

IN THE MATTER OF  
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE  
NUMBER 217360  
ISSUED TO  
IRA MAURICE TAYLOR

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BEFORE THE ELIGIBILITY  
AND DISCIPLINARY  
COMMITTEE  
OF THE 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.  
*Patricia P. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

TO: IRA MAURICE TAYLOR  
1707 CHAMPLIN  
ST. LOUIS, MO 63136

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on September 14, 2010, the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case. This case was heard, and based on the failure of the Respondent to file a written response to the Formal Charges as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 213.16.

The Committee of the Texas Board of Nursing finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely notice of the violations alleged in the Formal Charges were given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to file an answer in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 213.16.

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The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056 and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 213.16.

The Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion to set aside the default order (22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 213.16(j)). All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 217360, previously issued to IRA MAURICE TAYLOR, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 217360, previously issued to IRA MAURICE TAYLOR, upon receipt of this Order, be immediately delivered to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multi-state privilege, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 14th day of September, 2010.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING  
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

BY:

  
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KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Re: Permanent Certificate Number 217360  
Issued to IRA MAURICE TAYLOR  
DEFAULT ORDER -REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 14 day of September, 10, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served by placement in the U.S. Mail via certified mail, and addressed to the following person(s):

IRA MAURICE TAYLOR  
1707 CHAMPLIN  
ST LOUIS, MO 63136

BY:



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KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

**In the Matter of Permanent License** § **BEFORE THE TEXAS**  
**Number 217360, Issued to** §  
**IRA MAURICE TAYLOR, Respondent** § **BOARD OF NURSING**

### **FORMAL CHARGES**

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, IRA MAURICE TAYLOR, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 217360, which is in delinquent status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

#### **CHARGE I.**

On or about September 3, 2009, Respondent failed to comply with the Eligibility Agreed Order issued to him on August 18, 2008, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Non-compliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Four (4) of the Order which states, in pertinent part that:

(4) Respondent shall, within one (1) year of entry of initial licensure, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics....

A copy of the August 18, 2008, Eligibility Agreed Order, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this pleading.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1) and (10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

#### **CHARGE II.**

On or about October 17, 2008, Respondent failed to comply with the Eligibility Agreed Order issued to him on August 18, 2008, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Non-compliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Five (5) of the Order which states, in pertinent part that:

(5) Respondent shall pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). Respondent shall pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of initial licensure....

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The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1) and (10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

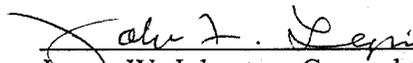
NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to revocation of Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Board's rules, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 213.27 - 213.33. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to § 301.461, TEX. OCC. CODE ANN. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, [www.bon.state.tx.us](http://www.bon.state.tx.us).

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Order which is attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Agreed Order dated August 18, 2008.

Filed this 14th day of May, 2010.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

  
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Attachments: Agreed Order dated August 18, 2008

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BEFORE THE  
TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of	§	ELIGIBILITY
IRA MAURICE TAYLOR	§	
APPLICANT for Eligibility for Licensure	§	AGREED ORDER

On the date entered below, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the Application for Licensure by Endorsement and supporting documents filed by IRA MAURICE TAYLOR, hereinafter referred to as APPLICANT, together with any documents and information gathered by staff and APPLICANT's Certificate contained herein. Information received by the Board produced evidence that APPLICANT may have violated Section 301.452(8) *et seq.*, Texas Occupations Code.

APPLICANT waived representation by counsel, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on March 21, 2008, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about December 6, 2007, Applicant submitted an Application for Licensure by Endorsement in compliance with Section 301.260 *et seq.*, Texas Occupations Code.
2. Applicant waived representation, notice, administrative hearing, and judicial review.
3. Applicant received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from St. Louis BOE, St. Louis, Missouri, in December 1998.
4. Applicant completed the application for licensure by endorsement and answered "no" to the question which reads as follows: *"Has any licensing authority refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a nursing license, certificate or multi-state privilege held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you?"*

5. On June 18, 2002, Applicant was issued a Disciplinary Order by the Missouri Board of Nursing. A copy of the June 18, 2002, Missouri Disciplinary Order is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
6. Applicant has sworn that with the exception of matters disclosed in connection with the Temporary License/Endorsement Application, his past behavior conforms to the Board's professional character requirements.
7. After considering the action taken by the Missouri Board of Nursing along with Applicant's conduct since June 18, 2002, the Executive Director is satisfied that Applicant is able to meet the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.
8. On March 21, 2008, the Executive Director considered evidence of Applicant's behavior in light of the character factors set out in 22 Texas Administrative Code, §213.27 and determined that Applicant currently demonstrates the criteria required for good professional character.
9. Applicant presented sufficient evidence that she would not pose a direct threat to the health and safety of patients and the public.
10. The Executive Director's review of the grounds for potential ineligibility has been made on the basis of Applicant's disclosures.
11. Applicant 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.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Texas Board of Nursing has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 301.453 *et seq.*, Texas Occupations Code.
2. Applicant has submitted an Application for Licensure by Endorsement in compliance with 301.260 *et seq.*, Texas Occupations Code.
3. The evidence in Finding of Fact Number Five (5) is sufficient cause to take disciplinary action under Section 301.452 *et seq.*, Texas Occupations Code, and, therefore, sufficient cause to deny licensure.
4. The action taken by another jurisdiction is grounds for denial of a license under Section 301.452 *et seq.*, Texas Occupations Code.

5. Applicant shall immediately notify the Board of any fact or event that could constitute a ground of ineligibility for licensure under Section 301.452 *et seq.*, 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 Texas Administrative Code §213.27, 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.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED that the application of IRA MAURICE TAYLOR, APPLICANT, is hereby CONDITIONALLY GRANTED and shall be subject to the following conditions:

(1) APPLICANT SHALL obtain and read the Texas Nursing Practice Act, and the Rules and Regulations Relating to Vocational Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice.

(2) Upon payment of the necessary fees, APPLICANT SHALL be issued a license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, which shall bear the appropriate notation.

(3) Upon receiving authorization to practice vocational nursing in Texas, APPLICANT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 *et seq.* and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to APPLICANT's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while APPLICANT's license is encumbered by this Order the APPLICANT may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where APPLICANT wishes to work.

(4) APPLICANT SHALL, within one (1) year of initial licensure in the State of Texas, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. APPLICANT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It shall be a minimum of six (6) contact 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 Chemical Dependency, and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. APPLICANT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify APPLICANT's successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address:*  
*<http://www.bon.state.tx.us/about/stipscourses.html>*

(5) APPLICANT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). APPLICANT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of initial licensure.

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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, APPLICANT SHALL be issued an unencumbered license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

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APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

I am the Petitioner in this matter. I have fully and truthfully disclosed all relevant information in conformity with Rule 213.29 at Texas Administrative Code. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my Application for Licensure by Endorsement, has been in conformity with the Board's professional character rule. I have provided the Board with complete and accurate documentation of my past behavior and have no pending cases in any jurisdiction.

In connection with my application, I acknowledge that I have read and I understand Section 301.257, Texas Occupations Code, Section 301.452 (a),(b) and (c), Texas Occupations Code, and Chapter 53, Section 53.001 *et seq.*, Texas Occupations Code, and Board Rules 213.27, 213.28, and 213.29 at 22 Texas Administrative Code. I agree with all terms of this Order, including the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any stipulations set out in this Order. 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 permit or 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 to practice vocational 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 representation, notice, administrative hearing, and judicial review of this Order and request that the Executive Director of the Texas Board of Nursing enter this Order.

Signed this 2nd day of July, 2008.

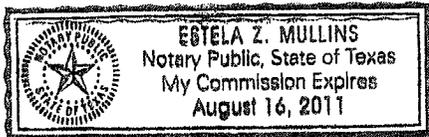
[Signature]  
IRA MAURICE TAYLOR, APPLICANT

STATE OF TX / County of BEXAR

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 02 day of JULY, 2008.

SEAL

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



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Order of Conditional Eligibility that was signed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2008, by IRA MAURICE TAYLOR, APPLICANT, for Licensure by Endorsement, and said Order is final.

Entered this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

BOARD OF NURSING  
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

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





the disciplinary hearing against him, the right to present evidence on his own behalf at the hearing, and a right to a decision on the record. Being aware of these rights, Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives each and every one of these rights and freely enters into this Waiver of Hearing Before the Missouri State Board of Nursing and Disciplinary Order and agrees to abide by the terms of this document as they pertain to Respondent.

Based upon the foregoing, the Board and Respondent jointly stipulate to the following:

1. The Missouri State Board of Nursing ("Board") is an agency of the state of Missouri created and established pursuant to §335.021, RSMo 2000, for the purpose of executing and enforcing the provisions of Chapter 335, RSMo, the Nursing Practice Act.

2. The Missouri Administrative Hearing Commission issued its Memorandum and Order on March 25, 2002, finding cause to discipline Respondent's license based on a violation of § 335.066.2(5), for gross negligence, and 335.066.2(12), RSMo 2000, for violations of professional trust or confidence.

Joint Agreed Disciplinary Order

Based upon the foregoing, the parties mutually agree and stipulate that the following shall constitute the Disciplinary Order entered by the Missouri State Board of Nursing in this matter under the authority of § 335.066, RSMo:

1. Respondent's license is hereby CENSURED.

2 The parties to this agreement understand that the Board will maintain this Disciplinary Order as an open and public record of the Board as provided in Chapters 335, 610, and 620. RSMo

3 In consideration of the foregoing, the parties consent to the entry of record and approval of this Waiver of Hearing Before the Missouri State Board of Nursing and Disciplinary Order and to the termination of any further proceedings before the Board based upon the Complaint filed by the Petitioner in the above-styled action

4 Respondent hereby waives and releases the Board, its members and any of its employees, agents, or attorneys, including any former board members, employees, agents, and attorneys, of, or from, any liability, claim, actions, causes of action, fees, costs and expenses, and compensation, including, but not limited to, any claims for attorney's fees and expenses, including any claims pursuant to § 536.087, RSMo, or any claim arising under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, which may be based upon, arise out of, or relate to any of the matters raised in this litigation, or from the negotiation or execution of this settlement and release agreement. The parties acknowledge that this paragraph is severable from the remaining portions of this settlement and release agreement in that it survives in perpetuity even in the event that any court of law deems this settlement and release agreement or any portion thereof void or unenforceable.

RESPONDENT

By

*[Signature]*  
IRA TAYLOR

Date

5-26-02

PETITIONER

By

*[Signature]*  
LORI SCHEIDT

Interim Executive Director  
Missouri State Board of Nursing

Date

6-3-2002

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