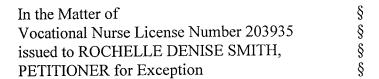
BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING





ORDER REGARDING 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 at 333 Guadalupe, Tower 3, Suite 460, Austin, Texas, to consider the Petition for Exception and supporting documents filed by ROCHELLE DENISE SMITH, 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, Supervising Investigator; Maggie Ortiz, RN, Investigator; Carolyn Hudson, Investigator; and Andrea Gonzalez, Legal Secretary.

After review and due consideration of the filed Petition, the Committee voted to conditionally approve the Petitioner's request, with conditions that Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director of the Board, receive satisfactory information from Prairie View A&M University that would justify a change in the supervision requirements of the May 10, 2011, Agreed Order.

Following the meeting of the Committee, the Executive Director received information from Prairie View A&M University that did not support a change in the supervision requirements of the May 10, 2011, Agreed Order. Therefore, the petition for exception to the May 10, 2011, Agreed Order is DENIED.

Entered this 20th day of November, 2013.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf of said Board