



# Board of Nurse Examiners For the State of Texas

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**Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN**  
*Executive Director*

I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.  
*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

March 10, 2006

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Yolanda Marie Singleton  
636 Harvest Glen Drive  
Richardson, Texas 75081

Dear Ms. Singleton:

Please find enclosed a copy of your *Eligibility Agreed Order*, ratified March 8, 2006, regarding your Application for Licensure by Endorsement you filed with the Board of Nurse Examiners.

The disposition will be forwarded to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc., and to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB). The results of any disciplinary action are public information.

If you have any questions, please contact the Licensing Department at (512)305-6809.

Sincerely,

*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN  
Executive Director

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Enclosures: Eligibility Agreed Order

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS  
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

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In the Matter of § ELIGIBILITY  
YOLANDA MARIE SINGLETON §  
APPLICANT for Eligibility for Licensure § AGREED ORDER

On the date entered below, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the Application for Licensure by Endorsement and supporting documents filed by YOLANDA MARIE SINGLETON, hereinafter referred to as APPLICANT, together with any documents and information gathered by staff and APPLICANT's Certificate contained herein. Information received by the Board produced evidence that APPLICANT may have violated Section 301.452(b)(3), Texas Occupations Code.

APPLICANT waived representation by counsel, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on December 15, 2005, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about August 8, 2005, Applicant submitted an Application for Licensure by Endorsement as a vocational nurse in the State of Texas in compliance with Section 301.260 *et seq.*, of the Texas Occupations Code.
2. Applicant waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this Order.
3. Applicant received a Diploma in Vocational Nursing from Isabella Graham Hart School, Rochester, New York, in June 2002.
4. Applicant completed the Application for Licensure by Endorsement and answered "no" to the question which reads as follows: *"Have you been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, pled guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, whether or not a sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrests? This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudication with or without prejudice of guilt."*

5. Applicant failed to disclose the following criminal history, to wit:
  - A. On or about May 18, 1992, Applicant was convicted of the misdemeanor offense of Disorderly With Persistence in Port Clinton, Ohio, and detained for twenty-four (24) hours.
  - B. On or about September 2, 1994, Applicant was convicted of the misdemeanor offense of Prostitution 1<sup>st</sup> offense in Rochester, New York. Applicant entered a plea of guilt and the proceedings were deferred for six (6) months. The charge was dismissed after the deferred period expired.
6. There is no evidence of any subsequent criminal conduct.
7. In a written statement to the Board, Applicant stated that she failed to disclose her 1992 charge to the Board because she had simply forgotten about it. For the 1994 incident, Applicant stated that she was unaware that she should report this incident on her application and believed it no longer was on her criminal record.
8. Applicant has sworn that her past behavior conforms to the Board's professional character requirements. Applicant presented no evidence of behavior which is inconsistent with good professional character.
9. On December 15, 2005, the Executive Director considered evidence of Applicant's past behavior in light of the character factors set out in 22 Texas Administrative Code §213.27 and determined that Applicant currently demonstrates the criteria required for good professional character.
10. Licensure of Applicant poses no direct threat to the health and safety of patients or the public.
11. The Executive Director's review of the grounds for potential ineligibility has been made on the basis of Applicant's disclosures.
12. Applicant has been advised by the Board that any information found to be incomplete, incorrect or misleading to the Board or a subsequent discovery of a basis of ineligibility will be considered by the Board and may result in an ultimate determination of ineligibility or the later revocation of a license obtained through fraud or deceit.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board of Nurse Examiners (Board) has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 301.453 *et seq.*, Texas Occupations Code.

2. Applicant has submitted an application in compliance with Section 301.260, Texas Occupations Code.
3. The Board may probate the denial of a license under conditions for a specified term pursuant to Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.
4. This Order is conditioned upon the accuracy and completeness of Applicant's disclosures. Any subsequently discovered discrepancies will result in investigation and disciplinary action.
5. The Board may license an individual who has been previously convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, pled guilty or pled nolo contendere to any crime whether or not a sentence was imposed upon consideration of the factors set out in 22 Texas Administrative Code §213.28 and evaluating the direct relationship to nursing according to Chapter 53, Section 53.001 *et seq.*, Texas Occupations Code.
6. Applicant shall immediately notify the Board of any fact or event that could constitute a ground of ineligibility for licensure under Section 301.452 *et seq.*, Texas Occupations Code.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED that the application of YOLANDA MARIE SINGLETON, APPLICANT, is hereby conditionally GRANTED and shall be subject to the following conditions:

(1) APPLICANT SHALL obtain and read the Texas Nursing Practice Act, and the Rules and Regulations Relating to Vocational Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice.

(2) Upon payment of the necessary fees, APPLICANT SHALL be issued a license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, which shall bear the appropriate notation.

(3) APPLICANT 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 Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 *et seq.* and this Order.

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

(5) IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while APPLICANT's license is encumbered by this Order the APPLICANT 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 APPLICANT wishes to work.

(6) APPLICANT SHALL, within one (1) year of licensure in the State of Texas, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence. APPLICANT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. It shall be a minimum of six (6) contact hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, and documentation of care. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. APPLICANT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify APPLICANT's successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be found on the Board's website, [www.bne.state.tx.us](http://www.bne.state.tx.us) (under BNE events).*

(7) APPLICANT SHALL, within one (1) year of initial licensure in the State of Texas, successfully complete a course in nursing ethics. APPLICANT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. The course shall be a minimum of six (6) contact hours in length. In order for the

course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The course shall include content on the following: principles of nursing ethics; confidentiality; and professional boundaries. APPLICANT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to verify APPLICANT's successful completion of the course. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. *Board approved courses may be found on the Board's website, [www.bne.state.tx.us](http://www.bne.state.tx.us) (under BNE events).*

(8) APPLICANT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). APPLICANT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of initial licensure in the State of Texas. Payment is to be made directly to the Board of Nurse Examiners in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

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

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APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

I am the Applicant in this matter. I have fully and truthfully disclosed all of my past criminal conduct, and I have caused a complete and accurate criminal history to be submitted to the Board of Nurse Examiners from each jurisdiction in which I have been adjudged guilty by way of conviction or deferred order. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my Application for Licensure by Endorsement, has been in conformity with the Board's 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 application, 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 Chapter 53, Section 53.001 *et seq.*, 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 as set out in this Order. I acknowledge that this Order is stipulated and I understand that I am not eligible to receive a Temporary 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 accepting any permit or license from the Board of Nurse Examiners.

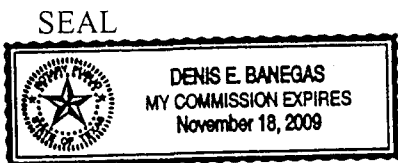
I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

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 28 day of Feb, 2005.

Yolanda Singleton  
YOLANDA MARIE SINGLETON, APPLICANT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28 day of February, 2006.



[Signature]  
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 Eligibility Agreed Order that was signed on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006, by YOLANDA MARIE SINGLETON, APPLICANT, for Application for Licensure by Endorsement, and said Order is final.

Effective this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006.



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