

**STATE OF VERMONT
SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF NURSING**

IN RE:)
SANDRA AGHEDO) **Docket No. 2023-35**
License No. 026.0148858)

NOTICE OF DISMISSAL

NOW COMES the State of Vermont, by and through State Prosecuting Attorney Ultan Doyle and hereby dismisses the Specification of Charges filed in the above-captioned case.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont this 2nd day of November, 2023.

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SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

NOW COMES the State of Vermont and makes the following Charges against the Respondent Sandra Aghedo:

Board Authority

1. The Vermont State Board of Nursing (the “Board”) has jurisdiction to investigate and adjudicate allegations of unprofessional conduct committed by Registered Nurses pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 129(a); 3 V.S.A. § 129a; 3 V.S.A. § 814(d); 26 V.S.A. Chapter 28; the Administrative Rules of the Board of Nursing (the “ARBN”); and the Rules of the Office of Professional Regulation (“OPR”).

Statement of Facts

2. Sandra Aghedo (“Respondent”) of Fulshear, Texas was licensed by the State of Vermont as a Registered Nurse (“RN”) under license number 026.0148858. This license was originally issued on January 11, 2022 and expired on March 31, 2023.
3. Respondent also holds a Texas RN Multistate License, which was issued on August 25, 2020 and expires on September 30, 2024, and a Personal Nurse (“PN”) Multistate license, which was issued on July 27, 2016 and expires on September 30, 2024.
4. On January 10, 2022, Respondent applied for her Vermont RN license on the basis of endorsement.
5. In her application, Respondent stated that she had completed a Registered Nursing Education Program in a U.S. state or jurisdiction.
6. Under the section of her application titled “Education details,” Respondent stated that she had graduated with an Associate Degree in Nursing from “Palm Beach School of Nursing” in West Palm Beach Florida in December of 2019.
7. Subsequent to Respondent receiving her Vermont RN license, OPR received the following information from NURSUS in regard to Respondent:

This nurse’s name, DOB and/or SSN was included on an affidavit provided by the Department of Health and Human

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Services - Office of Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of investigation pursuant to their investigation into nursing programs. The affidavit was executed by the nursing school and identified this individual as a person that was issued an illegitimate nursing diploma and transcript from this nursing school. This information is provided for the purposes of assisting State Boards of Nursing in taking independent action.

8. The affidavit in question was executed by J.N., the owner of Palm Beach School of Nursing.
9. The affidavit detailed that in order to obtain an Associate Degree in Nursing from Palm Beach School of Nursing, students were required to complete 1,665 hours of instruction, which included 720 hours of clinical experience in a health care setting.
10. The affidavit further detailed that from around October 2016 to June 2022, Palm Beach School of Nursing issued transcripts and diplomas to individuals who did not complete the required program hours and clinical training necessary to obtain an Associate Degree in Nursing and transcript.
11. The affidavit identified Respondent as one of the individuals who obtained her Associate Degree in Nursing and her transcript without having completed the hours of instruction that the Palm Beach School of Nursing required.

Violation One: 3 V.S.A. § 129a(a)(3) Failing to comply with provisions of federal or State statutes or rules governing the practice of the profession.

12. The State re-alleges and incorporates Paragraphs 2 through 11 above.
13. As an RN, Respondent is required to comply with provisions of federal or State statutes or rules governing the practice of the profession.
14. Rule 5.6(a) of the Vermont Board of Nursing Administrative Rules requires an applicant who seeks licensure by endorsement “to be licensed in a United States jurisdiction on the basis of a U.S. nursing education program.”
15. Paragraphs 2 through 11 demonstrate that Respondent is not licensed in a United States jurisdiction on the basis of a U.S. nursing education program because she did not complete a U.S. nursing education program.
16. The act(s), omission(s), and/or circumstance(s) described above constitute grounds for summary suspension because Respondent committed unprofessional conduct in violation of 3 V.S.A. § 129a(a)(3).

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Relief Requested

WHEREFORE, the RN licenses of Sandra Aghedo should be revoked, suspended, reprimanded, conditioned, or otherwise disciplined.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont this 7th day of April, 2023.

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