

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: ANTOINETTE W. REESE, R.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT**  
**License Number: 0001-236569**  
**Case Number: 177295**

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**ORDER**

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**JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4020, 2.2-4024(F), and 54.1-2400(11), a panel of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) held a formal administrative hearing on January 26, 2017, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Antoinette Reese’s application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Reese may have violated certain laws governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Antoinette W. Reese, R.N., appeared at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

**NOTICE**

By letter dated January 11, 2017, the Board sent a Notice of Formal Hearing (“Notice”) to Ms. Reese notifying her that a formal administrative hearing would be held on January 26, 2017. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the Order contained herein.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Antoinette W. Reese, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-236569 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on March 20, 2012. Said license was

mandatorily suspended by Order of the Director of the Department of Health Professions on June 24, 2016. Ms. Reese's primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. Ms. Reese submitted an application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing on November 8, 2016.

3. On February 3, 2012, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Newport News, Virginia, Ms. Reese was convicted of one count of felony mail fraud and one count of felony making and subscribing a false tax return, which formed the basis of the mandatory suspension of her license.

4. The court ordered Ms. Reese to pay \$829,687.00 in restitution. Ms. Reese testified that she pays restitution of \$100 per month and that she currently owes less than \$600,000.00. Ms. Reese submitted a letter dated January 24, 2017, from her probation officer that stated Ms. Reese is in full compliance with the terms of her supervised release and that she has been placed on low risk supervision. She testified that a lump sum is taken from her retirement each year.

5. Ms. Reese has never practiced professional nursing. Ms. Reese accepted full responsibility for her actions that led to her conviction. Ms. Reese submitted ten letters of reference including one from her probation officer. She also submitted evidence of completing 35.5 continuing education credits. A police officer and a client testified to her integrity and trustworthiness.

#### CONCLUSION OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(4).

#### **ORDER**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Board of Nursing hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Antoinette W. Reese, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.

2. By affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of the Board at the proceeding, ORDERS that the license issued to Antoinette W. Reese to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is REINSTATED.

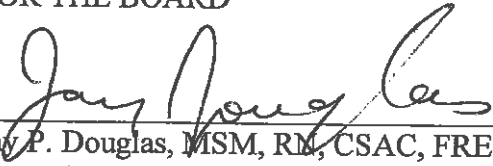
3. Within six months from the date of entry of this Order, Ms. Reese shall provide written proof satisfactory to the Board of passage of a Board-approved nursing refresher course. The course(s) shall be approved in advance of registration by the Executive Director of the Board. Requests for approval must be received within 15 business days prior to the course date. Continuing education obtained through compliance with this term shall not be used toward licensure renewal.

4. Ms. Reese shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

5. Any violation of the foregoing terms and conditions of this Order or any statute or regulation governing the practice of professional nursing shall constitute grounds for further disciplinary action.

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

FOR THE BOARD

  
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Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED AND MAILED ON:

February 3, 2017

Certified True Copy

By   
Virginia Board Of Nursing

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E. , Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.