

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of \$ AGR Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License \$ Number AP129778 with Prescription \$ Authorization Number 19440 \$ & Registered Nurse License Number 854104 \$ issued to VAUGHN ANTHONY BROZEK

AGREED ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of VAUGHN ANTHONY BROZEK, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP129778 with Prescription Authorization Number 19440, and Registered Nurse License Number 854104, 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)&(14)(effective 9/1/2021), 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 September 20, 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 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. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status. Respondent's license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State of Texas with authorization as a Family Nurse Practitioner is in current status with Prescription Authorization Number 19440 in current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Wayland Baptist University, San Antonio, Texas, on February 1, 2013. Respondent completed a Family Nurse Practitioner Program from Herzing University, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, on August 26, 2015. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas

on April 8, 2014. Respondent was licensed to practice advanced practice registered nursing in the State of Texas with authorization as a Family Nurse Practitioner on December 8, 2015. Respondent was licensed to practice advanced practice registered nursing in the State of Texas with authorization as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Prescription Authorization on December 8, 2015.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

4/2014 - 12/2014

Unknown

1/2015 - Present

FNP/co-founder

North Texas Clinic and Rehab

Hurst, Texas

- 6. On or about November 17, 2015, Respondent was issued an Eligibility Agreed Order through an Order of the Board. On or about November 3, 2016, Respondent successfully completed the terms of the Order. A copy of the November 17, 2015, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order.
- 7. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner and co-founder of North Texas Clinic and Rehab, Hurst, Texas, and had been in that position for six (6) years and ten (10) months.
- 8. On or about November 8, 2021, through March 2, 2022, while employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner and co-founder of North Texas Clinic and Rehab, Hurst, Texas, Respondent failed to document a complete assessment, including auscultation of lung sounds, respiratory rates, oxygen saturations, and patient risks for morbidity and/or mortality, when prescribing Ribavirin 6 mg inhalation treatments to non-hospitalized patients, including one adolescent, without evidence-based purposes that met the minimum standard of care. Respondent's conduct unnecessarily exposed the patients to a risk of harm from complications associated with the administration of off-label inhalation treatments.
- 9. In response to Finding of Fact Numbers Eight (8), Respondent states with the consultation, knowledge, and approval of his supervising physician, treated patients on an outpatient basis for respiratory symptoms related to SARS/Covid and long Covid with Ribavirin inhalation treatments. In each case, the treatment was therapeutic in that it led to a documented decrease in respiratory symptoms. Each treatment was provided under the supervision of Respondent and by a licensed and experienced respiratory therapist. This off-label use of Ribavirin was given during a time period where effective treatments of Covid symptoms were limited or non-existent. Respondent's use of the medication was consistent with studies of off-label use for this purpose.

## **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)(D)&(4), 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(1)(C), 221.13, 222.4, and 222.10.
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(14) (effective 9/1/2021), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP129778, and Registered Nurse License Number 854104, heretofore issued to VAUGHN ANTHONY BROZEK.
- 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.

# III. UNDERSTANDING BOARD ORDERS

Within thirty (30) days of entry of this Order, RESPONDENT must successfully complete the Board's online course, "Understanding Board Orders", which can be accessed on the Board's website from the "Discipline & Complaints" drop-down menu or directly at: <a href="http://www.bon.texas.gov/UnderstandingBoardOrders/index.asp">http://www.bon.texas.gov/UnderstandingBoardOrders/index.asp</a>. Upon successful completion, RESPONDENT must submit the course verification at the conclusion of the course, which automatically transmits the verification to the Board.

# IV. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)

In addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may require for licensure renewal, RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete the following remedial education course(s) within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, 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. A Board-approved course in nursing documentation that shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.
- C. <u>The course "Righting a Wrong,"</u> 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), RESPONDENT 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. RESPONDENT SHALL first obtain Board approval of any course prior to enrollment if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance">www.bon.texas.gov/compliance</a>.

## V. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT must work as an advanced practice registered 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 four (4) quarterly periods [one (1) year] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until four (4) quarterly periods of employment as an advanced practice registered nurse have elapsed. Periods of unemployment or of employment that do not require the use of an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) license will not apply to this period and will not count towards completion of this requirement. Further, Respondent may not work as a registered nurse (RN) or a vocational nurse (LVN) license, as applicable, while under the terms of this Order.

A. Notifying Present and Future Employers, Practice Sites and Credentialing Agencies: RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license(s). RESPONDENT SHALL present a

complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers, practice sites and/or credentialing agencies in nursing and present a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, to each future employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing prior to accepting an offer of employment and/or assignment.

- B. Notification of Employment Forms: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form, which is provided to the RESPONDENT by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form, which is provided to the RESPONDENT by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- C. Monitored Practice: RESPONDENT'S advanced practice registered nursing must be monitored by a Physician or an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse in the same advanced role and population focus area as RESPONDENT who has been approved by the Board. RESPONDENT MUST, within ten (10) days of entry of this Order or within (10) days of employment as an advanced practice registered nurse, provide to the Board a list of three (3) Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and/or three (3) Physicians from which the Board shall select an approved monitor. For each Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and Physician, the list must include name, license number or social security number, educational background and professional employment history. Monitoring shall commence no later than thirty (30) days following the date of RESPONDENT'S receipt of the name of the approved monitor selected by the Board. The monitor will offer guidance, advice and assistance to the RESPONDENT as necessary to ensure that deficiencies such as those set forth in this Order do not reoccur. RESPONDENT SHALL meet with the monitor at least twice a month, at least one (1) hour duration each. Meetings may be longer and more frequent if the monitor determines necessary.
- D. Nursing Performance Reports: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each supervising/monitoring Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician to submit, on forms provided to the RESPONDENT by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician who supervises/monitors the RESPONDENT and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising/monitoring Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician 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.

# VI. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

Upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order, 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 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 20 day of MC \_\_\_\_\_.20\_0 4

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Darrin Dest, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 20 day of Nov 20 24

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the <u>20th</u> day of <u>November</u>, 20<u>24</u>, by VAUGHN ANTHONY BROZEK, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP129778 with Prescription Authorization Number 19440, and Registered Nurse License Number 854104, and said Agreed Order is final.

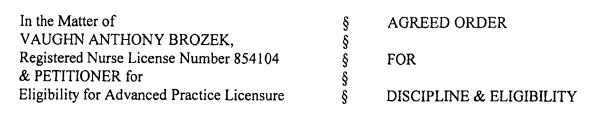
Effective this 30th day of January, 2025.

Kristin K. Berton, DNP, RN

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

#### 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 matter of Registered Nurse License Number 854104 and the Application for Authorization to Practice/for Licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and Prescriptive Authority, and supporting documents filed by VAUGHN ANTHONY BROZEK, hereinafter referred to as PETITIONER, together with any documents and information gathered by staff and Petitioner's Certification contained herein.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that PETITIONER may be subject to discipline and ineligible for advanced practice licensure/authorization pursuant to Sections 301.452(b)(2),(8)&(10) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.

PETITIONER waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on October 28, 2015.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. On or about February 18, 2013, PETITIONER submitted an Application by Examination requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Sections 301.252, 301.253, 301.257 and 301.258, Texas Occupations Code, and the Board's Rules at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.2(b) and §213.30.
- 2. On or about August 31, 2015, PETITIONER submitted an Application for Authorization to Practice/for Licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and Prescriptive Authority in compliance with Sections 301.252, 301.253, 301.257 and 301.258, Texas Occupations Code, and the Board's Rules at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.2(b) and §213.30.
- 3. Petitioner waived notice and hearing and consented to the entry of this Order.

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as on file or is of record in the offices of the following

Texas Board of Nursing

Executive Director of the Board

- 4. Petitioner was licensed to practice Professional Nursing in the State of Texas on April 8, 2014, Petitioner received a Baccalaureate Degree in Professional Nursing from the Wayland Baptist University, San Antonio, Texas, on February 1, 2013.
- 5. On or about February 18, 2013, Petitioner completed the Application by Examination and answered "no" to the question which reads as follows: "Has <u>any</u> licensing authority refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a professional license, certificate or multistate privilege held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you?"
- 6. Petitioner failed to disclose, that On August 16, 2012, Petitioner was issued an Agreed Final Order by the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners. A copy of the Agreed Final Order is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
- 7. Petitioner completed the Application for Authorization to Practice/for Licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and Prescriptive Authority and answered "No" to the question which reads as follows: "Has <u>any</u> licensing authority refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a professional license, certificate or multi-state privilege held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you?"
- 8. Petitioner failed to disclose, that On August 16, 2012, Petitioner was issued an Agreed Final Order by the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners. A copy of the Agreed Final Order is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
- 9. After considering the action taken by the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners, along with Petitioner's subsequent conduct, the Executive Director is satisfied that Petitioner should be able to meet the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.
- 10. Petitioner has sworn that, with the exception of matters disclosed in connection with the Application for Authorization to Practice/for Licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and Prescriptive Authority, his past behavior conforms to the Board's professional character requirements at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.27.
- 11. Petitioner presented no evidence of behavior which is inconsistent with good professional character.
- 12. The Executive Director considered evidence of Petitioner's past behavior in light of the character factors set out in 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.27 and determined that Petitioner currently demonstrates the criteria required for good professional character.
- 13. Licensure 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.
- 14. The Executive Director's review of the grounds for potential ineligibility has been made on the basis of Petitioner's disclosures.

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- 15. Petitioner has been advised by the Board that any information found to be incomplete, incorrect or misleading to the Board or a subsequent discovery of a basis of ineligibility will be considered by the Board and may result in an ultimate determination of ineligibility or the later revocation of a license obtained through fraud or deceit.
- 16. Petitioner shall immediately notify the Board of any fact or event that could constitute a ground of ineligibility for licensure under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 301.452 and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.
- 2. On or about February 18, 2013, PETITIONER submitted an Application by Examination requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Sections 301.252, 301.253, 301.257 and 301.258, Texas Occupations Code, and the Board's Rules at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.2(b) and §213.30.
- 3. On or about August 31, 2015, PETITIONER submitted an Application for Authorization to Practice/for Licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and Prescriptive Authority requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Sections 301.252, 301.253, 301.257 and 301.258, Texas Occupations Code, and the Board's Rules at 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.2(b) and §213.30.
- 4. Petitioner's history reflects conduct which may constitute grounds for discipline and denial of a license under Section 301.452(b)(2),(8)&(10), Texas Occupations Code.
- 5. The Board may probate the denial of a license under conditions for a specified term pursuant to Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.
- 6. The Board may license an individual with prior behaviors inconsistent with the Board's character requirements if, upon evaluation of the factors in 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.27, and pursuant to 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.33, 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.
- 7. 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).

#### TERMS OF ORDER

### I. SANCTION AND ELIGIBILITY

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IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that PETITIONER SHALL receive the sanction of **REMEDIAL EDUCATION WITH A FINE** in accordance with the terms of this Order, and upon payment of the required fees and meeting all other applicable requirements, PETITIONER SHALL be issued the applicable license to practice nursing in the State of Texas

#### II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW AND APPLICABILITY

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

- A. Until successfully complete, any and all licenses issued to PETITIONER shall be subject to the terms of this Order.
- B. This Order SHALL be applicable to PETITIONER's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- C. PETITIONER may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state without first obtaining the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the nurse licensure compact party state where PETITIONER wishes to work.

#### III. 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 the effective date of this Order, 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

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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) Learning Extension.

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 not being offered by a preapproved provider. Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at www.bon.texas.gov/compliance.

### IV. MONETARY FINE

PETITIONER SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

# V. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

Upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from PETITIONER'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and PETITIONER may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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## PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

I am the Petitioner in this matter. I have fully and truthfully disclosed all of my past conduct which could constitute grounds for licensure ineligibility, and I have caused a complete and accurate criminal history to be submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing from each jurisdiction in which I have been adjudged guilty by way of conviction or deferred order. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my application and/or petition, has been in conformity with the Board's character rule. I have provided the Board with complete and accurate documentation of my past conduct in violation of the penal law of any jurisdiction which was disposed of through any procedure short of conviction, such as: conditional discharge, deferred adjudication or dismissal. I have no criminal prosecution pending in any jurisdiction.

In connection with my application and/or petition, I acknowledge that I have read and I understand Sections 301.157(d), 301.252, 301.253, 301.257, 301.258, 301.260, 301.452, and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code, and Chapter 53, Section 53.001 et seq., Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. Code §§213.27, 213.28, 213.29, and 213.30. I agree with all terms of this Order, including the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any stipulations as set out in this Order. I acknowledge that this Order is stipulated and I understand that I am not eligible to receive a Temporary Permit to practice nursing. I agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to accepting any license from the Texas Board of Nursing.

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) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

I understand that I can be represented by an attorney in this matter. I waive notice, administrative hearing, and judicial review of this Order and request that the Texas Board of Nursing ratify this Order.

Signed this 3 day of Neucontal PETITIONER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13 day of Neucontal , 2015.

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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Approved as to form and substance.

Larry Laurent, Anomey for Petitioner

Signed this 13 day of While 20 15

Effective this 17th day of November, 2015.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

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#### TBCE 2012-056

IN THE MATTER OF	§	BEFORE THE
Vaughn Brozek, DC.	§ §	TEXAS BOARD OF
LICENSE NO. 6838	\$ §	CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

### AGREED FINAL ORDER

On this day of Adaus , 2017 the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners ("Board") considered the matter of the license of Vaughn Brozok, Jr., D.C., Respondent.

This agreed order is executed pursuant to the authority of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), Texas Government Code § 2001.056, which authorizes the informal disposition of contested cases. In a desire to conclude this matter without further delay and expense, the Board and Respondent agree to resolve this matter by this Agreed Final Order. The Respondent agrees to this order for the purpose of resolving this proceeding only and without admitting or denying the findings of fact and conclusions of law set out in this order.

Upon recommendation of the Enforcement Committee, the Board makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law and enters this order:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Vaughn Brozek, Jr., D.C., Respondent, is a chiropractor licensed by the Board to practice chiropractic in the State of Texas and is, therefore, subject to the jurisdiction of the Board; the Chiropractic Act, Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 201; and the Board's rules, Texas Administrative Code, Title 22, §§ 71.1-80.7.
- 2. From 1998 to 2012, Respondent engaged in a lack of proper diligence in the practice of chiropractic by failing to conform to the minimal acceptable standards of practice of chiropractic as required by this Board under 22 Texas Administrative Code §74.2(a).
- 3. On January 6, 2012, the Board's Enforcement Committee met and voted to recommend imposition of an administrative penalty of \$2,500.00, as authorized by the Chiropractic Act, TEX. OCC. CODE § 201.551, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 75.2(a)(1).

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Vaughn Brozek, Jr. TBCE 2012-056

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Vaughn Brozek, Jr., DC, Respondent, is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board and is required to comply with the Chiropractic Act and the Board's rules.
- 2. By engaging in a lack of proper diligence in the practice of chiropractic by failing to conform to the minimal acceptable standards of practice of chiropractic as required by this Board 22 Tex. ADMN. CODE §74.3(f).
- 3. On a determination that a person has violated the Chiropractic Act or Board rules, the Board is authorized pursuant to §201.501 of the Chiropractic Act to revoke or suspend the person's license, place on probation a person whose license has been suspended, reprimand a license holder, or impose an administrative penalty against the license holder.

# NOW THEREFORE, it is the ORDER of the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners that:

- 1. Vaughn Brozek, Jr., DC, Respondent, shall:
  - a. pay an administrative penalty of \$2,500.00 within thirty days, running from the date the Board approves this Agreed Final Order; and
  - b. comply with all provisions of the Chiropractic Act and the Board's rules in the future, or subject himself to further disciplinary action by the Board, including the possible revocation of his license to practice chiropractic.
- 2. Upon approval by the Board, the President of the Board (or Chair of the Enforcement Committee) and the Executive Director are authorized to sign this order on behalf of the Board.

# By signing this Agreed Final Order, Respondent:

- 1. Agrees to its terms, acknowledges his understanding of it, and agrees that he will satisfactorily comply with the mandates of this Agreed Order in a timely manner or be subject to appropriate disciplinary action by the Board; and
- 2. Waives his rights to a formal hearing and any right to judicial review of this Order.

Vaughn Brozek, Jr. TBCE 2012-056

I, Vaughn Brozek, Jr., DC, HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREED FINAL ORDER. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREED FINAL ORDER, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY, WILLINGLY, AND KNOWINGLY. I UNDERSTAND THIS AGREED FINAL ORDER CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND, ORAL, WRAITEN, OR OTHERWISE.  Vaughn Brozek, Jr., DC  License No. 6838
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Before me, the undersigned notary public, on this 22 day of
Approved by a majority of the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners on this the day of Alberton, 20/2

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Dr. Cynthia Tays, D. C.

President

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