BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 637856	§	AGREED
issued to ETTA MBORA EPHRAIM	§	ORDER

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING
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.
Executive Director of the Board

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 637856, issued to ETTA MBORA EPHRAIM, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was provided to Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license.

2. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.

3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

4. Respondent received a Diploma in Nursing from School of Nursing, Calabar Cross River State, Nigeria, on November 1, 1991. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 14, 1997.

5. Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history is currently unknown.

6. On or about August 27, 2010, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to AGGREGATE THEFT BY GOVERNMENT CONTRACTOR (a 2nd Degree Felony offense committed from October 29, 2004 through September 8, 2006), filed in the 178th District Court of Harris County, Houston, Texas, under Cause No. 1256363. As a result of the guilty plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt, and was placed on Community Supervision for a period of three (3) years. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs. Furthermore, Respondent was ordered to pay $15,000 in Restitution.

7. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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 of Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.453(a), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 637856, heretofore issued to ETTA MBORA EPHRAIM, including revocation of Respondent's license 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.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Registered Nurse License Number 637856, heretofore issued to ETTA MBORA EPHRAIM, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, 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 nursing, use the title "Registered Nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a Registered Nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a Registered Nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.

2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.

3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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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 alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, 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 becomes final when accepted by the Executive Director at which time the terms of this Order become effective and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 24 day of November, 2010.

ETTA MBORA EPHRAIM, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of November, 2010.

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Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS

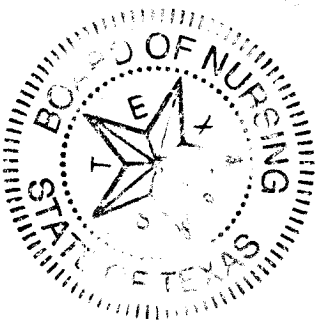
MARY KATHRYN LEE
Notary Public
STATE OF TEXAS
My Comm. Exp. Sep. 23, 2013

Approved as to form and substance.

PAT N. EGWUATU, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 24th day of Nov, 2010

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 637856, previously issued to ETTA MBORA EPHRAIM.



Effective this 30th day of November, 2010.

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