IN THE MATTER OF PERMANENT PERMANENT VOCATIONAL NURSE LICENSE NUMBER 173216 ISSUED TO VERONICA MARTINEZ, RESPONDENT

BEFORE THE TEXAS \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ **BOARD OF NURSING** 

**ELIGIBILITY AND** 

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE



## **ORDER OF THE BOARD**

TO:

Veronica Martinez

6030 Topcroft

San Antonio, TX 78238

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on June 16, 2015, the Texas Board of Nursing 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 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(s) to practice 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 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 Vocational Nurse License Number 173216, previously issued to VERONICA MARTINEZ, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are hereby, REVOKED.

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

Entered this 16th day of June, 2015.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:

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

Harrin Anoman

Attachment:

Formal Charge filed February 19, 2015.

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Re: Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 173216
Issued to VERONICA MARTINEZ
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 17th day of	f
copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER w	ras served and addressed to the following person(s), as
follows:	
Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Reveronica Martinez 6030 Topcroft San Antonio, TX 78238	quested
	ERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN

In the Matter of	§	BEFORE THE TEXAS
Permanent Vocational Nurse	§	
License Number 173216	§	
Issued to VERONICA MARTINEZ,	§	
Respondent	§	BOARD OF NURSING

### FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, VERONICA MARTINEZ, is a Vocational Nurse holding License Number 173216, which is in current 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 October 24, 2011, Respondent entered a plea of Nolo Contendere and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on or about January 11, 2011, in the 187th District Court, Bexar County, Texas, under Cause No. 2011CR5247. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Bexar County Adult Detention Center for a period of six (6) months; however, imposition of the sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of two (2) years and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00), along with a fine and court costs.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).

#### CHARGE II.

On or about September 15, 2014, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED 2ND, a misdemeanor offense committed on or about July 7, 2014, in the County Court at Law No. 4, Bexar County, Texas, under Cause No. 464243. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Bexar County Jail for a period of ninety (90) days (with credit given for time served from July 7, 2014, through July 11, 2014), and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).

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.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct and on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder, which can be found at the Board's website, <a href="www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html">www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html</a>.

Filed this 19th day of February , 20 15.

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