



## Texas Board of Nursing

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*Executive Director*

April 15, 2025

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Linda Lavon Odom  
62 Richerson Road  
Denison, TX 75021

Dear Ms. Odom:

Your Temporary License/Endorsement Application and the supporting information related to your potential ineligibility for licensure under the Nursing Practice Act and the Board's Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice was considered by the Executive Director of the Board. Your application has been processed as a Petition for Declaratory Order pursuant to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §217.5(f) & §213.30.

Pursuant to the Occupations Code §§301.257, 301.452, and 301.453, you have been found to be ineligible for licensure as a nurse in the State of Texas based upon the grounds discussed below. **This is a final determination of licensure denial.**

Our records indicate the following:

- On or about February 2, 2010, you were convicted of RESIST PUB OFF, a misdemeanor offense committed on August 14, 2009, in the Municipal Court, City of Henderson, Nevada, under Case No. 09CR012158. As a result of the conviction, you were ordered to pay a fine.
- On or about October 22, 2015, you entered a plea of Guilty and were convicted of RECKLESS DRIVING DISREGARD PERS/PROP SAFETY, (1<sup>ST</sup>), a misdemeanor offense committed on January 19, 2015, in the Municipal Court, City of Mesquite, Nevada, under Case No. 15-CR-000398Q. As a result of the conviction, you were ordered to pay a fine.
- On March 19, 2010, you were issued an Agreement by the Nevada Board of Nursing. The disciplinary action was taken as the result of while working as a Registered Nurse for a home health agency you demonstrated "slurred speech and kept repeating herself" and acknowledged you had a problem with drinking.

**Kathleen Shipp, MSN, APRN, FNP**  
Lubbock, *President*

**Allison Porter-Edwards, DrPH, MS, RN, CNE, CDDN, FAAN**  
Bellaire, *Vice-President*

- On September 17, 2011, you were issued an Agreement for Suspension and Probation by the Nevada Board of Nursing. The disciplinary action was taken as the result of failing to submit a urine test as required on March 17, April 4, May 12, and June 1, 2011.
- On September 18, 2014, you were issued a Voluntary Surrender of License in Lieu of Other Disciplinary Action by the Nevada Board of Nursing. The disciplinary action was taken as the result of failing to report, and failure to comply with the terms and conditions of a previous Agreement for Monitoring, on or about February 26, April 2, and July 25, 2014, her urine drug screens were reported as "dilute". On or about June 23, 2014, your urine drug screen was positive for alcohol.
- On May 12, 2015, you were issued a Revocation by the Texas Board of Nursing. The disciplinary action was taken as the result of disciplinary action taken by the Nevada Board of Nursing.

You are subject to denial of licensure for this conduct pursuant to the following subsections of the Occupations Code §301.452(b):

- §301.452(b)(8): "revocation, suspension, or denial of, or any other action relating to, the person's license or privilege to practice nursing in another jurisdiction or under federal law;"

The Board also requires petitioners to demonstrate their ability to consistently conform to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice; to possess good professional character; and to pose no threat to the health and safety of patients and the public. The Board has adopted a rule, located at 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.27, that sets forth the factors and disciplinary and eligibility policies and guidelines that must be used in evaluating good professional character in eligibility and disciplinary matters. Based upon the factors specified in §213.27, you have failed to provide sufficient evidence of good professional character required by §213.27.

Texas Occupations Code Chapter 301, as well as the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.27; §213.29-§213.33, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies are hereby incorporated by reference herein and may be located on the Board's website at [www.bon.texas.gov](http://www.bon.texas.gov).

Due to this denial, you have the right to a public hearing before an Administrative Law Judge with the State Office of Administrative Hearings. Should you decide to appeal the decision to deny you licensure, please submit a written request for a public hearing, to the attention of Office of General Counsel, 1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 10-200, Austin, Texas, 78701. Your written request to appeal this decision must be received in our office within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter. Further, if this office receives information regarding additional criminal conduct or behavior that has not been previously disclosed to or discovered by this office, please be advised that evidence of such additional criminal conduct or behavior may be used against you during the public hearing in this matter to show that you lack the good professional character and other requirements for licensure.

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Further, should the decision to deny your licensure be upheld by the State Office of Administrative Hearings, you will be entitled to judicial review by filing an action in the district court of Travis County, Texas. A petition for such an action must be filed not later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date the licensing authority's decision is final and appealable.

If you have any questions, please contact Enforcement at (512) 305-6838.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN  
Executive Director

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