



Board of Nursing

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July 26, 2023

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**RE: Gladys Aborungong - R253349, LP53315, A00128885, MT0099286
Permanent Voluntary Surrender of RN License
Consent Order**

Dear Mr. Silkman,

Enclosed please find a fully signed and executed copy of the *Permanent Voluntary Surrender* and the *Consent Order Dismissing Disciplinary Charges* issued by the Maryland Board of Nursing on July 26, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact the Discipline & Compliance Division at mbon.nursingdiscipline@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Scott, JD, BSN, CRNI, SD-CLTC
Interim Executive Director
Maryland Board of Nursing

Enclosure

cc: Denise McKoy, Assistant Attorney General, Administrative Prosecutor

**PERMANENT VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
GLADYS ABORUNGONG
R253349**

Gary N. Hicks, MS, RN, CEN, CNE
President
Maryland Board of Nursing
4140 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215-2254

**RE: Gladys Aborungong – R253349
Permanent Voluntary Surrender of Registered Nurse License**

Dear Mr. Hicks,

I agree to permanently voluntarily surrender my license to practice as a Registered Nurse (“RN”) in the State of Maryland, License Number **R253349**. I understand that, as of the effective date of this Permanent Voluntary Surrender, I may not practice as a RN, with or without compensation, as defined in the Maryland Nurse Practice Act (“the Act”), Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations Article (“Health Occ.”) §§ 8-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol.) and the Board’s regulations, Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) 10.27.01 *et seq.* I understand that, as of the effective date of this Permanent Voluntary Surrender, I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual.

I understand that this Permanent Voluntary Surrender shall become a **PUBLIC RECORD** and shall become effective on the date of the Board’s acceptance of the Permanent Voluntary Surrender. I understand and agree that this Permanent Voluntary Surrender may be released or published by the Board as a final decision and order under the Public Information Act, Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2019 Repl. Vol.). I expressly consent to the publication of this Permanent Voluntary Surrender, including any and all information that may be protected from disclosure under federal and state law.

On or about April 11, 2021, I submitted an on-line Application for Endorsement of RN License (“RN Application”) to the Board and indicated that I graduated from Siena College of Health in May 2019. I affirmed and agreed to the following statement “I affirm that the contents of this document are accurate to the best of my knowledge”.

When I registered to take the NCLEX-RN exam, I indicated that I attended Siena Education Center and graduated in March 2019.

In my written response to the Maryland Board of Nursing’s (the “Board”) request for information and in my interview with the Board’s investigator, I stated that I attended Siena College and received an RN diploma on May 19, 2019. I further stated that while attending Siena College, I completed clinicals at two clinical sites.¹

In an affidavit signed on December 15, 2022, Eunide Sanon, the owner and operator of Siena Education Center, LLC (doing business as Siena College of Health), identified me by name,

¹ One clinical site is a facility that offers behavioral health and substance abuse services. The second clinical site is a facility that offers short-term stay after hospitalization and in-patient residential stay.

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SSN and DOB as one of the individuals who did not complete the required program hours and clinical training necessary to obtain a nursing associate in science degree and transcript.

My Official Transcript from Siena College of Health indicates that I completed clinicals in psychiatric nursing, maternal and child nursing, and adult health I and II, while attending Siena College.

On March 29, 2023, the Board issued an Order for Summary Suspension of Registered Nurse License "Order for Summary Suspension" which ordered the summary suspension of my RN license.

On May 2, 2023, the Board issued Notice of Agency Action – Charges under the Maryland Nurse Practice Act ("Charges"), charging my RN license with violations under Health Occ. § 8-316 (a):² (30) "Violates regulations adopted by the Board or an order from the Board"; *to wit*, COMAR 10.27.01.10 A. "An applicant licensed to practice registered nursing or practical nursing in another state, territory, or country is eligible for licensure without examination if the applicant: (3) Submits the following verifications directly to the Board from the appropriate authority: (a) That at the time that applicant graduated from the nursing education program, it was approved as a registered nursing or licensed practical nursing education program in that state, territory, or country; (b) That the applicant meet the educational qualifications³ of this State at the time of the applicant's graduation from the nursing education program."⁴

In lieu of proceeding to an evidentiary hearing on the Order for Summary Suspension and Charges, I agree to surrender my RN license. I agree the Board has enough evidence to prove by a preponderance of the evidence the Investigative Findings in the Order for Summary Suspension issued on March 29, 2023 and the above violation cited in the Charges issued on May 2, 2023, and may sanction my RN license accordingly, pursuant to Health Occ. § 8-316 and COMAR 10.27.26

I understand that, by executing this Permanent Voluntary Surrender, I am waiving the right, now and in the future, to any evidentiary hearing at which I would have the right to counsel, to

² In its discretion, the Board dismissed the other violations cited in the May 2, 2023 Charges.

³ COMAR 10.27.01.B (8) provides: "Educational Qualifications" means that at the time the applicant graduated from a registered nursing ... education program, the program was substantially equivalent to the registered nursing ... education programs approved in this State.

⁴ COMAR 10.27.01.01 C. provides: "Substantially equivalent" means a registered nursing ... education program that:

- (1) Contains theoretical learning experiences and related clinical learning experiences that include direct patient care within various settings consistent with program objectives, outcomes, or competencies conducted either concurrently with or after the theoretical learning experience; and
- (2) Meets the curriculum requirement for Maryland schools of nursing at the time of the applicant's graduation, including, but not limited to:
 - (c) Didactic and clinical instruction in nursing care of families and clients throughout the life span in a variety of care settings requiring nursing measures appropriate for: ...
 - (d) Didactic and clinical instructional content that includes, but is not limited to, the areas of:
 - (i) Medical and surgical nursing;
 - (ii) Maternal and child health;
 - (iii) Psychiatric nursing; and
 - (iv) Geriatric nursing;

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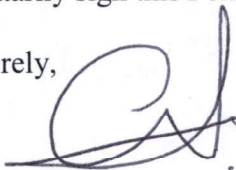
confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, and to contest the facts summarized in this Permanent Voluntary Surrender, and at which I would have the right to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal.

In executing this agreement to permanently surrender my RN license, I agree that I will never be eligible for reinstatement of my RN license, license number **R253349**, in the State of Maryland. I agree and understand that if I ever decide to re-apply for licensure as a RN in Maryland, I will approach the Board in the same posture as an unlicensed individual applying for initial RN licensure. I understand that it will be my burden, as an applicant for licensure, to demonstrate that I meet all the Board's requirements for issuance of an initial license, that exists at the time I apply and that I am fit for RN licensure in Maryland.

I agree and understand that, in considering whether to grant any future application for licensure, the Board may review my entire Board file, including any information that the Board receives after execution of this document, and may require me to undergo medical, psychological, and/or psychiatric evaluations and drug and alcohol testing to determine my fitness to receive a license. I understand that the Board is not required to grant me a new RN license.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Permanent Voluntary Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. I fully understand the nature and effect of both the Board's actions and this Permanent Voluntary Surrender. Finally, I wish to make it clear that I had an opportunity to discuss this matter with legal counsel and that I willingly, knowingly, and voluntarily sign this Permanent Voluntary Surrender.

Sincerely,



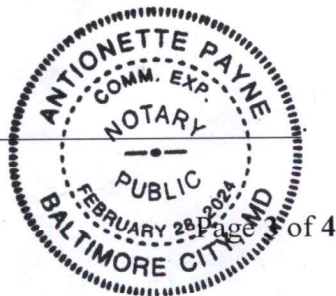
Gladys Aborungong
R253349

NOTARIZATION

STATE OF Maryland
CITY/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 29 day of June, 2023, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland of the County afore-said, personally appeared **GLADYS ABORUNGONG** and declared and affirmed under penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing Permanent Voluntary Surrender was the voluntary act and deed of **GLADYS ABORUNGONG**.

My commission expires: _____



Antionette Payne
Notary Public

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ACCEPTANCE

ON BEHALF OF THE MARYLAND BOARD OF NURSING, on this **26th** day of **July, 2023**,
GLADYS ABORUNGONG'S PERMANENT VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of her RN
license, license number **R253349**, in the State of Maryland, is hereby accepted.

Ann M. Turner, RN
The Board Secretary's Signature
Appears on the Original Document