IN THE MATTER OF

* BEFORE THE MARYLAND

* BOARD OF NURSING

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License Number: LP53754 * OAG CASE No. 23-BP-040

ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF REGISTERED NURSE LICENSE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-226(c)(2) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT

The Maryland Board of Nursing (the "Board") hereby orders the **SUMMARY SUSPENSION** of the license of **ANNA EGBE**, (the "Respondent"), License Number **LP53754** to practice licensed practical nursing in the State of Maryland. The Board takes this action pursuant to the authority of Maryland Code Ann., State Gov't Article § 10-226(c)(2) (2021 Repl. Vol.), which provides:

- (2) A unit may order summarily the suspension of a license if the unit:
 - (i) finds that the public, health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action; and
 - (ii) promptly gives the licensee:
 - 1. Written notice of the suspension, the finding and the reasons that support the finding; and
 - 2. An opportunity to be heard.

On April 25, 2023, a pre-deprivation show cause hearing was held before the Board to give the Respondent an opportunity to present oral argument as to why the Board should not summarily suspend the Respondent's license. The Respondent was not present at the Show Cause Hearing. The Assistant Attorney General – Administrative Prosecutor, was present at the Show Cause hearing on behalf of the State.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS AND REASONS IN SUPPORT OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Based on investigatory information obtained by, received by, and made known to and available to the Board, the Board has reason to believe that the following facts are true:¹

- 1. On December 21, 2017, the Respondent was issued a license to practice Practical Nursing ("LPN") in the State of Maryland, License Number LP53754. The Respondent's license expired on November 28, 2019. The Respondent's license is single state. According to the Maryland Board's MyLicense Office ("MYLO") database, the Respondent's current address is in the State of Iowa.
- 2. On May 7, 2018, the Respondent was issued a license to practice Practical Nursing ("PN") in the State of Iowa, License Number P62032. The Respondent's license expired on November 15, 2020. The Respondent's license is single state and is currently inactive.
- 3. On February 24, 2020, the Respondent was issued a license to practice Registered Nursing ("RN") in the State of Iowa, License Number 158078. The Respondent's license expired on November 15, 2022. The Respondent's license is single state and is currently inactive.
- 4. On May 3, 2019, the Respondent was issued a license to practice Practical Nursing ("PN") in the State of Nevada, License Number 819441. The Respondent's license expired on November 7, 2020 and is currently inactive.
- 5. On December 2, 2020, the Respondent was issued a license to practice Registered Nursing ("RN") in the State of Nevada, License Number 819441. The Respondent's license expired on November 7, 2022 and is currently inactive.

¹ The allegations set forth in this document are intended to provide the Respondent with reasonable notice of the Board's action. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Respondent in connection with this action.

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Discipline by the Board of Nursing of the State of Iowa

- 6. On or about April 4, 2022, the Board of Nursing of the State of Iowa issued a Settlement Agreement and Final Order ("Order") which revoked the Respondent's Iowa licenses to practice as a registered nurse and as a practical nurse. The Order includes the following Factual Circumstances which were incorporated from the Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges²:
 - a. Respondent submitted an application for LPN license by endorsement to the Iowa Board of Nursing on January 12, 2018, and was issued a license, license number P62032, on May 7, 2018 after providing falsified nursing education credentials³.
 - b. Respondent submitted an application for RN license by examination to the Iowa Board of Nursing on June 25, 2019, and was issued a license, license number 158078, on February 24, 2020 after providing falsified nursing education credentials⁴.
 - Respondent submitted an application for employment on May 3, 2018 misrepresenting her educational credentials on that application.

Discipline by the Nevada State Board of Nursing

7. On or about November 30, 2022, the Nevada State Board of Nursing issued a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order") revoking the Respondent's LPN and RN licenses, license number LPN819441 and RN819441. The Order included the following Findings of Fact:

² On January 19, 2022, the Board of Nursing of the State of Iowa issued a Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges, In the Matter of Anna Egbe, Case Number 21-365.

³ Information provided by the Respondent on her application for licensure as a licensed practical nurse in the State of Maryland indicates that she attended National School of Nursing and Allied Health and that she graduated on June 28, 2013.

⁴ The Respondent attended Palm Beach School of Nursing.

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a. On May 9, 2019, Respondent was granted a permanent Practical Nurse's license (LPN) in the State of Nevada. On December 2, 2020, the Respondent was granted a permanent

Professional Nurse's license (RN) in the State of Nevada.

b. On April 6, 2022, the Board of Nursing of the State of Iowa issued a Settlement

Agreement and Final Order regarding the Respondent. The Iowa Order stated that the

Respondent agreed to immediately surrender her both of her Iowa licenses. The Iowa

Order was based upon the Respondent's submission of falsified nursing education

credentials with her Iowa LPN and RN applications to be a nurse in the State of Iowa.

c. Respondent provided the same falsified nursing education credentials to the Nevada

State Board of Nursing with the Nevada LPN and RN applications to be a nurse in the

State of Nevada.

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8. The Respondent's Iowa LPN and RN licenses were revoked because the

Respondent provided falsified nursing education credentials with her Iowa LPN and RN

applications and because she misrepresented her education credentials on an application for

employment. The Respondent's Nevada LPN and RN licenses were revoked because of the Iowa

Settlement Agreement and Final Order and because the Respondent submitted the same falsified

education credentials to the Nevada State Board of Nursing with her Nevada LPN and RN

applications for licensure. The Respondent's Maryland LPN license is currently expired; however,

there are no barriers to prevent her from renewing her license and from practicing as an LPN. The

Respondent's actions make her practice as a licensed practical nurse a danger to all patients under

her care. Therefore; the Respondent's practice poses a serious risk and danger to the public health,

safety and welfare.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on the foregoing investigative findings and reasons, the Board finds that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action in this case pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Govt. § 10-226(c)(2) (2021 Repl. Vol.).

ORDER

It is hereby:

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Nursing by Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) (2021 Repl. Vol.) the license of ANNA EGBE to practice as a licensed practical nurse, (License No. LP53754), in the State of Maryland is hereby SUMMARILY SUSPENDED; and be it further

ORDERED that if the Respondent's license is suspended following a Show Cause Hearing, the Respondent has the right to an evidentiary hearing before the Board on the merits of the summary suspension and an evidentiary hearing will be scheduled before the Board, if the Respondent submits a written request for an evidentiary hearing to the Board NO LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS from the date of this Order for Summary Suspension; and be it further

ORDERED that if the Respondent does not submit a timely written request to the Board for an evidentiary hearing within 30 days of the date of this Order, the Respondent shall have waived all rights now and in the future to any hearing on the merits of the summary suspension of the Respondent's license and the factual allegations contained in the Order for Summary Suspension; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order for Summary Suspension shall remain in effect and the summary suspension of the Respondent's license shall continue until further Order of the Board; and it is further

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ORDERED that this, "Order for Summary Suspension of Registered Nurse License" is a **PUBLIC RECORD** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 4-101 *et seq.* & § 4-333 (2019).

April 25, 2023

Date

Karen E.B. Evans, MSN, RN-BC The Executive Director's Signature Appears on the Original Document

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