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*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS  
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse                   §     AGREED  
License Number 568437                               §     ORDER  
issued to CAROL PATRICIA RIEKSTINS           §

On this day the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of CAROL PATRICIA RIEKSTINS, Registered Nurse License Number 568437, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(1) and (10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on November 9, 2005, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board.

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.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from the University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, in December 1990. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 18, 1991.

5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

1990 - 1996	GN/Staff Nurse	Seton Medical Center Austin, Texas
1996 - 1997	Sales Clerk	EZ Pawn Austin, Texas
1998 - 1999	Substitute Teacher	Austin Independent School District Austin, Texas
2000 - 1/03	Nursery Teacher	Crestview Baptist Church Austin, Texas
1/03 - present	Staff Nurse	Seton Medical Center Austin, Texas

6. On June 9, 1998, Respondent's license to practice professional nursing was revoked by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. A copy of the June 9, 1998, Order of the Board, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.

7. On September 10, 2002, Respondent's license to practice professional nursing was reinstated by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. A copy of the September 10, 2002, Reinstatement Agreed Order, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.

8. On or about April 15, 2005, and July 15, 2005, while employed with Seton Medical Center, Austin, Texas, Respondent failed to comply with the Reinstatement Agreed Order issued to her on September 10, 2002, by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. Noncompliance is the result of her failure to comply with Stipulation Number Seventeen (17) of the Reinstatement Agreed Order which states, in pertinent part:

(17) PETITIONER SHALL attend at least two (2) support group meetings each week, one of which shall be for substance abuse; and PETITIONER SHALL provide acceptable evidence of attendance...PETITIONER SHALL submit the required evidence on forms provided by the Board at the end of every three (3) months....

### 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 violations of Section 301.452(b)(1) and (10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 568437, heretofore issued to CAROL PATRICIA RIEKSTINS, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Board of Nurse Examiners, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a Reprimand with Stipulations, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 *et seq.* and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional nursing in compact states.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license is encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of three hundred fifty (\$350.00) dollars. RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Board of Nurse Examiners in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

(2) The Order of the Board issued to RESPONDENT on September 10, 2002, is still in effect in its entirety and RESPONDENT SHALL be responsible for completing the terms of that Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be issued an unencumbered license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

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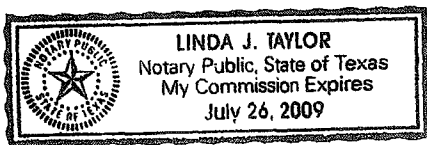
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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 16 day of December, 2005.

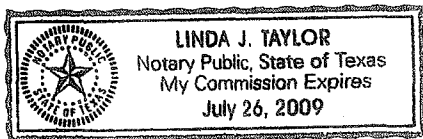
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CAROL PATRICIA RIEKSTINS, Respondent



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of December, 2005.

SEAL

Linda J. Taylor  
Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 16th day of December, 2005, by CAROL PATRICIA RIEKSTINS, Registered Nurse License Number 568437, and said Order is final.

Effective this 19th day of January, 2006.



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