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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
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Jenny Barnhouse, Executive Director
Oklahoma Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 52926
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October 30, 2026

Re: Guy, Case No. 10.009.27

Dear Executive Director Barnhouse:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding the action that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing ("Board") intends to take in the above-referenced case. On November 9, 2025, Cherylynn Guy ("Applicant") submitted a complete Registered Nurse Endorsement Application for U.S. Educated Nurse to the Board, requesting a Multistate License to practice registered nursing ("RN Application").

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act ("Act") authorizes the Board to impose discipline, to include denying a license to practice, when a nurse "[i]s guilty of a felony, or any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of any licensee . . . or any offense an essential element of which is fraud, dishonesty, or an act of violence, whether or not sentence is imposed," or "[i]s guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined in the rules of the Board" [1]. 59 O.S.Supp.2023, §§567.8(A), (B)(2) and (B)(7).

On or about December 18, 2019, Grand Jurors for Dallas County, Texas filed a True Bill of Indictment in the District Court of Dallas County, Texas, Cause No. F86-96302-OL, charging Applicant with the following Felony: Theft of Property of the Value of $750.00 or More but Less Than $20,000. On or about May 1, 1986, Applicant entered a no-contest plea to that charge, and the Court ordered four (4) years of probation deferred, and payment of a fine, restitution, and Court costs. On or about April 16, 2014, Applicant entered into an Eligibility Order with the Texas Board of Nursing ("Order") after disclosing the felony conviction in her Endorsement Application. The terms of the Order include encumbering the Applicant's license with the Order, completing a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence, and completing the course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills". The Applicant met the conditions of the Order on July 18, 2014.

On or about November 9, 2025, Applicant submitted to the Board a complete Registered Nurse Endorsement Application for U.S. Educated Nurse requesting a Multistate License to

[1] Unprofessional conduct means "conduct detrimental to the public interest[.]" OAC 485:10-11-1(b)(3)(H).

practice registered nursing (RN Application). On or about July 8, 2026, Applicant was offered an agreed settlement to include approval of the RN Application for Single-State License only due to Applicant's felony conviction. On or about July 23, 2026, Board staff contacted Applicant's legal counsel, and Applicant's legal counsel stated that Applicant has declined the agreed settlement that was offered on July 8, 2026, and understood the RN Application would be denied.

The Board proposes to deny the Applicant's application for licensure. It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State's policy to protect public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring nurses comport themselves with the standards of professional conduct at all times.



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