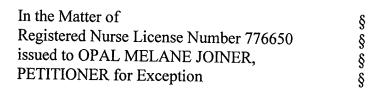
BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING





ORDER DENYING PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION

A public meeting of the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee of the Board, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, was held on November 12, 2013, at 333 Guadalupe, Tower 3, Suite 460, Austin, Texas, to consider the Petition for Exception and supporting documents filed by OPAL MELANE JOINER, hereinafter referred to as PETITIONER.

PETITIONER appeared in person.

Board Members in attendance were: Deborah Hughes Bell, CLU, ChFC; Kathy Leader-Horn, LVN; and Nina Almasy, MSN, RN. Staff present were: Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director; James W. Johnston, General Counsel; Anthony L. Diggs, Director, Enforcement Division; Earl E. Stearns, CFE, Program Specialist; Maggie Ortiz, RN, Investigator; Diane E. Burell, Investigator; and Andrea Gonzalez, Legal Secretary.

After review and due consideration of the filed Petition, the Committee voted to deny the Petitioner's Petition for Exception. The Board's Order dated January 17, 2013, stands.

Entered this 12th day of November, 2013.

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