

IN THE MATTER OF  
PERMANENT REGISTERED NURSE  
LICENSE NUMBER 628830  
ISSUED TO CYNTHIA A MATHIS,  
RESPONDENT

§ BEFORE THE TEXAS  
§ BOARD OF NURSING  
§ ELIGIBILITY AND  
§ DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE  
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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.  
*Patricia Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

TO: CYNTHIA A MATHIS  
5014 S BOWIE  
AMARILLO, TX 79110

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, December 8, 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 Registered Nurse License Number 628830, previously issued to CYNTHIA A MATHIS, 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 8th day of December, 2015.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



BY:

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

Attachment: Formal Charge filed October 15, 2015.

d17r(2014.12.05)

Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 628830  
Issued to CYNTHIA A MATHIS  
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of DECEMBER, 2015, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s), as follows:

Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested  
CYNTHIA A MATHIS  
5014 S BOWIE  
AMARILLO, TX 79110

BY:



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

In the Matter of § BEFORE THE TEXAS  
Permanent Registered Nurse §  
License Number 628830 §  
Issued to CYNTHIA A MATHIS, §  
Respondent § BOARD OF NURSING

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### FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, CYNTHIA A MATHIS, is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 628830, which is in delinquent 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 February 28, 2015, Respondent failed to comply with the Order of CORRECTIVE ACTION, issued to she on February 27, 2014, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Non-compliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Numbers Two (2), of the Order which states, in pertinent part:

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics..."

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

#### CHARGE II.

On or about October 14, 2014, Respondent defaulted on her Texas Guaranteed Student Loans as provided in Section §57.491 of the Texas Education Code. Respondent's failure to repay a Texas Guaranteed Student Loan may have deprived other students of funds for nursing school loans.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(7).

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. 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](http://www.bon.texas.gov).

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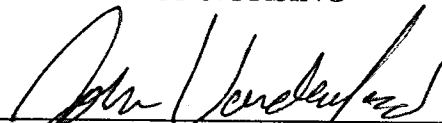
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NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, located at 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.33(b), which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, [www.bon.texas.gov](http://www.bon.texas.gov).

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Order(s) which is/are attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Order dated February 27, 2014.

Filed this 15 day of October, 2015.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

  
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Attachments: Order of the Board dated February 27, 2014

D(2015.08.28)

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of § CORRECTIVE  
Registered Nurse License Number 628830 §  
issued to CYNTHIA A. MATHIS § ACTION

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of CYNTHIA A. MATHIS, Registered Nurse License Number 628830, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent violated Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel and agreed to the entry of this Corrective Action approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN; Executive Director, on December 18, 2013.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel and agreed to the entry of this Corrective Action.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
4. On or about June 22, 2006, Respondent submitted an Online Renewal Document Registered Nurse to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question:

"Have you been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, plead 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 arrest (excluding minor traffic violations) since the last renewal? This includes expunged

offenses and deferred adjudications with or without prejudice of guilt. Please note that DUI's, DWI's, PI's must be reported and are not considered minor traffic violations. (One time minor in possession [MIP] or minor in consumption [MIC] do not need to be disclosed; therefore, you may answer "No." If you have two or more MIP's or MIC's, you must answer "Yes".)

Respondent failed to disclose that, on or about August 16, 2004, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to and was convicted of THEFT OF PROPERTY OR SERVICE OF AT LEAST \$20 BUT LESS THAN \$500, a Class B misdemeanor offense, County Court, Potter County, Texas, under Cause No. 85745-P. As a result of the conviction, you were ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555 and 301.651-301.657, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I).
4. Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for corrective action pursuant to Section 301.652, Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.32(2)(D).

#### CORRECTIVE ACTION

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED that RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete the following requirements of this CORRECTIVE ACTION:

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that, until successfully completed, this Corrective Action SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education,



Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.1 *et seq.*

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of the date of this Corrective Action, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. 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) hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. RESPONDENT 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 RESPONDENT'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 at the following Board website address:*  
<http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of this Corrective Action. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing 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 ~~Corrective Action, this matter shall be closed and this Corrective Action shall remain confidential.~~ However, should Respondent fail to successfully complete the terms of this Corrective Action, this matter shall be terminated immediately and shall be treated as a disciplinary proceeding under Subchapter J, TEX. OCC. CODE. Further, should Respondent commit a subsequent violation of the Nursing Practice Act or Board Rules, this Corrective Action shall be treated as prior disciplinary action.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Corrective Action. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Corrective Action. I neither admit nor deny the violation alleged herein. By my signature below, I agree to the entry of this Corrective Action and to successfully complete its conditions, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that when this Corrective Action becomes effective, a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to successfully complete the terms and conditions of this Corrective Action, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanctions, including possible revocation of my license to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of Feb., 20 14.

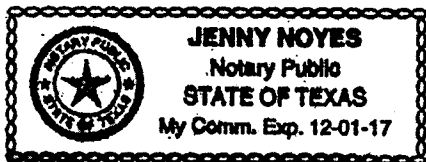
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CYNTHIA A. MATHIS, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 20 14.

SEAL


Jenny Noyes

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby impose this Corrective Action that was signed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014, by CYNTHIA A. MATHIS, Registered Nurse License Number 628830.

Effective this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.



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