

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: ELSABET WOLDEMARIAM, L.P.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT
License No.: 0002-079543

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) met on April 4, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Elsabet Woldemariam’s application for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing in Virginia. Ms. Woldemariam was present and was represented by Daniel Berhane, Esquire.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Elsabet Woldemariam, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-079543 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on December 8, 2008. Said license was suspended by Order of the Board entered on December 5, 2014. This action was the result of Ms. Woldemariam’s failure to comply with a previous Order which placed her on probation with terms and conditions, following her termination from Emeritus of Arlington for a medication error and falsely documenting in a resident’s medication record.
2. Ms. Woldemariam submitted an application for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing which was received by the Board on December 9, 2015.
3. By letter dated February 29, 2016, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Woldemariam notifying her that an informal conference would be held on April 4, 2016. The

Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 3825 Seventh Street, Apt. B8, Arlington, Virginia 22203 the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

4. Ms. Woldemariam stated to the Committee that she takes full responsibility for her noncompliance with the Board's Order entered December 5, 2014.

5. Ms. Woldemariam provided, with her application for reinstatement, evidence of completion of 58 hours of continuing education, and successful completion of English as a Second Language taken at the Arlington Education and Employment Program, Arlington, Virginia, administered through the Arlington Public Schools.

6. Ms. Woldemariam also provided a certificate of completion of the NCSBN online course *Righting a Wrong: Ethic and Professionalism in Nursing*.

7. Ms. Woldemariam stated that she has spent the last year studying her practical nursing course text books and she felt ready to return to work. Ms. Woldemariam stated that she loves working with patients and would like to return to work in an assisted living facility.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Committee concludes that Ms. Woldemariam meets the requirements for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing.

ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS as follows:


1. The application of Elsabet Woldemariam, L.P.N., for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing in Virginia is APPROVED. Ms. Woldemariam shall be issued an unrestricted license to practice practical nursing in Virginia.

2. Ms. Woldemariam shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a licensed practical nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

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

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Woldemariam may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **June 3, 2016**, notify Jay P. 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, in writing that she desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated.


FOR THE COMMITTEE:



85 Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: May 2, 2016

This Order shall become final on **June 3, 2016**, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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By 
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