IN THE MATTER OF	§ 8	BEFORE THE ELIGIBILITY
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE	8	AND DISCIPLINARY
NUMBER 163380	9 §	COMMITTEE
ISSUED TO	9 §	OF THE TEXAS
NINA ANNE CONNER	§ §	BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Nina Anne Conner (Whittington)
140 W 9th Ave

secutive Director of the Board

Petal, MS 39465

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee of the Texas Board of Nursing finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the

proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing [22 Tex. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 163380, previously issued to NINA ANNE CONNER, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 20th day of March, 2012.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Attachment: Formal Charge filed February 8, 2012.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the	day of		20	_, a true and correct
copy of the foregoing DEFAULT O	RDER was serve	d by placement in th	e U.S	S. Mail via certified
mail, and addressed to the following	g person(s):			
Nina Anne Conner(Whittington) 140 W 9th Ave Petal, MS 39465				
BY:		A. THOMAS, MN, F	•	



Texas Board of Nursing

February 13, 2012

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN
Executive Director

Certified Mail No.

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Return Receipt Requested

Nina Anne Conner 252 CR 452 Bronson, Texas 75930

Dear Ms. Conner:

Enclosed are Formal Charges which have been filed against you alleging one or more violations of Section 301.452(b) of the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code. Within three weeks from the date of this letter, you must file a written answer to each charge admitting or denying each allegation. If you intend to deny only part of an allegation, you must specify so much of it as is true and deny only the remainder. Your answer shall also include any other matter, whether of law or fact, upon which you intend to rely for your defense. Please send your written answer to the attention of Terry Washington, Investigator. You may obtain legal counsel at your own expense.

These Charges have been filed because your pending alleged violations of the Nursing Practice Act have not been resolved. FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER TO THE FORMAL CHARGES, EITHER PERSONALLY OR BY LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, WILL RESULT IN THE ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN THE FORMAL CHARGES BEING ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF WILL BE GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

Additionally, you may resolve this matter according to the terms of the proposed Agreed Order previously sent to you. If you want to do that, you should sign the Order, have it notarized, and mail it to this office. If you do not have the proposed Agreed Order, you should call and request that a duplicate be sent to you.

If a written answer to the Formal Charges or a signed, notarized Agreed Order is not received within three weeks from the date of this letter, this matter will proceed as a default matter and it will be staff's recommendation that a default order be entered revoking your license or multistate privilege to practice nursing in the State of Texas. The enclosed Formal Charges spell out the matters which will be presented by default.

Should you desire to discuss this matter, you may contact Terry Washington, Investigator, Enforcement Division, at the above address, or at (512) 305-6852.

Sincerely

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director

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Enclosure: Formal Charges

Members of the Board

09/99-DB

Kristin Bonton, MSN, RN Austin, President In the Matter of Permanent License § BEFORE THE TEXAS Number 163380, Issued to § BOARD OF NURSING

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, NINA ANNE CONNER, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 163380, which is in curent 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.

On or about December 12, 2008, Respondent pled Guilty and was convicted of FAILURE TO APPEAR, a 3rd Degree felony offense committed on February 25, 2008, in the District Court, Sabine County, Texas, under Cause No. 6420. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for a period of three (3) years, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13). Moreover, the above offense mandates revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in accordance with Section 53.021 of the Texas Occupations Code.

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 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 and Tex. Occ. Code Ch. 53. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to Section 301.461, Texas Occupations Code. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, Board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

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.

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct, which can be found at the Board's website, <u>www.bon.texas.gov</u>.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html.

Filed this 8th day of February, 20 12.

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