2018 - 6/2018	Registered Nurse	Covenant Outpatient Infusion Center Lubbock, Texas
Unknown	Registered Nurse	West Texas Digestive Disease Center Lubbock, Texas
5/2019 - Present	Registered Nurse	D&S Community Services Lubbock, Texas

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Covenant Outpatient Infusion Center, Lubbock, Texas, and had been in that position for one (1) week.
- 7. On or about May 2, 2018, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Covenant Outpatient Infusion Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent failed to wear a mask as required for sterile technique when changing the dressing on a patient's central line. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that it exposed the patient to the risk of infectious pathogens and a central line-associated bloodstream infection.

- 8. On or about May 17, 2018, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Covenant Outpatient Infusion Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent administered an intravenous medication to Patient PA0083743115 at the wrong infusion rate. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that failure to administer medications as ordered could have resulted in non-efficacious treatment.
- 9. On or about June 20, 2018, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Covenant Outpatient Infusion Center, Lubbock, Texas, Respondent failed to verify the physician's order, including rate of infusion, prior to administering intravenous medication to a patient. In addition, Respondent failed to observe safety precautions when she failed to recap a needle when she left the room to obtain additional supplies. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that failure to observe safety protocols could have placed a patient at risk of receiving medication at an incorrect rate or exposure to infectious pathogens.
- 10. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent admits that she failed to put on a mask while changing a patient's dressing. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent admits that she infused the medication at the wrong rate. Respondent states that she ran the infusion slower than the order stated. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Nine (9), Respondent states that she had already reviewed the physician's order and the rate of infusion. Respondent states that she did not realize her supervisor expected her to have the order in her hand and carry it over with her to the medication and compare it. Respondent states that she was preparing an intravenous medication when she reached for an alcohol wipe and found the small basket empty. Respondent states that there was no patient in the chair, but she had an uncapped needle in her hand and walked five to ten steps to obtain alcohol wipes and returned to the medication room.

#### **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)(C),(1)(M),(1)(O)&(1)(P) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 772613, heretofore issued to REGINA AVILA.

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**

#### I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS in accordance with the terms of this Order.

- A. This Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to RESPONDENT to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- B. This Order SHALL be applicable to RESPONDENT'S nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- C. Until successfully completed, RESPONDENT 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, RESPONDENT'S license(s) will be designated "single state" as applicable and RESPONDENT 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, RESPONDENT 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 Agreed Order for KSTAR Program.

# III. KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, TRAINING, ASSESSMENT AND RESEARCH (KSTAR) PROGRAM

IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, successfully complete the Knowledge, Skills, Training, Assessment and Research (KSTAR) Program and RESPONDENT SHALL:

- A. Within forty-five (45) days following the effective date of this Order, apply to and enroll in the KSTAR Program, including payment of any fees and costs, unless otherwise agreed in writing;
- B. Submit to an individualized assessment designed to evaluate RESPONDENT'S nursing practice competency and to support a targeted remediation plan;
- C. Follow all requirements within the remediation plan, if any;
- D. Successfully complete a Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics as part of the KSTAR Program; and
- E. Provide written documentation of successful completion of the KSTAR Program to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office.

## IV. FURTHER COMPETENCY ISSUES AND VIOLATIONS

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT'S individualized KSTAR Program assessment identify further competency issues and violations of the Nursing Practice Act, including inability to practice nursing safely, further disciplinary action, up to and including revocation of RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, may be taken based on such results in the assessments.

## V. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

Upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order for KSTAR Program, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'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, RESPONDENT may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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## RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing and a copy of this Order will be mailed to me once the Order becomes effective. 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 possible revocation of my license(s) and/or privileges to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 10 day of August, 2021.

POGLICA AVILA RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16 day of August 2021.

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby

ratify and adopt the Agreed Order for KSTAR Program that was signed on the 16th day of August,

2021, by REGINA AVILA, Registered Nurse License Number 772613, and said Agreed Order for

KSTAR Program is final.

Effective this 14th day of September, 2021.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf of said Board

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### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of

Registered Nurse License Number 772613

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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of REGINA AVILA, Registered Nurse License Number 772613, 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 Cisco Junior College, Cisco, Texas, on May 9, 2008. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 14, 2009.
- 4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

7/2009 - 1/2010Registered Nurse United Blood Services Lubbock, Texas 1/2010 - 4/2010Registered Nurse Beyond Faith Home Health Lubbock, Texas

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## Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

Unknown	Registered Nurse	Calvert Home Health Lubbock, Texas
12/2011 – 2/2014	Registered Nurse	South Plains Endoscopy Center Lubbock, Texas
3/2014	Unknown	
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- 5. On or about September 14, 2021, Respondent was issued the sanction of Warning with Stipulations and was required to successfully complete the Knowledge, Skills, Training, Assessment and Research (KSTAR) Program through an Order of the Board. A copy of the September 14, 2021, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
- 6. On or about May 26, 2022, 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:
  - On or about March 23, 2022, Respondent failed to successfully complete the KSTAR Program as required by the Agreed Order issued to Respondent on September 14, 2021.

7. On July 26, 2022, the Board received a notarized Voluntary Surrender statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas in lieu of completing the Order. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated July 22, 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 §217.12(11)(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 772613, heretofore issued to REGINA AVILA, 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 772613 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 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 26th day of July, 2022

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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

#### REGINA AVILA 9611 Vicksburg Ave, Lubbock, TX 79424 RN LICENSE NUMBER 772613

#### 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 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.

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Date:	7/20	2/22		
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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared REGINA AVILA 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 Zzeed day of July , 20 z-	<u> </u>
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	Notary Public in and for the State of Texes	

