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*Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN*  
Executive Director  
Texas Board of Nursing

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of § AGREED ORDER  
Registered Nurse License Number 1034506 §  
issued to SECONDE NIZIGIYIMANA §  
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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considers the matter of SECONDE NIZIGIYIMANA, Registered Nurse License Number 1034506, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Sections 301.157, 301.252, 301.259, 301.260, 301.451(1)&(3), 301.453 and 301.452(b)(1),(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order approved by Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN, Executive Director, on November 27, 2023.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
2. Respondent waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order.
3. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on April 9, 2021.
4. Formal charges were filed on November 30, 2023. A copy of the formal charges is attached and incorporated herein for all purposes.
5. Respondent by her signature expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender the licenses.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation(s) of 22 Tex. Admin. Code Sec. 217.12(6)(H)&(4), 215.1-215.13, 217.5 & 213.27.
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Sections 301.157, 301.252, 301.259, 301.260, 301.451(1)&(3), 301.453 and 301.452(b)(1),(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 1034506, heretofore issued to SECONDE NIZIGIYIMANA.
5. Pursuant to Section 301.463(d), Texas Occupations Code, this Agreed Order is a settlement agreement under Rule 408, Texas Rules of Evidence, in civil or criminal litigation.

#### **TERMS OF ORDER**

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Registered Nurse License Number 1034506 is accepted by the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional/registered nursing, use the title "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself/himself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until at least one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order and RESPONDENT has completed a nursing education program meeting the requirements of the Texas Occupations Code Chapter 301 and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.2 and/or §217.5, as applicable.
3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

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

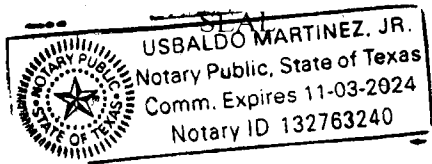
**RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION**

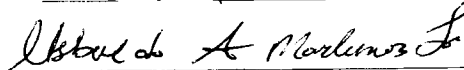
I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I agree to the entry of this Order and any conditions of said Order. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order becomes effective upon acceptance by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2023

  
SECONDE NIZIGIYIMANA, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of December, 2023.





Notary Public in and for the State of TX

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 22nd day of December, 2023, by SECONDE NIZIGIYIMANA, Registered Nurse License Number 1034506, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 27th day of December, 2023.

Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN  
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Executive Director on behalf  
of said Board

**In the Matter of  
Permanent Registered Nurse  
License Number 1034506  
Issued to SECONDE NIZIGIYIMANA,  
Respondent**

§ **BEFORE THE TEXAS**  
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§ **BOARD OF NURSING**  
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### **FORMAL CHARGES**

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, SECONDE NIZIGIYIMANA, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 1034506, 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 April 5, 2021, Respondent submitted an application for licensure by endorsement to the Board attesting that she completed a baccalaureate degree nursing education program from Carleen Health Institute of South Florida, West Palm Beach, Florida (US70706500), and graduated on December 16, 2020. Carleen Health Institute of South Florida was named by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG) and its law enforcement partners as part of national scheme involving the sale and use of illegitimate nursing degrees/ diplomas/transcripts. The Nursing Practice Act and Board rules require that an applicant's program be substantially equivalent to the minimum standards of a Texas approved nursing program for licensure in Texas. The owner of Carleen Health Institute of South Florida has confirmed that from October 28, 2020, to the present, none of the individuals who were issued a baccalaureate degree and transcript from Carleen completed the required program hours and clinical training necessary to obtain a baccalaureate nursing degree and transcript.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Sections 301.157, 301.252, 301.259, 301.260, 301.451(1)&(3), 301.453 and 301.452(b)(1),(2)&(10), Tex. Occ. Code and is a violation of 22 Tex. Admin. Code Sec. 217.12(6)(H)&(4), 215.1-215.13, 217.5 & 213.27.

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) and/or privilege(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.

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).

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).

Filed this 30th day of November, 2023.

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