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

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of § AGREED ORDER  
Registered Nurse License Number 581957 §  
& Vocational Nurse License Number 135166 §  
issued to GINA LYNN MENDELSON §  
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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, consider the matter of GINA LYNN MENDELSON, Registered Nurse License Number 581957, and Vocational Nurse License Number 135166, 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),(12)&(14), 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 December 18, 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. Respondent's license to practice as a vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in delinquent status. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Paris Junior College, Paris, Texas, on August 16, 1991. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Paris Junior College, Paris, Texas, on May 15, 1992. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 3, 1991. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 31, 1992.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

12/1991 – 5/1992	Unknown	
5/1992 – 1/1995	Registered Nurse	St. Joseph Hospital Paris, Texas
1/1995 – 4/1995	Registered Nurse	Cross Country Travel Boca Raton, Florida
4/1995 – 8/1997	Registered Nurse	Presbyterian Hospital Dallas, Texas
8/1997 – 1/2000	Registered Nurse	Baylor University Medical Center Dallas, Texas
1/2000 – 8/2002	Registered Nurse	Presbyterian Hospital Plano, Texas
8/2002 – 1/2004	Unknown	
1/2004 – 1/2005	Registered Nurse	Centennial Medical Center Frisco, Texas
1/2005 – 2/2011	Unknown	
2/2011 – 2/2013	Registered Nurse	Paris Regional Medical Center Paris, Texas
2/2013 – 3/2017	Registered Nurse	American Traveler & Nightingale Nurses Dallas, Texas
3/2017 – 7/2020	Unknown	
7/2020 – 7/2021	Director of Nursing	Wellness Ambulatory Surgery Center McKinney, Texas
6/2021 – 5/2024	Registered Nurse	Wilson N. Jones Regional Medical Center Sherman, Texas
7/2023 – 12/2023	Registered Nurse	Stonebridge ER Medical City McKinney, Texas
5/2024 – Present	Unknown	

6. On or about January 21, 2016, Respondent was issued the sanction of Warning with Stipulations through an Order of the Board. A copy of the January 21, 2016, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order.
7. On or about July 20, 2017, Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas was/were Suspended with the Suspension stayed and Respondent was placed on probation through an Order of the Board. On or about May 8, 2020, Respondent successfully completed the terms of the Order. A copy of the July 20, 2017, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order.
8. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse at Stonebridge ER Medical City, McKinney, Texas, and had been in that position for five (5) months.
9. On or about December 5, 2023, while employed as a Registered Nurse at Stonebridge ER Medical City, McKinney, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing in that she exhibited impaired behavior while on duty that included, but not limited to, slurred speech, repeating herself, blood shot eyes, swaying, half open eyes, difficult time talking, and unsteady gait. Respondent's condition could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgements, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.
10. In response to Finding of Fact Numbers Nine (9), Respondent states she suffered from a COVID infection which left her debilitated for approximately ten days prior to returning to work. Respondent states she returned to work not feeling 100% but due to extreme financial hardship, did drive herself to the Stonebridge ER and reported for her next regularly scheduled shift, thinking she could "tough it out." Respondent states at the night moved into the later hours, apparently the medication had taken quite a toll on her and in a manner she never experienced before taking Nyquil. Respondent states when confronted with her appearance, she became frustrated with the personnel at Stonebridge. Respondent states any outward appearance she was feeling at that moment is explained by the combination of COVID-19 and untoward reaction to Nyquil. Respondent has expressed deep remorse for her actions and has taken full responsibility for her mistake.
11. Formal Charges were filed on November 20, 2024.

#### 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)(B)&(1)(T) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(E),(4)&(5).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(3),(10),(12)&(14), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 581957, and Vocational Nurse License Number 135166, heretofore issued to GINA LYNN MENDELSON.
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, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that Registered Nurse License Number 581957, and Vocational Nurse License Number 135166, previously issued to GINA LYNN MENDELSON, to practice nursing in the State of Texas is/are hereby **SUSPENDED** and said suspension is **ENFORCED** until RESPONDENT:

- A. Completes a chemical dependency / substance use disorder evaluation that meets the requirements specified by the Board in its adopted Guidelines for Physical and Psychological Evaluations, which may be found at the following web address: <http://www.bon.texas.gov/pdfs/eval-guidelines.pdf>. RESPONDENT SHALL:
- B. Notify the performing evaluator of this Order of the Board prior to completing the evaluation; and
- C. Cause the performing evaluator to send a report of the evaluation to the Board's office; and
- D. Comply with any recommendations made by the evaluator for therapy or other follow-up, in addition to the probationary terms stated herein.

**If the evaluation states that the RESPONDENT currently lacks fitness to practice nursing, RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing SHALL remain**

**SUSPENDED until such time as the same evaluator deems the RESPONDENT safe to return to direct patient care.**

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, upon verification of successful completion of the above requirements, the Suspension will be **STAYED**, and RESPONDENT will be placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum of three (3) years **AND** until RESPONDENT fulfills the additional requirements of this Order.

- E. RESPONDENT SHALL submit an application for licensure renewal/reactivation, as applicable, and pay all re-registration fees, if any, and RESPONDENT'S licensure status in the State of Texas will be activated and updated to current status and to reflect the applicable conditions outlined herein.
- F. This Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to RESPONDENT to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- G. This Order SHALL be applicable to RESPONDENT'S nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- H. Until successfully completed, RESPONDENT may not practice nursing in the State of Texas except in accordance with the terms of this Order.
- I. 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: <http://www.bon.texas.gov/UnderstandingBoardOrders/index.asp>. 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 suspension being stayed, 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 "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), 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 [www.bon.texas.gov/compliance](http://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance).*

#### V. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) within forty-five (45) days of the suspension being stayed. 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.

**VI. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS**

In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT 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 twelve (12) quarterly periods [three (3) years] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until twelve (12) 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:** RESPONDENT 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, RESPONDENT 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:** RESPONDENT 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. RESPONDENT 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. **No Night or Rotating Shifts, Overtime, or On-Call:** For the first year [four (4) quarters] of employment as a Nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice as a nurse on the night shift, rotate shifts, work overtime, accept on-

call assignments, or be used for coverage on any unit other than the identified, predetermined unit(s) to which RESPONDENT is regularly assigned.

- D. **No Critical Care:** For the first year [four (4) quarters] of employment as a Nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice as a nurse in any critical care area. Critical care areas include, but are not limited to, intensive care units, emergency rooms, operating rooms, telemetry units, recovery rooms, and labor and delivery units.
- E. **No Administration of Controlled Medications:** For the first year [four (4) quarters] of employment as a Nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL NOT administer or have any contact with controlled substances, Nubain, Stadol, Dalgan, Ultram, Propofol, or other synthetic opiates.
- F. **Direct Supervision:** For the first year [four (4) quarters] of employment as a Nurse under this order, RESPONDENT SHALL be directly 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. Direct supervision requires another nurse, as applicable, to be working on the same unit as RESPONDENT and immediately available to provide assistance and intervention. RESPONDENT SHALL work only on regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.
- G. **Indirect Supervision:** For the remainder of the stipulation/probation period, RESPONDENT 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 RESPONDENT, 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 RESPONDENT is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.
- H. **Nursing Performance Evaluations:** RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer 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 individual who supervises the RESPONDENT

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 twelve (12) quarters [three (3) years] of employment as a nurse.

## VII. DRUG AND ALCOHOL RELATED REQUIREMENTS

- A. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL abstain from the use of alcohol, nalbuphine, propofol and all controlled substances, except as prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a legitimate purpose. If prescribed, RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the licensed practitioner to submit a written report identifying the medication, dosage and the date the medication was prescribed. The report shall be submitted directly to the office of the Board by the prescribing practitioner, within ten (10) days of the date of the prescription. In the event that the prescriptions for controlled substances are required for periods of two (2) weeks or longer, the Board may require and RESPONDENT SHALL submit to a pain management and/or chemical dependency evaluation by a Board approved evaluator. The performing evaluator must submit a written report meeting the Board's requirements to the Board's office within thirty (30) days from the Board's request.
- B. While working as a nurse under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL submit to random periodic screens for alcohol, nalbuphine, propofol and all controlled substances. The Board will provide instructions on how to enroll in the Board's drug and alcohol testing program following the entry of this Order and screening will begin when RESPONDENT obtains employment and submits the Notification of Employment form to the Board.
- For the first three (3) month [1<sup>st</sup> quarter] period RESPONDENT works as a nurse under the terms of this Order, random screens shall be performed at least once per week.
  - For the next three (3) month [2<sup>nd</sup> quarter] period, random screens shall be performed at least twice per month.
  - For the next six (6) month period [3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> quarters], random screens shall be performed at least once per month.
  - For the remainder of the probation period, if any, random screens shall be performed at least once every three (3) month quarterly period.

All random screens SHALL BE initially conducted through urinalysis, and subsequent testing or required re-tests, when applicable, may be obtained through blood, hair/nail, and/or breathalyzer, as directed by the Board's drug and alcohol testing program. Any test result for a period of time in which the RESPONDENT is not working as a nurse under the terms of this Order will not count towards satisfaction of this requirement. All screens shall be properly monitored and produced in accordance with the Board's policy on Random Drug Testing. A

complete chain of custody shall be maintained for each specimen obtained and analyzed. RESPONDENT SHALL be responsible for the costs of all random drug screening during the stipulation/probation period.

**Specimens shall be screened** for any or all of the following substances and/or their metabolites:

Amphetamine	Methamphetamine	MDMA
MDA	Alprazolam	Diazepam
Alpha-o-alprazolam	Alpha-Hydroxytriazolam	Clonazepam
Desmethyldiazepam	Lorazepam	Midazolam
Oxazepam	Temazepam	Amobarbital
Butabarbital	Butalbital	Pentobarbital
Phenobarbital	Secobarbital	Codeine
Hydrocodone	Hydromorphone	Methadone
Morphine	Opiates	Oxycodone
Oxymorphone	Propoxyphene	Cannabinoids
Cocaine	Phencyclidine	Ethanol
Heroin	Fentanyl	Tramadol
Meperidine	Carisoprodol	Butorphanol
Nalbuphine	Ketamine	Propofol

Upon enrollment in the Board's drug and alcohol testing program, **RESPONDENT SHALL, on a daily basis, call or login online to the Board's designated drug and alcohol testing vendor to determine whether or not RESPONDENT has been selected to produce a specimen for screening that day** and SHALL, if selected, produce a specimen for screening that same day at an approved testing location and/or comply with any additional instructions from the vendor or Board staff. Further, **a Board representative may appear** at the RESPONDENT'S place of employment at any time during the probation period and require RESPONDENT to produce a specimen for screening.

**Consequences of Positive or Missed Screens.** Any positive result for which RESPONDENT does not have a valid prescription or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen may subject RESPONDENT to further disciplinary action, including TEMPORARY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of Respondent's license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas. Further, failure to report for a drug screen, excessive dilute specimens, or failure to call in for a drug screen may be considered the same as a positive result or refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol screen.

- C. **While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL attend at least two (2) support group meetings each week,** one of which must be for substance abuse and provided by Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, or another comparable recovery program that has been pre-approved by the Board.

RESPONDENT SHALL provide acceptable evidence of attendance. Acceptable evidence shall consist of a written record of at least: the date of each meeting; the name of each group attended; and the signature and printed name of the chairperson of each group attended by RESPONDENT. RESPONDENT SHALL submit the required evidence on the forms provided by the Board at the end of every three (3) month quarterly period. No duplications, copies, third party signatures, or any other substitutions will be accepted as evidence.

**VIII. SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS**

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, should the RESPONDENT'S conduct, as outlined in the findings of fact of this Agreed Order, result in subsequent judicial action, including a deferred disposition, RESPONDENT may be subject to further disciplinary action, up to, and including, revocation of RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

**IX. FURTHER COMPLAINTS**

If, during the period of probation, an additional allegation, accusation, or petition is reported or filed against RESPONDENT'S license(s), the probationary period shall not expire and shall automatically be extended until the allegation, accusation, or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

**X. 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 4 day of March, 2021.

Gina Mendelson  
GINA LYNN MENDELSON, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

SEAL

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Notary Public in and for the State of \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to form and substance.

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James E. Frame, Attorney for Respondent

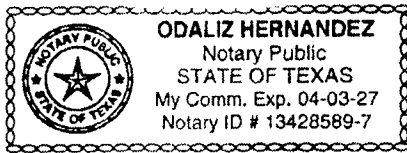
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STATE OF Texas  
COUNTY OF Collin  
(County where notarization occurred)

Subscribed and sworn before me on 4 day of March, 2026, by Gina Lynn Mendelson (name(s) of signer(s)), who personally appeared before me and (is personally known to me or whose identity was proved on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to in this document.



*Odaliz Hernandez*  
(Signature of notary public)  
Odaliz Hernandez, Notary Public  
(Name of notary public)

My commission expires: 04-03-27

**Official Seal**

Personally known \_\_\_\_\_ OR  
Produced identification  Type of identification produced: Texas Drivers License

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026, by GINA LYNN MENDELSON, Registered Nurse License Number 581957, and Vocational Nurse License Number 135166, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2026.

*Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN*

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Executive Director on behalf  
of said Board



5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

12/91 - 04/92	Unknown	
05/92 - 01/95	RN	St. Joseph Hospital Paris, Texas
01/95 - 04/95	RN	Cross Country Travel Boca Raton, Florida
04/95 - 08/97	RN	Presbyterian Hospital Dallas, Texas
08/97 - 01/00	RN	Baylor University Medical Center Dallas, Texas
01/00 - 08/02	RN	Presbyterian Hospital of Plano Plano, Texas
09/02 - 12/03	Unknown	
01/04 - 01/05	RN	Centennial Medical Center Frisco, Texas
02/05 - 01/11	Unknown	
02/11 - 02/13	RN	Paris Regional Medical Center Paris, Texas
02/13 - Present	RN	American Traveler and Nightingale Nurses: Boca Raton, Florida

6. On or about August 30, 1999, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to, and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a misdemeanor offense committed on January 14, 1999, in the County Court at Law No. 3, Collin County, Texas, under Cause Number 3-81560-99. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days; however, the imposition of confinement was suspended and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of two (2) years, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

7. On or about October 3, 2000, Respondent submitted a Registered Nurse License Renewal Form to Texas Board of Nursing, in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "no" to the following question:

“Since the issuance or last renewal of your RN license, have you been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation?”

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about August 30, 1999, she entered a plea of Guilty to, and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a misdemeanor offense committed on January 14, 1999, in the County Court at Law No. 3, Collin County, Texas, under Cause Number 3-81560-99. As a result of the conviction, she was sentenced to confinement for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days; however, the imposition of confinement was suspended and she was placed on probation for a period of two (2) years, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

8. On or about October 20, 2014, Respondent submitted a Texas Board of Nursing-Online Renewal Document, Registered Nurse, in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "no" to the following question:

"Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense, including those pending appeal:

- A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
- B. been convicted of a felony?
- C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
- D. received deferred adjudication?
- E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
- F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?
- G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
- H. been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?
- I. been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
- J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?"

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about October 6, 2014, she was arrested by the Melissa Police Department, Melissa, Texas, and subsequently charged under Cause Number 02-87962-2014 for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED 2<sup>nd</sup>, a Class A misdemeanor offense.

9. On or about January 26, 2015, while employed as a Registered Nurse with American Traveler, Boca Raton, Florida, and on assignment at Parkland Health and Hospital System, Dallas, Texas, Respondent falsely documented in the electronic medical record (EPIC) that she administered Benadryl 25mg, Hydrocodone 5/325, and Phenergan 25mg to Patient Medical Record Number 4493139, when in fact the medications were administered to an unidentified individual. Respondent's conduct created an inaccurate medical record, and was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation

to base their decisions for further care.

10. On or about January 26, 2015, while employed as a Registered Nurse with American Traveler, Boca Raton, Florida, and on assignment at Parkland Health and Hospital System, Dallas, Texas, Respondent failed to administer Benadryl 25mg, Hydrocodone 5/325, and Phenergan 25mg to Patient Medical Record Number 4493139, per physicians orders. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that failure to administer medications as ordered by a physician could have resulted in non-efficacious treatment.
11. On or about January 26, 2015, while employed as a Registered Nurse with American Traveler, Boca Raton, Florida, and on assignment at Parkland Health and Hospital System, Dallas, Texas, Respondent failed to utilize two (2) patient identifiers before performing a lab draw. As a result, Respondent incorrectly drew blood from an unidentified person, then labeled the specimen with Patient Medical Record Number 4493139's labels. Further, Respondent failed to document the error in the patient's medical record. Respondent's conduct unnecessarily exposed the patient to risk of harm from medical decisions based on inaccurate laboratory studies results.
12. On or about January 26, 2015, while employed as a Registered Nurse with American Traveler, Boca Raton, Florida, and on assignment at Parkland Health and Hospital System, Dallas, Texas, Respondent failed to complete a blood draw on Patient Medical Record Number 4493139, as ordered. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that failure to complete blood work as ordered by a physician could have resulted in non-efficacious treatment.
13. On or about January 26, 2015, while employed as a Registered Nurse with American Traveler, Boca Raton, Florida, and on assignment at Parkland Health and Hospital System, Dallas, Texas, Respondent inappropriately administered medications intended for Patient Medical Record Number 4493139, to an unidentified person. Respondent failed to correctly identify a patient, and consequently, wrongfully administered medications to said patient without an order from a physician. Further, Respondent failed to document the error in the patient's medical record. Respondent's conduct created an incomplete medical record, and was likely to injure the patient in that the administration of medications without a physician's order could result in the patient suffering from adverse reactions.
14. In response to Findings of Fact Number Six (6), through Number Thirteen (13), Respondent states she does not dispute that she was convicted of misdemeanor Driving While Intoxicated, on January 14, 1999. Respondent states she did not realize that a misdemeanor had to be reported. Respondent states she was under the impression that only felonies needed to be reported. Respondent states she thought that she only had to report final convictions, and not an arrest. Respondent further states she administered medications to a patient that verified her name upon request.
15. Formal Charges were filed on July 23, 2015.

16. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on July 27, 2015.

### 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)(D) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C), (1)(E),(4),(6)(A),(6)(H),(6)(I),(10)(B),(11)(B)&(13).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(2),(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 581957 and Vocational Nurse License Number 135166, heretofore issued to GINA LYNN MENDELSON.
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 AND A FINE** 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. Respondent 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 Respondent wishes to work.

## 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 Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§211.1 *et seq.*, and this Order.

## III. 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 courses and video programs will not be approved.
- B. **A Board-approved course in medication administration** with a didactic portion of not less than six (6) hours and a clinical component of not less than twenty-four (24) hours. Both the didactic and clinical components be provided by the same Registered Nurse. The course's content shall include: a review of proper administration procedures for all standard routes; computation of drug dosages; the six (6) rights of medication administration; factors influencing the choice of route; and possible adverse effects resulting from improper administration. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of medication administration only. The course description shall indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. Successful completion of this course requires RESPONDENT to successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course.

- C. 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), 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 [www.bon.texas.gov/compliance](http://www.bon.texas.gov/compliance).*

IV. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT 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. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT must work as a nurse in the State of Texas, providing direct patient care in a licensed 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 a nurse have elapsed. Any quarterly period without continuous employment with the same employer for all three (3) months will not count towards completion of this requirement. 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:** RESPONDENT 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, RESPONDENT 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:** RESPONDENT 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. RESPONDENT 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:** RESPONDENT 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 RESPONDENT, 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 experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Respondent is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.
- D. **Nursing Performance Evaluations:** RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer 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 nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse 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 Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and 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 Agreed 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 when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, a copy will be mailed to me. 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) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

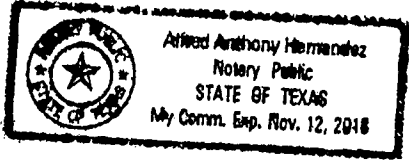
Signed this 4 day of Nov, 2015.

Gina Mendelson  
GINA LYNN MENDELSON, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

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

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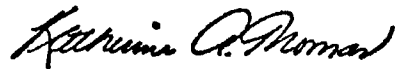


Approved as to form and substance.  
[Signature]  
Jeff B. McDonald, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015, by GINA LYNN MENDELSON, Registered Nurse License Number 581957 and Vocational Nurse License Number 135166, and said Order is final.

Effective this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2016.



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



I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.  
*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of § AGREED  
Registered Nurse License Number 581957 §  
& Vocational Nurse License Number 135166 §  
issued to GINA LYNN MENDELSON § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of GINA LYNN MENDELSON, Registered Nurse License Number 581957, and Vocational Nurse License Number 135166, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. 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)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on June 16, 2017.

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 Order.
3. Respondent's license to practice as a vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in delinquent status. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Paris Junior College, Paris, Texas, on August 16, 1991, and received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Paris Junior College, Paris, Texas, on May 15, 1992. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 3, 1991, and was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 31, 1992.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

12/91 - 04/92	Unknown	
05/92 - 01/95	RN	St. Joseph Hospital Paris, Texas
01/95 - 04/95	RN	Cross Country Travel Boca Raton, Florida
04/95 - 08/97	RN	Presbyterian Hospital Dallas, Texas
08/97 - 01/00	RN	Baylor University Medical Center Dallas, Texas
01/00 - 08/02	RN	Presbyterian Hospital of Plano Plano, Texas
09/02 - 12/03	Unknown	
01/04 - 01/05	RN	Centennial Medical Center Frisco, Texas
02/05 - 01/11	Unknown	
02/11 - 02/13	RN	Paris Regional Medical Center Paris, Texas
02/13 - 1/2017	RN	American Traveler and Nightingale Nurses: Boca Raton, Florida

6. On or about January 21, 2016, Respondent was issued the sanction of WARNING W/STIPULATIONS by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order dated January 21, 2016, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.

7. On or about August 25, 2016, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to POSS CS PG 2<1 G, State Jail Felony offense committed on October 6, 2014, in the 416th District Court at Law of Collin County, Texas, under Cause No. 416-83453-2015. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt, and

Respondent was placed on probation for a period of three (3) years, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

8. On or about October 19, 2016, Respondent submitted a Timely License Renewal Form Registered Nurse to the Texas Board of Nursing in which Respondent answered "Yes" to the question:

"Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense, including those pending appeal:

- A. been arrested and have any pending criminal charges?
- B. been convicted of a Misdemeanor?
- C. been convicted of a felony?
- D. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
- E. received deferred adjudication?
- F. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
- G. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?
- H. been granted pre-trial diversion?
- I. been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
- J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?"

Respondent disclosed that on or about August 25, 2016, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to POSS CS PG 2<1 G, a Third Degree Felony offense committed on October 6, 2014, in the 416th District Court at Law of Collin County, Texas, under Cause No. 416-83453-2015. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of three (3) years, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

9. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or chemical dependency.
10. Formal Charges were filed on January 3, 2017.
11. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on January 4, 2017.

#### 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(13).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), , Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 581957 and Vocational Nurse License Number 135166, heretofore issued to GINA LYNN MENDELSON, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
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, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that Registered Nurse License Number 581957, and Vocational Nurse License Number 135166, previously issued to GINA LYNN MENDELSON, to practice nursing in Texas is hereby **SUSPENDED** with the suspension **STAYED** and Respondent is hereby placed on **PROBATION**, in accordance with the terms of this Order, for a minimum of three (3) years **AND** until Respondent fulfills the requirements 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. Respondent 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 Respondent wishes to work.

## **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 Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§211.1 *et seq.*, and this 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: <http://www.bon.texas.gov/UnderstandingBoardOrders/index.asp>. Upon successful completion, RESPONDENT must submit the course verification at the conclusion of the course, which automatically transmits the verification to the Board.

## **IV. SUPERCEDING ORDER**

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that the sanction and conditions of this Order SHALL supercede all previous stipulations required by any Order entered by the Texas Board of Nursing.

## **V. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS**

In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT 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 twelve (12) quarterly periods [three (3) years] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until twelve (12) 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.

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- C. **Indirect Supervision:** For the remainder of the probation period, RESPONDENT 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 RESPONDENT, 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 experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Respondent is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.
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## VI. PROBATION REPORTS

RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE his/her probation officer to submit written reports on forms provided to the Respondent by the Board. The reports shall indicate the RESPONDENT'S

compliance with the court ordered probation. The reports shall be furnished each and every three (3) month period until RESPONDENT is released from probation.

**VII. FURTHER COMPLAINTS**

If, during the period of probation, an additional allegation, accusation, or petition is reported or filed against the Respondent's license(s), the probationary period shall not expire and shall automatically be extended until the allegation, accusation, or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

**VIII. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)**

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

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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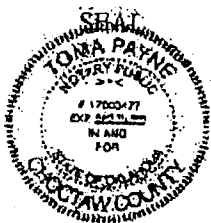
Signed this 19 day of June, 2017.

Gina Lynn Mendelson  
GINA LYNN MENDELSON, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of June, 2017.

[Signature]

Notary Public in and for the State of Oklahoma




Approved as to form and substance.

[Signature]  
L B McDonald, Attorney at Law, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 19th day of June, 2017.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 19th day of June, 2017, by GINA LYNN MENDELSON, Registered Nurse License Number 581957, and Vocational Nurse License Number 135166, and said Order is final.

Effective this 20th day of July, 2017.



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