

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of §  
Registered Nurse License Number 624337 §  
issued to CLAIRE THERESE SPIRES, §  
PETITIONER for Exception §

ORDER DENYING 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 February 14, 2012, at 333 Guadalupe, Tower 3, Suite 460, Austin, Texas, to consider the Petition for Exception and supporting documents filed by CLAIRE THERESE SPIRES, hereinafter referred to as PETITIONER.

PETITIONER appeared in person.

Board Members in attendance were: Kristin Benton, MSN, RN; Richard Gibbs, LVN; and Deborah Hughes Bell, CLU, ChFC. 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; Diane E. Burell, Investigator; and Andrea Gonzalez, Legal Secretary.

After review and due consideration of the filed Petition, the Committee voted to continue the matter pending receipt of information from the Petitioner's neurologist attesting to her current fitness to practice. On June 8, 2012, and October 26, 2012, Petitioner submitted information to the Board that she was unable to obtain a release to return to work from her treating neurologist.

In accordance with the Committee's decision, the Petitioner's exception is hereby denied and the Board's Order dated May 11, 2010, stands.



Entered this 29th day of October, 2012.

*Katherine A. Thomas*

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



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.  
*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board



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*Executive Director*

October 29, 2012

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Claire Therese Spires  
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Houston, Texas 77062

Dear Ms. Spires:

On February 14, 2012, the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee of the Board met to consider your request for an exception to the Order of the Board/Agreed Order previously issued to you.

Given the totality of the information presented at the Committee's meeting, the Board has chosen to deny your request; therefore, the Order issued on May 11, 2010, is still in effect in its totality. Enclosed you will find a copy of the Order denying your request for exception.

Any questions may be addressed to Diane E. Burell, Investigator at (512) 305-6827.

Sincerely,

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN  
Executive Director

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