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Patricia Vianes-Cabrera
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of
WENDY SARA PARISH
PETITIONER for Eligibility for
Licensure

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ORDER OF
CONDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY

On the date entered below, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the Petition for Declaratory Order and supporting documents filed by WENDY SARA PARISH, hereinafter referred to as PETITIONER, together with any documents and information gathered by staff and PETITIONER's Certificate contained herein. Information received by the Board produced evidence that PETITIONER may have violated Section 301.452 *et seq.*, Texas Occupations Code.

A public meeting was held on November 10, 2003, by the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee of the Board of Nurse Examiners (Board), at 333 Guadalupe, Tower 3, Suite 460, Austin, Texas, in which the petition of WENDY SARA PARISH, PETITIONER, was considered.

PETITIONER appeared in person. PETITIONER was notified of her right to be represented by legal counsel and elected to waive representation by counsel.

Board Members in attendance were: Larry Canfield, CRNA, MSED; Linda R. Rounds, PhD, RN, FNP, APN; and Phyllis Rawley, Consumer Member. Staff present were: Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director; James W. Johnston, General Counsel; Anthony L. Diggs, Director, Enforcement Division; and Patricia Vianes-Cabrera, Legal Assistant.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about May 13, 2003, Petitioner submitted a Petition for Declaratory Order requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Section 301.257 *et seq.*, Texas Occupations Code.
2. Petitioner waived representation, notice, administrative hearing, and judicial review.
3. Petitioner is not currently enrolled in a nursing program.
4. Petitioner provided a "yes" answer to Question Number Ten (10) which reads as follows: *"Have you been diagnosed, treated or hospitalized in the past five (5) years for schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder?."*
5. A letter dated May 22, 2003, was submitted to the Board by Shani Alam, M.D., Psychiatry, Round Rock, Texas. Dr. Alam states that Petitioner has been under her care since September 24, 2002, for the psychiatric diagnosis of Bipolar II Disorder, and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. Dr. Alam states that Petitioner is stabilized successfully on Depakote 500 mg 1 po qam and ii po qhs. Petitioner is in good compliance with her treatment and very stable.
6. Petitioner presented evidence of current fitness to practice professional nursing.
7. The Board received letters of support/recommendation for Petitioner from the following:
 - A letter of reference dated February 5, 2003, was submitted on behalf of Petitioner by Rebecca E.A. Lee, Toluca Lake, California.
 - A letter of reference dated February 6, 2003, was submitted on behalf of Petitioner by Cynthia Wyman, Austin, Texas.
8. The safety of patients and the public requires that all persons licensed to practice nursing be fit, sober, and able to consistently practice nursing in autonomous roles under demanding and stressful conditions.
9. Licensure of Petitioner poses no direct threat to the health and safety of patients or the public provided Petitioner complies with the stipulations outlined in this Order.
10. The Committee's review of the grounds for potential ineligibility has been made on the basis of the information provided by Petitioner.
11. Petitioner has sworn that, with the exception of matters disclosed in connection with the Petition for Declaratory Order, her past behavior conforms to the Board's professional character requirements. Petitioner presented no evidence of behavior which is inconsistent with the Board's character requirements in 22 Texas Administrative Code §213.27.

12. On November 10, 2003, the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee of the Board considered evidence of Petitioner's diagnosis in light of the character factors set out in 22 Texas Administrative Code §213.27 and determined that Petitioner currently demonstrates the criteria required for good professional character.
13. In consideration of Petitioner's past conduct and subsequent evidence of rehabilitation, the Board finds that Petitioner should be declared conditionally eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board of Nurse Examiners has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.
2. Petitioner has submitted a petition in compliance with Section 301.257, Texas Occupations Code.
3. Petitioner shall immediately notify the Board of any fact or event that could constitute a ground of ineligibility for licensure under Section 301.452, Texas Occupations Code.
4. The Board may license an individual with prior behaviors inconsistent with the Board's character requirements if, upon evaluation of the factors in 22 Texas Administrative Code §213.27, the Board is satisfied that the individual is able to consistently conform her conduct to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that upon meeting the requirements for graduation and payment of any required fees, WENDY SARA PARISH, PETITIONER, is CONDITIONALLY ELIGIBLE to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN® Examination). PETITIONER SHALL NOT be eligible for temporary authorization to practice as a Graduate Nurse in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that PETITIONER SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 *et seq.*, and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to PETITIONER's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while PETITIONER's license is encumbered by this Order the PETITIONER may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where PETITIONER wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that PETITIONER, upon attaining a passing grade on the NCLEX-RN®, shall be issued a license to practice nursing in the State of Texas, which shall bear the appropriate notation and PETITIONER SHALL be subject to the following stipulation.

(1) PETITIONER SHALL participate in therapy with a "professional counselor" possessing credentials approved by the Board. PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the therapist to submit written reports, on forms provided by the Board, as to the PETITIONER's progress in therapy, rehabilitation and capability to safely practice professional nursing. The report must indicate whether or not the PETITIONER's stability is sufficient to provide direct patient care safely. Such reports are to be furnished each and every month for three (3) months. If therapy is recommended for beyond three (3) months, the reports shall then be required at the end of each three (3) month period for the duration of one (1) year, or until PETITIONER is dismissed from therapy.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, PETITIONER SHALL be issued an unencumbered license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

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PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

I am the Petitioner in this matter. I have fully and truthfully disclosed all relevant information in conformity with Rule 213.29 at Texas Administrative Code. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my Petition for Declaratory Order, has been in conformity with the Board's professional character rule. I have provided the Board with complete and accurate documentation of my past behavior in violation of the penal law of any jurisdiction which was disposed of through any procedure short of conviction, such as: conditional discharge, deferred adjudication or dismissal. I have no criminal prosecution pending in any jurisdiction.

In connection with my petition, I acknowledge that I have read and I understand Section 301.257, Texas Occupations Code, Section 301.452 (a),(b) and (c), Texas Occupations Code, and Board Rules 213.27, 213.28, and 213.29 at 22 Texas Administrative Code. I agree with all terms of this Order, including the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any stipulations set out in this Order. I acknowledge that this Order is stipulated and I understand that I am not eligible to receive a Graduate Nurse Permit to practice. I agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to registering for the NCLEX-RN® Examination or accepting any permit or license from the Board of Nurse Examiners.

I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

I understand that I can be represented by an attorney in this matter. I waive representation, notice, administrative hearing, and judicial review of this Order and request that the Executive Director of the Board of Nurse Examiners enter this Order.

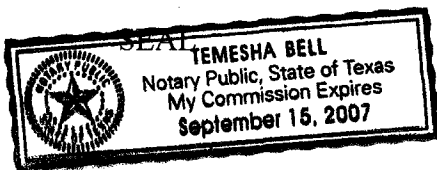
Signed this 21 day of May, 2004.

Wendy Sara Parish
WENDY SARA PARISH, PETITIONER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of May, 2004.

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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Order of Conditional Eligibility that was signed on the 21st day of May, 2004, by WENDY SARA PARISH, PETITIONER, for Petition for Declaratory Order,

Entered this 4th day of June, 2004.

BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

By: 
Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN
Executive Director
on behalf of said Board