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**In the Matter of** § **BEFORE THE TEXAS**  
**Permanent Registered Nurse** §  
**License Number 754060** §  
**Issued to MARY ELIZABETH EASTLAND,** §  
**Respondent** § **BOARD OF NURSING**

**ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**

TO: Mary Eastland  
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A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing was held on May 19, 2026, at 1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 14-101, Austin, Texas, in which the Temporary Suspension of Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 754060, issued to MARY ELIZABETH EASTLAND was considered pursuant to Section 301.455, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE. Staff of the Texas Board of Nursing appeared and presented evidence and information concerning the conduct of MARY ELIZABETH EASTLAND and whether her continued practice as a nurse would constitute a continuing and imminent threat to the public welfare.

After review and due consideration of the evidence and information presented, the Board finds that the following charges are substantiated:

**CHARGE I.**

Prior to July 4, 2025, while serving as a Registered Nurse, Supervising Nurse, Camp Nurse, Director, and Chief Health Officer with Camp Mystic, Hunt, Texas, Respondent failed to develop and maintain adequate emergency plans and emergency training protocols for campers, staff and camp nurses at Camp Mystic. Moreover, Respondent should have been aware of Camp Mystic’s experiences during previous catastrophic flooding events but failed to develop and implement an adequate emergency shelter plan and/or evacuation plan. Respondent’s lack of emergency preparedness for herself and her camp nurses was likely to injure campers and staff in that it created and/or maintained an unsafe environment and likely resulted in physical harm, emotional harm, psychological harm, and loss of life to campers and staff in an emergency or disaster at Camp Mystic.

## **CHARGE II.**

During and after the catastrophic flooding event on or about July 4, 2025, while serving as a Registered Nurse, Supervising Nurse, Camp Nurse, Director, and Chief Health Officer with Camp Mystic, Hunt, Texas, Respondent failed to implement or maintain adequate shelter and evacuation protocols to protect campers and staff during and after an emergency or disaster at Camp Mystic. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure campers and staff in that it created an unsafe environment and may have unnecessarily exposed campers and staff to physical harm, emotional harm, psychological harm, and loss of life.

## **CHARGE III.**

On or about July 4, 2025, while serving as a Registered Nurse, Supervising Nurse, Camp Nurse, Director, and Chief Health Officer with Camp Mystic, Hunt, Texas, Respondent abandoned the campers and staff when the camp site began to flood at approximately 0200 by evacuating herself and her children to higher ground without providing any assistance or direction to all of the other campers and staff. Further, Respondent failed to contact the nursing staff via phone to provide direction and/or emergency instruction at any time. Finally, Respondent failed to contact emergency services at any time during the event or after she became aware campers and/or staff were missing and unaccounted for. Subsequently, no less than twenty-seven (27) campers and staff members passed away in the flood waters. Respondent's conduct exposed the campers and staff unnecessarily to risk of harm in that leaving the area without helping others during and after the catastrophic event likely resulted in the campers and staff not getting the health care, support, and supervision they needed to manage physical harm, emotional harm, psychological harm, and loss of life.

## **CHARGE IV.**

On or about July 4, 2025, through March 31, 2026, while serving as a Registered Nurse, Supervising Nurse, Camp Nurse, Director, and Chief Health Officer with Camp Mystic, Hunt, Texas, Respondent failed to report the deaths of no less than of twenty-seven (27) campers and two (2) counselors within 24 hours per Texas Administrative Code §265.15. Respondent's conduct was deceptive and denied officials of the State of Texas information needed to regulate the camp site Respondent was administratively responsible for.

## **CHARGE V.**

On or about March 1, 2025, through July 6, 2025, while serving as a Registered Nurse, Supervising Nurse, Camp Nurse, Director, and Chief Health Officer with Camp Mystic, Hunt, Texas, Respondent inappropriately delegated the authorization for staff nurses to assess, diagnose and administer Phenergan suppositories, Zofran, Zithromax, Amoxicillin, Prednisone, Albuterol, and Epinephrine to campers without prior physician assessment and recommendation. Instead, Respondent allowed staff to notify the camp doctor within twenty-four (24) hours of starting the medication for a follow-up appointment in office. Respondent's conduct exposed campers unnecessarily to a risk of harm from interventions provided without the benefit of a physician's expertise.

## **CHARGE VI.**

On or about May 1, 2025, through July 6, 2025, while serving as a Registered Nurse, Supervising Nurse, Camp Nurse, Director, and Chief Health Officer with Camp Mystic, Hunt, Texas, Respondent failed to personally administer medication to campers per Texas Administrative Code §265.15(l) or document written authorization to allow others to administer the medications in her place. In addition, Respondent failed to ensure staff distributed medications in compliance with HIPAA requirements in that staff brought campers medications to the dining halls and other camp areas for distribution. Further, Respondent failed to ensure medications were safely stored in a lockable cabinet or other secure location that was not accessible to campers. Respondent's conduct was in violation of State laws including 25 TEX ADMIN CODE. 265.15 regarding Medical and Nursing Care. Respondent's conduct resulted in incomplete medical records and was likely to injure the campers in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the campers.

The Texas Board of Nursing further finds that, given the nature of the charges, the continued practice of nursing by MARY ELIZABETH EASTLAND constitutes a continuing and imminent threat to public welfare and that the temporary suspension of Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 754060, is justified pursuant to Section 301.455, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 754060, issued to MARY ELIZABETH EASTLAND, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are, hereby SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY in accordance with Section 301.455, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE.

This Order SHALL be applicable to RESPONDENT'S nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas. Further, RESPONDENT'S license(s) will be designated "single state" as applicable, and RESPONDENT may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state using a Texas compact license.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a probable cause hearing be conducted in accordance with Section 301.455(c) not later than seventeen (17) days following the date of the entry of this order, and a final hearing on the matter be conducted in accordance with 301.455(d) not later than the 61<sup>st</sup> day following the date of the entry of this order.

Entered this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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### **FORMAL CHARGES**

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, MARY ELIZABETH EASTLAND, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 754060, which is in current 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.**

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The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1),(b)(10)&(b)(14), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(H),(1)(M),(1)(T)&(1)(U) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(2),(4)&(6)(C) and 25 TEX ADMIN CODE Section 265.15(c) and (k) (The provisions of this §265.15 adopted to be effective April 16, 2006, ... amended to be effective June 25, 2020, 45 TexReg 4202).

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license(s) and/or privilege(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 213.27 - 213.33.

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.texas.gov](http://www.bon.texas.gov).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, located at 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.33(b), which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, [www.bon.texas.gov](http://www.bon.texas.gov).

Filed this 19th day of May, 2026.

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