



Texas Board of Nursing Bulletin

The mission of the Texas Board of Nursing is to protect and promote the welfare of the people of Texas by ensuring that each person holding a license as a nurse in the State of Texas is competent to practice safely. The Board fulfills its mission through the regulation of the practice of nursing and the approval of nursing education programs. This mission, derived from the Nursing Practice Act, supersedes the interest of any individual, the nursing profession, or any special interest group.



Texas Board of Nursing: 1909-2009

This year marks the 100th Anniversary for the Texas Board of Nursing (BON). In this issue we will look at how the Board first came to be and some of the key events in the history of the Board. This is the first segment in a two part article on the history of the Board. The second segment will appear in the April, 2009 issue of the Board of Nursing Bulletin.

1907-1909

In 1907, nineteen nurses from around the State of Texas gathered at the Medical College Building in Fort Worth to form the Texas Graduate Nurses' Association (TGNA Note: The TGNA became the Texas Nurses Association in 1964). Jennie Cottle Beaty, RN, Superintendent of

(1903), Virginia (1903), North Carolina (1903), Maryland (1904), Massachusetts (1904), California RN (1905), Connecticut (1905), District of Columbia (1907), Georgia (1907), Illinois (1907), Iowa (1907), New Hampshire (1907), Minnesota (1907), and West Virginia (1907). The association decided they would press forward with the Colorado legislation as the model they would pursue when advocating for similar legislation in Texas. In 1909, the association's Legislative Committee found a sponsor for their bill. Senator McDonald J. Meachum of

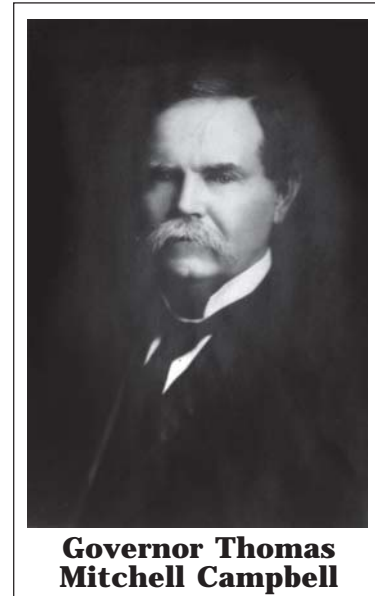
declaring an emergency." The bill passed through the Senate with minor amendments. Next, it moved to the House of Representatives and was referred to the House Public Health Committee where Mrs. Beaty and her associates testified in favor of the bill. When they left the meeting, following their testimony, the nurses were



Jennie Cottle Beaty, RN
1st President of the Board



Navasota filed Senate Bill 111, "An Act to define and regulate the practice of professional nursing, to create a board of nurse examiners for the examination of nurses, and to prescribe their qualifications, to provide for their proper registration and to fix suitable penalties for the violation of this act, and



Governor Thomas
Mitchell Campbell

Nurses at St. Joseph Hospital in Houston, came to the meeting with a copy of the bill which had been enacted in the State of Colorado in 1905 to create the Colorado Board of Nursing. The association elected officers, selecting Mrs. Beaty as their President, then began discussing the various bills which had been filed in states around the country to create boards of nursing.

Other states enacting nursing legislation prior to 1909 included: New York (1903), New Jersey

"all sure the bill would be tabled," according to Mrs. Beaty. Senator Meacham, together with the help of associates in both the House and Senate, persuaded the committee to report the bill out favorably. The bill returned to the Senate with minor amendments and was passed out of the Senate on March 12, 1909. On March 13, 1909, Governor Thomas Mitchell Campbell signed Senate Bill 111, establishing the Board of Nurse Examiners. (NOTE: The Board of Nurse Examiners became the

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Deborah Bell Elected Vice-President of BON

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) held October 23-24, 2008, Deborah Bell, CLU, ChFC, was elected Vice-President of the BON. Deborah Bell was first appointed to the Board of Nurse Examiners on July 6, 2001. She was reappointed on March 22, 2004, to the 13-member board which merged the Board of Nurse Examiners and the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners, following passage of House Bill 1483 during the 78th Regular Texas Legislative Session. She was reappointed to serve another term on the BON on February 17, 2005. Ms. Bell's current term ends January 31, 2011. Ms. Bell was appointed by Governor Perry to represent *Consumers* for the Board. Ms. Bell lives and works in Abilene as a financial planner.



Deborah Bell, CLU, ChFC

Richard Gibbs Appointed to NCSBN CORE Committee

On December 8, 2008, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) announced the appointment of Texas Board member Richard Gibbs, LVN, to the NCSBN Commitment to Ongoing Regulatory Excellence (CORE) Committee for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009. The charge assigned to the CORE Committee by the NCSBN Board of Directors is to: refine the CORE research process, develop an implementation plan for use of CORE resources, and conduct an educational webinar for member boards. Mr. Gibbs's term on the committee will end in August 2010. Mr. Gibbs represents *LVN Practice* for the Texas BON.

Texas Nurses Contribute to NCLEX® Exam Development

The Texas Board of Nursing is pleased to recognize the following Texas nurses as participants in the NCLEX® test development process:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Panel</u>
Member	Maricella Vara	2009 TOEFL iBT English Proficiency Standard Setting Panel
Member	Iniobong Akai	2009 TOEFL iBT English Proficiency Standard Setting Panel

These nurses assisted the National Council of State Boards of Nursing to ensure the inclusion of NCLEX® content which is current, accurate, practice-related and appropriate for an entry-level practitioner.

Reminder

Issuance of paper licenses upon renewal was discontinued September 1, 2008. Nurses may verify successful license renewal through the online renewal link on the BON web site at:

<http://www.bon.state.tx.us/olv/verification.html>



The Texas Board of Nursing

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Summary of Actions

A Regular meeting of the Board of Nursing was held October 23-24, 2008, in Austin. The following is a summary of Board actions taken during this meeting.



The following proposed and adopted rule changes appeared in the November 14, 2008, edition of the *Texas Register* (Volume 33, Number 46):

The Texas Board of Nursing (BON) proposed an amendment to 22 Texas Administrative Code §211.6, pertaining to Committees of the Board. The proposed amendment adds language to the foregoing rule reflecting the establishment of the Eligibility and Disciplinary Advisory Committee (EDAC), formerly known as the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee Task Force. When the Task Force was created, its purpose was to develop recommendations for the Board concerning matters of licensure, eligibility, and discipline. The designation of "Task Force" has served to describe the committee as potentially limited in duration. This committee has proved a very valuable asset in obtaining stakeholder input regarding matters of eligibility and discipline and has served to educate stakeholders as to the unique value of the Board in the protection of public health and welfare through its decisions regarding eligibility and discipline. The Task Force has been redesignated as a standing "Advisory Committee," which is to be utilized to give analysis and advise the Board regarding regulatory matters, with continuing duration. The Earliest possible date of adoption is December 14, 2008.

The Texas Board of Nursing (BON) proposed amendments to 22 TAC §217.16 relating to Minor Incidents. The proposed amendments provide clarification and consistency in the Board's current "minor incident" rule with the Board's nursing

peer review rules located at 22 TAC §217.19 and §217.20, relating to Incident-Based and Safe Harbor Nursing Peer Review respectively. This proposed rule regarding minor incidents will help with the implementation of the previously adopted nursing peer review rules that became effective May 11, 2008, as published in the October 10, 2008, issue of the *Texas Register* (33 TexReg 8512). These rules were revised in response to Senate Bill 993 and House Bill 2426 (80th Regular Texas Legislative Session, 2007). The Minor Incident rule was last amended in May of 2006 and has been in existence since 1994. As is stated in current rule language, the Board does not believe the protection of the public is enhanced by the reporting of every minor incident that may be a violation of the Texas Nursing Practice Act. The intent of the Minor Incident rule is to provide guidance to nurses, nursing peer review committees, nursing supervisors and others who may have a duty to report in determining whether a nurse has engaged in conduct that indicates the nurse's continued practice would pose a risk of harm to patients or others that cannot be remediated or that is otherwise required to be reported to the Board. The proposed rule also adds guidance for implementing amended §301.410(b) of the Texas Nursing Practice Act which now requires a report to the Board when a person believes a nurse has committed a practice violation in conjunction with the belief that the nurse may concurrently be impaired by chemical dependency or any condition that results in the nurse experiencing a diminished mental capacity. The proposed rule seeks to implement additional changes recommended by the BON's Nursing Practice Advisory Com-

mittee (NPAC) which were adopted by the Board to clarify language regarding conduct that requires a report to the Board and conduct that typically does not require a report to the Board. Given that nurses are frequently in attendance when a patient expires, the proposed language also provides guidance to peer review committees when they are asked to evaluate nursing actions associated with a death or serious injury. The rule is designed to ensure that the peer review documents the committee's rationale in coming to this determination when death or serious injury to a patient is present. The Earliest possible date of adoption is December 14, 2008.

The Texas Board of Nursing (BON) published as adopted: amendments to §221.4, relating to Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Licensure Requirements; amendments to §221.6, relating to Interim Approval; and the repeal of §221.5, concerning Advanced Practice Nurses, without changes to the proposed text as published in the August 8, 2008, issue of the *Texas Register* (33 TexReg 6305). The amendments and repeal were necessary for the purpose of aligning 22 TAC Chapter 221 with Chapter 305 of the Nursing Practice Act (the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Compact) and national standards. For further information concerning amendments to §221.4, §221.6, and the repeal of §221.5, which became effective November 23, 2008, see *Proposed and Adopted Rules* in the October 2008, edition of the *Bulletin*.

Nursing Education Actions - October 2008 Board Meeting

The following is a summary of Board actions on education programs taken during the meeting.

Continued Full Approval Status with No Recommendations and No Requirements Based on 2007 NCLEX-PN® Examination Pass Rates and Review of 2007 Nursing Education Program Information Survey (NEPIS) and 2007 Compliance Audit of Nursing Education Program (CANEP)

- Baptist Health System in San Antonio, Texas, Vocational Nursing Educational Program

Continued Full Approval Status Based on 2007 NCLEX-PN® Examination Pass Rates, Review of 2007 Nursing Education Program Information Survey (NEPIS) and 2007 Compliance Audit of Nursing Education Program (CANEP) and Review of Self Study

- Panola College in Carthage, Texas, Vocational Nursing Educational Program - Issued Requirement to Be Met
- Ranger College in Comanche, Texas, Vocational Nursing Educational Program - Issued Recommendation and

- Requirements to Be Met
- Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater, Texas, Vocational Nursing Educational Program - Issued Requirement to Be Met
- Tyler County Hospital in Woodville, Texas, Vocational Nursing Educational Program - Issued Requirement to Be Met
- Valley Grande Institute for Academic Studies in Weslaco, Texas, Vocational Nursing Educational Program - Issued Requirement to Be Met

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History of the Board

1909-1923

Texas Board of Nursing following passage of House Bill 2426 in 2007. The Texas Board of Nurse Examiners will hereafter be referred to as the BON or Board).

The New Board Met and Set Standards for Nurses

The first meeting of the Board took place on July 20, 1909, at the Driskill Hotel in Austin. The purpose of the meeting was for organization. The members of the Board were: Jennie Cottle Beaty, Fort Worth; M. Rutledge of Dallas; M. Maud Muller of San Antonio; Sara P. Young of Austin; and Clara L. Shackford of Galveston. Jennie Cottle Beaty was elected to serve as the first President of the Board and Clara L. Shackford served as the First Secretary-Treasurer of the Board. The new Board then drew up by-laws and rules to govern its proceedings.

The Nurses Registration Act of 1909 had some notable weaknesses: the Act applied only to individuals using the title "registered nurse," "professional nursing" was not defined, educational requirements for nurse licensure were not specified in the Act, and the Board was not given authority over nursing education.

The first regular meeting of the Board took place on October 27, 1909, in Galveston. In that meeting, 222 applications for registration were considered and approved. All nurses graduating since 1906 and prior to passage of the Act were exempt from examination. The first nurse to become a registered nurse in Texas was Emma Allison who attended school in Fort Worth. The registration fee for nurses was \$10. The Examination fee was also \$10. While conducting the business of the Board, Board members were paid \$5 per day, plus meals and lodging. The Secretary-Treasurer was paid \$200 per year.

During the first years of the Board, board members traveled to different cities to hold their meetings and administer examinations. The Board did not have an office in an office building until 1929 when it opened one in Waco. Prior to that,

meetings were held in Galveston, Dallas, San Antonio, Waco, Temple, Fort Worth, Austin and Houston. The Board relocated to San Antonio in 1930.

1911 - Senate Bill 334 Amended the Nursing Registration Act

Senate Bill 334, which became effective in June 1911, made several changes concerning the Board. Two members of the five-member Board were required to have two years of experience in educational work among nurses. The examination fee was reduced to \$5. Applicants for the examination were required to have graduated from a chartered training school, presided over by a graduate nurse. The Michigan Board of Nursing asked that the Texas Board recognize nurse registration from Michigan and the Texas Board approved it.

1912 - A committee was appointed to prepare a suggested curriculum for training schools. The first examinations were held in San Antonio, Waco, Temple, Fort Worth and Houston for five candidates. New board members were appointed every year. The Board later adopted a course of study produced by a committee of the American Hospital Association.

1913 - Texas Board voted to reciprocate with the Kansas Board of Nursing.

1914 - Letters were sent to all physicians stating advantages of registration with a list of RNs in Texas.

1915 - Each Board member examined the training schools in their district once a year.

1916 - The Board meets with the Attorney General where it was agreed that the Board would appoint a training school inspector to visit schools.

1920 - Massachusetts and Utah request a reciprocity agreement and the Board agreed to reciprocate.

1923 - Senate Bill 40 Granted BON Authority over Nursing Education

The Board gained authority over nursing education with a require-



**A. Louise Dietrich, RN
First Educational Secretary**

ment added that applicants for licensure must be graduates of an accredited school approved by the Board of Nursing. The appointment of a paid educational secretary was provided for and board members were required to have at least three years educational experience. Miss. A. Louise Dietrich was selected as the first Educational Secretary for the Board. Senate Bill 40 initially picked up 24 amendments, some of which were controversial. 20 amendments were later removed, which allowed passage of the bill only 45 minutes before the Legislature adjourned.

The first nurse licensed in Texas was Emma Allison, a graduate of College Hospital in Fort Worth. Her license was approved by the Board on October 27, 1909.

The first male nurse licensed in the State of Texas was Paul Gilbert Collicott. He was a graduate of Providence Hospital in El Paso. His license was approved by the Board on April 28, 1910.

History of the Board

1924-1951

1924 - Office rent of \$5 per month and a \$3,000 annual salary were paid to the Educational Secretary.

1925 - All Texas statutes were re-codified. Laws relating to professional nursing were codified as Articles 4513 through 4528 of Vernon's Civil Statutes. This was the first and last systemic rewrite of the Nursing Practice Act (NPA) until 1999 when the NPA was codified as Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code. Senate Bill 426 established a fee of \$20 for obtaining licensure by endorsement from another state, district, territory or country.

1926 - 1927 - The nursing curriculum was 450 hours.

1929 - Senate Bill 75 Brought Staggered Terms for Board Members & Temporary Permits

The terms for Board Members were changed to one member serving four years, two members serving three years and two members serving two years. Nurses licensed in other states could work in Texas under a temporary permit for three months or less upon payment of a \$2 fee. Nurses graduating from an accredited nursing program could obtain a permit to practice until the next examination was administered by the Board. Applicants for nursing school must have graduated from high school.

1931 - Senate Bill 126 Increased the Number of Board Members from Five to Six with Staggered Terms

The Board increased from five to six members with two members serving six-year terms, two serving four-year terms and two members serving two-year terms.

1932 - There were 5,612 nurses licensed; 2,332 nursing students; and the number of nursing schools was 56.

1934 - The nursing examination took two and a half days to complete. At a national convention it was reported that Texas gave more exam subjects than any other state. State Boards were trying to reduce student nurse schedules from 56 to 48 hours a week.

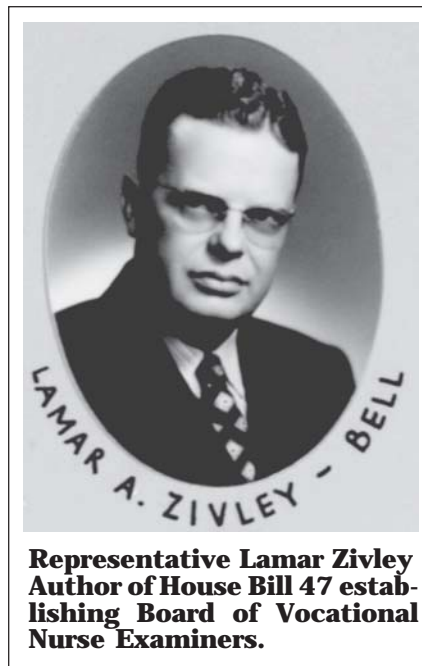
1935 - House Bill 329 Measure Changed Standards for Hospitals with 25 Beds.

House Bill 329 amended Article 4518 declaring all general hospitals of not less than 25 beds with average daily occupancy of 15 patients that taught the Board-prescribed course of study to be "accredited schools." The minimum educational requirements were changed from "two years of continuous study" to "three full years of work and study." Twenty-two states refused Texas reciprocity because the change let small 15-25 bed hospitals add a third year of service from nursing students.

1937 - There were 48 accredited schools of nursing in Texas with 2,288 students enrolled.

1940 - There were 45 accredited schools of nursing with 3,048 students enrolled.

1942 - For the duration of World War II, nursing schools could accept students from 17 years of age to 35. Acceptance of married women whose husbands were in the service was at the discretion of the schools.



**Representative Lamar Zivley
Author of House Bill 47 estab-
lishing Board of Vocational
Nurse Examiners.**

1947 - The National League for Nursing (NLN) contacted the Board to see if schools were prepared to take Test Pool Examinations in 1949. The Board office moved to



The first Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners met in 1951. Members were (left to right): Lena Weber, LVN, Sister Eugenia, RN, Josie Roberts, Admin. Asst., G.E. Brereton, MD, F. McCoulskey, LVN, R.D. Holter, Laura Cole, RN, Marie Dillon, LVN, and C.J. Hollingsworth, Admin. Asst.

Austin from San Antonio.

1948 - The Board discussed a bill for the licensing of practical nurses. Other boards of nursing were contacted to see how they handled the applications in the event that it came under the jurisdiction of the Board.

1949 - Re-registration Fee set at \$1 by Senate Bill 43

Nurses were required to re-register their licenses each year at a cost of \$1. The failure to re-register deemed one an illegal practitioner subject to suspension or revocation. The NLN contacted the Board about adopting an integrated exam, but the Board was not ready to adopt it yet.

1950 - The Board voted to use NLN "Test Pool" exam, except for psychiatric nursing in 1951 and to use the state exam in Chemistry, Microbiology and Psychology for examinees who did not have three or more hours of college credit in those courses. The entire exam was used in 1952.

1951 - Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners established with Passage of House Bill 47

Representative Lamar Zivley of Temple was the author of House Bill 47, which created the Texas Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners. The bill was signed into law by Governor Robert Allen Shivers. The Board included membership of nurses and a physician. The BON voted to conduct a state-wide recruitment program to aid in the shortage of nurses. Six months later a survey revealed that only 317 additional students could be accommodated so the program was not implemented.

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History of the Board

1953-1971

1953 - Board members and employees were required to execute a loyalty oath. Increasing numbers of "security checks" were being run on registrants by the FBI and Army Intelligence Service so duplicates of records had to be made to keep copies of information on nurses.

1954 - The University of Texas was designated by the Southern Regional Planning Board to develop a graduate program which included majors in teaching, supervision and administration.

1956 - The American Nurses' Association recommended that the Board no longer use schools of nursing for conducting the examinations. The Board opposed the recommendations.

1957 - The National League for Nursing notified the Board they could no longer use schools of nursing or faculty of those schools to conduct the exams. Hotel spaces in Dallas and Fort Worth were secured for the exams.

1958 - A new design of the state curriculum was presented at the Texas League for Nurses Convention.

1959 - BON Given Full Authority to prescribe the Course of Study for Nursing Education Programs

Senate Bill 88 granted the Board specific authority to prescribe the course of study for nursing schools including both theory and clinical. It was also given greater accrediting authority over education but was prohibited from setting length of programs at less than two or more than four years. These changes undid the 1935 amendment enacted by House Bill 329. Five nursing schools planned to convert to four year academic programs in 1960 using the curriculum plan unveiled in 1958.

1961 - Licensure extended to Foreign Nurses

Licensure by endorsement was extended to nurses licensed by foreign countries and U.S. territories and possessions. Nurse applicants from foreign countries had been granted reciprocity as early as 1921

when the Board made a "liberal interpretation of the law which grants reciprocity to applicants registered in other states."

1966 - The Board adopted the policy of requiring Social Security



**Bernice Johnson, RN
First Executive Director**

Numbers for applicants for licensure.

1967 - Professional Nursing Defined by Senate Bill 242

Professional nursing was defined in SB 242. This was the first time since originally enacted in 1909, that the NPA contained a definition of professional nursing. The definition was based on the model definition that was then being recommended by the American Nurses Association. SB 242 further detailed the Board's role in disciplinary proceedings by listing conduct by nurses, including felony convictions, intemperate use of alcohol, drugs or unprofessional conduct, which would result in sanctions including suspension, revocation, or fine. In 1967 the State Auditor's Office recommended that the Board modernize its recordkeeping processes which were burdened by the renewal process. The Board requested a fee increase to pay for needed updates which included computerizing records.

1969 - Nursing Practice Act Becomes "Practice-Control" Act Following Passage of Senate Bill 476

The NPA changed from a "title-

control" to a "practice-control" act regulating not only persons using the title "RN" but anyone engaged in the practice of professional nursing. Unlicensed persons were prohibited from practicing professional nursing unless explicitly exempted from the NPA. Because of this change, the exemptions to the NPA were expanded to exempt other licensed practitioners, LVNs, etc. Some hospitals argued this exemption applied to all care in a hospital since care in a hospital was done "at the instruction of a physician." The exemption was relied on by hospitals to employ large numbers of foreign-educated nurses who did not hold a Texas license. The Texas Attorney General ruled in 1983 that the exemption applied only to persons to whom a physician delegated care in accordance with the Medical Practice Act.

The NPA was also amended to require that only three Board members have teaching experience instead of all six and to provide for the Board to employ an Executive Secretary (now Executive Director) rather than appoint one of its members to serve in that capacity.

Adding a definition of professional nursing in 1967 and getting the NPA amended to be a practice-control act in 1969 were the result of a 10-year legislative effort by the Texas Nurses Association.

The Board drafted a position statement in response to many inquiries from prison inmates wishing to become nurses after their release. The statement required a full and unconditional pardon and restoration of civil rights prior to issuance of a RN certificate. In 1969, the Board hired an office manager and bookkeeper.

1970 - A new license form was adopted by the Board which utilized the same license number each year for licensees. In April 1970, the Board began producing a newsletter, *Report from the Board of Nurse Examiners*, which was produced on a quarterly basis.

1971 - The Board adopted a motion to accept the Canadian Nurses' Association Testing Service

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History of the Board

1973-1988

Examination. License certificates were done through a printing process with the Executive Director signing the certificates when issued.

1973 - Senate Bill 831 established a system of variable expiration dates for licenses. The Board, because of increased work load, hired its first nursing consultant. The Water Development Board assisted the BON with automating the renewal process.

1974 - A three-time failure rule was drafted requiring exam takers to show evidence of further preparation prior to taking the exam a fourth time.

1975 - House Bill 627 set the fees charged by the Board for a range of services provided by the Board. The Board adopted a new rule requiring nursing faculty to possess a master's degree by 1980.

1976 - A rule was adopted that beginning with the 1977-78 academic year, 75% of first time candidates from a nursing program must achieve a passing score on the State Board Test Pool Examination.

1977 - The Board adopted rules for the Standards of Nursing Practice; procedures for informal hearings were adopted concerning nurses working without a current license; and legislation was enacted which changed the minimum time for nursing programs from "two calendar years" to "two academic years."

1978 - First ANP Program Approved; NCSBN Formed

The first advanced nurse practitioner educational program in Texas was approved by the Board. Houston Baptist University Advanced Perinatal Nurse Practitioner Program enrolled 15 students in 1978. Guidelines for advanced nurse practitioner were issued by the BON in September 1978. The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) was formed as a separate non-profit entity from the American Nurses' Association Council of State Boards of Nursing. Mrs. Margaret Rowland, Executive Secretary of the Texas BON was elected to the Board of Directors of the new NCSBN.

1979 - Rule-making Authority Granted to Board by SB 273

A number of significant amendments were made by SB 273 including: increasing the Board's rule-making authority to "regulate the practice of professional nursing;" changing the definition of professional nursing to include the "*observation, assessment, intervention, evaluation, rehabilitation, care and counsel and health teachings of persons who are ill, injured or infirm or experiencing changes in normal health processes;*" giving injunctive power and authority to probate disciplinary penalties; and requiring all fees collected by BON be placed in the State Treasury and expended only as appropriated by the Legislature. Board staff began work preparing for the first Sunset Review. Work began by staff to define "unprofessional conduct" and, after testimony at the January 1980 Board Meeting, the rule was adopted.

1980 - Rules for Advanced Nurse Practitioners Established and Contested; CNATS Accepted

Rules and requirements relating to advanced nurse practitioners were established in April 1980. Suits were quickly filed against the Board by the Texas Hospital Association and the Texas Medical Association over the new rules. The case was successfully resolved in 1986 by the Texas Supreme Court in favor of the BON. The new Canadian Nurses' Association Testing Service Exam (CNATS) was accepted by the Board with a passing score of 400. An investigator position approved by the Board was filled.

1981 - First Sunset Review Changed Composition of Board

The Board underwent its first sunset review. Amendments to the NPA that resulted included: adding three public members to the Board; requiring recognition of the three types of educational programs (diploma, ADN, and BSN); requiring that the three educator members of the Board be representative of the three types of educational programs; and expanding the rule-making authority to include defining which acts constitute the practice of professional nursing.

1982 - NCLEX Exam Adopted

The first consumer members to the Board are appointed. They were: Cleve Bachman, Leo Johnson and Peggy Brown. A new numbering system for licenses was introduced in response to large numbers of out-of-state examinees and foreign nurses. In July 1982, the Board adopted 1600 as the passing score for the NCLEX exam, the new comprehensive criterion referenced examination for nurses.

1984 - The Board celebrated its Diamond Jubilee 75th Anniversary in Austin on May 11, 1984.

1985 - HB 900 Grants Authority to Establish Nursing Peer Assistance Program

House Bill 900, enacted in 1985 gave the authority to enact rules establishing a peer assistance program for nurses. Rules were enacted in July 1986 which required a \$1 fee to be collected from nurses to fund the peer assistance program.

1987 - SB 1160 Adds Peer Review and Mandatory Reporting Requirements; Agency authorized to purchase in-house computer

Senate Bill 1160, also known as "Professional Nursing Quality Assurance Act," added mandatory reporting and nursing peer review provisions to the NPA. Texas was one of the first states to pass peer review legislation for RNs. RNs were exempted from the radiologic technologists licensing act. The Board gave approval to purchase an in-house computer for the agency in March 1987. In July, rapid deposit was authorized. The agency also began annual planning sessions relating to feedback received from constituents relating to the regulation of nursing.

1988 - Advanced Nursing Practice Committee established as an ongoing committee. The Board also authorized the hiring of an in-house attorney instead of relying solely on outside counsel.

History of the Board

1989-1997

1989 - Continuing Education Authority Granted by SB 622; Peer Assistance Addressed by SB 981; Financial Aid for Nurses Through License Fee Added by SB 1001; APNs Gain Limited Prescriptive Authority

The Board of Nurse Examiners and Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners were given authority to require continuing nursing education for license renewal by Senate Bill 622. A financial aid program for nurses was established by Senate Bill 1001 and initially funded with a license surcharge, and a special study of the nursing shortage authorized. Senate Bill 480 amended the definition of professional nursing to include carrying out orders of podiatrists. APNs were given limited prescriptive authority at sites serving medically underserved populations. The Board implemented its computerized phone system in 1989. Through the automated system, licensure verification could be done 24 hours a day via the phone system. The agency began holding workshops throughout the state concerning the NPA, functions of the Board, Peer Review, continuing education, and the investigatory process.

1990 - Texas Board Received National Award

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) recognized the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners with the 1990 Member Board Award. Numerous Texas contributions were cited which lead to receiving the award including the many leadership roles held by agency staff, publications and research involvements, membership on state and national committees and presentations on the role and responsibilities of the NCSBN and the Texas Board.

1991 - Pronouncement of Death by RNs Allowed; Limited Criminal Background Checks Granted by HB 1101

RNs were given authority to determine death by passage of Senate Bill 823. House Bill 1101 granted authority to do criminal background checks in conjunction with investigation of a complaint,

and a process was established for students to obtain declaratory order of eligibility for licensure.

1993 - Board faces Second Sunset Review; Health Professions Council Established; Peer Review & Mandatory Reporting Addressed; NCLEX Exam Computerized; Nursing CE Auditing Begins

The Board underwent Sunset Review for the second time. Sunset staff met with board staff in 1992 and Sunset recommendations were enacted in 1993. The Sunset Bill, HB 2180, added: training requirements for new board members; a toll-free number to report a complaint against a healthcare professional; requirement of an independently-validated national examination to be used as a part of the examination process, informal proceedings to resolve complaints against nurses; monitoring of nurse compliance with disciplinary orders; authority to establish rules relating to reporting of minor incidents; authority to temporarily suspend licensure pending a full investigation; and other changes related to the disciplinary process. A Health Professions Council was created to coordinate activities of the various health professions licensing boards with operation beginning in July 1993. HB 756 addressed peer review laws and mandatory reporting. Nursing peer review laws were amended to require that: three-fourth of the committee's members be RNs, the nurse being reviewed be afforded minimum due process and at least one member of the committee have a working familiarity with area of practice of the nurse being reviewed. Mandatory reporting was amended to give authority to adopt rules to minimize reporting of minor incidents and duplicative reporting and to require mandatory reporting by peer review committees to the Board. The computerized NCLEX exam (NCLEX-CAT) began testing in Texas in July, 1993. In September 1993, random auditing of nurses began to verify compliance with the 20-hour continuing education requirement. The CE requirement was added by rule in 1991 following 14 months of study by the Continuing Education Advisory Committee which began in 1989.

1995 - Peer Review Expanded to LVNs by HB 883; APNs Gain Prescriptive Privileges in Physician Primary Care Sites; Agency Moves to Hobby Building with Other Licensing Agencies

Peer review was expanded to include LVNs by passage of HB 883. The Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners was required to develop rules relating to LVNs licensed in other jurisdictions practicing temporarily in Texas. RNs were given protection from retaliation for refusing to engage in reportable conduct. The qualification relating to practice experience of practice members of the Board were clarified. HB 883 also added proof of good professional character as a requirement for licensure and mandatory reporting was expanded to include students experiencing problems with chemical dependency. Limited prescriptive authority for APNs was expanded by Senate Bill 673 to include a physician's primary practice site and facility based practice. The Board began referring to advanced nurse practitioners (ANPs) as advanced practice nurses (APNs) in an effort to avoid confusion caused by the nurse practitioner title. In 1995, the Board moved to its current location, the William Hobby Building in downtown Austin, which also houses other health occupation licensing agencies.

1997 - Safe Harbor Protection added by SB 1081; Competency Pilot Programs and APN Educator on Board Added by SB 617; BON Launches Web Site

Senate Bill 1081 added enhanced protections for RNs who refuse to engage in reportable conduct by giving them the right to request a determination by peer review as to the RN's duty and providing the RN a safe harbor pending that determination. Senate Bill 617 granted authorization and funding to conduct pilot test mechanisms to help assure that RNs maintain their competency after initial licensure, and that RNs are knowledgeable of the laws and regulations governing their practice. The Diploma educator position on the Board was changed to an APN educator position which was filled by appointment of Dr. Linda Rounds in 1999. SB 617 also gave the authority to collect

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information needed to identify students who may be disqualified or licensure upon graduation. The Board launched its web site in April, 1997. Today, 80-90 percent of nurses renew their licenses online. The BON web site now includes online examination, endorsement, and renewal applications as well as licensure verification.

1999 - Nurse Licensure Compact Enacted by HB 1342; NPA Moved to Texas Occupations Code by HB 3155

The Nurse Licensure Compact was adopted with passage of House Bill 1342 making Texas one of the first states to begin the implementation of a system of multistate licensure for nurses. The Compact became effective January 1, 2000. With passage of House Bill 3155, the Nursing Practice Act underwent a rewrite as part of being codified into the Occupations Code. Senate Bill 1340, regulating CRNAs administering anesthesia in outpatient settings, required creation of a registry and inspection of anesthesia equipment in outpatient settings.

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BON Online Jurisprudence Exam Prep Course Link Available at BON Web Site

The Texas Board of Nursing (BON) web-based prep course for nurses or applicants for nurse licensure required to take the jurisprudence exam has been taken by more than 250 candidates for licensure since its launch date of October 27, 2008. Section 301.252 of the Nursing Practice Act (NPA), amended by House Bill 2426 during the 80th Texas Legislature, requires all nurses seeking licensure, by examination or endorsement, to achieve a passing score on a jurisprudence examination before obtaining licensure. Completion of the exam prep course is recommended, but not mandatory, for nurses needing help in preparing for the exam. Currently licensed nurses are exempt from the jurisprudence exam requirement.

Exam takers may reference the Board's Rules and Regulations and NPA while taking the exam. Content for the Jurisprudence Exam Prep Course addresses five major topic areas: Nursing Licensure and Regulation in Texas; Nursing Ethics; Nursing Practice; Nursing Peer Review; and Disciplinary Action. Further information concerning content of the jurisprudence prep course can be found in the *Reference List* located at the following link:

<http://www.bon.state.tx.us/olv/pdfs/Resource-Table-List.pdf>

The prep course is approximately two hours in length. The cost for the course is \$25. The course can be located at the BON web site, www.bon.state.tx.us or <http://bon.enspire.com/>.

Advisory Committee on Education Continues Address of Remaining Board Charges; DELC Work Group Formed

The Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) met on November 17, 2008 in Austin at the Hobby Building. During the meeting ACE members began addressing the following remaining charges previously issued by the Board:

1. Review and revise the Differentiated Entry Level Competencies of Graduates of Texas Nursing Programs, Vocational (VN), Diploma/Associate Degree (Dip/ADN), Baccalaureate (BSN), September 2002 (DELC).
2. Study and make recommendations regarding the issues involved with permitting a student who has partially completed a professional nursing educational program or graduated from a professional nursing educational program and then failed the NCLEX-RN® examination, to apply for licensure as a vocational nurse in Texas by taking the NCLEX-PN® examination.
3. Determine the addition of clinical requirements for programs outside Texas' jurisdiction that do not require clinical learning experiences to be included in the program of study and want their graduates to be eligible for nursing licensure in Texas.

During the meeting, ACE formed a DELC Work Group to expedite the charge of reviewing and revising the DELC. This thirteen member DELC Work Group is composed of representatives from the different types of nursing educational programs, professional nursing organizations, and nursing practice areas. The group met on November 18, 2008 and the next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2009. The DELC Work Group will assist ACE as the draft revision of the DELC is completed and prepared for presentation to the Board for approval.

The next ACE meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2008 via conference call. The committee's address of the remaining charges will continue during this conference call meeting.

IMPOSTER WARNING

If you have any knowledge or information regarding the employment practices of the following individual(s), please contact the Board's Enforcement Division immediately at (512) 305-6838.

STEPHANIE MARIE SIMPSON

Stephanie Marie Simpson was arrested on September 5, 2008, by the Arlington Police Department for the offense of "Forgery." Ms. Simpson was attempting to cash a forged check bearing the name of Natalie Elaine Abels. At the time of the arrest Ms. Simpson was found in possession of several forged documents including a Temporary Driver License and an RN License which had her picture, with the name of Ms. Abels. The Arlington Police Department verified that the license number was issued to an RN who resides in Pharr, Texas and is a Hispanic male. The Arlington Police Department will pursue the case if sufficient evidence is collected to substantiate an offense of "Tampering with a Government Record."



NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The following nurses had disciplinary action taken against their licenses. If you would like to receive additional information regarding the disciplinary action that has been imposed, please send your written request to the Texas Board of Nursing, Enforcement Division, 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-460, Austin, Texas, 78701-3944.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LICENSE NUMBER(S)</u>	<u>DISCIPLINE</u>	<u>DATE OF ACTION</u>
Abad, Abel Labre	RN#569976	Warning with Stipulations	October 23, 2008
Acevedo, Sergio Carmona	LVN#156828	License Revoked	September 9, 2008
Adair, Martha Rene	RN#576923	Remedial Education & Fine	November 7, 2008
Adolph, Kathryn Lynn	RN#590396	Suspend/Probate	November 12, 2008
Aguilar-Zavala, Jerrie Kay	LVN#183498	Warning with Stipulations	November 12, 2008
Alvarado, Ninfa	RN#236451	License Revoked	October 23, 2008
Anom, Michael Danso	LVN#182780	Remedial Education	October 22, 2008
Arias, Ignacio Laureles	RN#728883 & LVN#180015	Voluntary Surrender	September 30, 2008
Armistead, Robert Allen	RN#593407	Suspend/Probate	September 9, 2008
Auston, Laura Ann	LVN#118316	Remedial Education & Fine	September 25, 2008
Avalos, Gustavo	RN#684110 & LVN#178207	Remedial Education	September 22, 2008
Baggott, Debra Lucille	RN#457262	Voluntary Surrender	September 16, 2008
Baker, Angela L.	LVN#142439	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Ballenger, Verna Elaine	RN#436651	Voluntary Surrender	September 26, 2008
	Multistate Licensure Privilege NC RN#041100 & VA #RN1049370		
Banks, Rebecca Jane	LVN#173601	License Revoked	September 9, 2008
Barber, Grace E.	RN#510439	Remedial Education & Fine	November 2, 2008
Barley, Valerie Carter	RN#630683	Warning with Stipulations	October 23, 2008
Barnes, Robbin Lashay	LVN#182952	Reprimand with Stipulations	September 9, 2008
Bartrug, Louis Wayne	RN#461216	Remedial Education	September 26, 2008
Beaty, Lashone Bailey	RN#666214	Remedial Education	October 13, 2008
Benson, Frances Irene	RN#689250	Reprimand with Stipulations	September 9, 2008
Bergman, Natalie Berban	RN#593614	License Revoked	October 23, 2008
Bess, Virginia Mae	RN#242362	Remedial Education	October 29, 2008
Bevington, Mona Rae	RN#739503	License Revoked	September 9, 2008
Bland, Debra Ann	RN#529777	License Revoked	September 9, 2008
Blaylock, Christy Joann	LVN#191220	Voluntary Surrender	October 15, 2008
Boatman, William Ernest	LVN#163829	Remedial Education & Fine	October 22, 2008

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Box, Michael Shea	LVN#199335	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Braun, Sally Martin	RN#529717	Suspend/Probate	September 9, 2008
Brightbill, Christopher Paul	LVN#174907	Suspend/Probate	September 9, 2008
Brockmann, Diana Jean	Temporary TX RN#103661 Multistate Licensure Privilege CO RN#180496 & AZ #RN144948	Remedial Education	November 12, 2008
Brown, Donna L.	LVN#105811	Remedial Education & Fine	October 22, 2008
Brown, Jacqueline Anne	LVN#138107	Voluntary Surrender	November 3, 2008
Brown, Jerilene	LVN#114833	Warning with Stipulations	September 9, 2008
Brown, Tina Dorlee (Brooks)	LVN#175432	Warning with Stipulations	October 23, 2008
Brown-Rube, Terri J.	LVN#174748	Voluntary Surrender	October 13, 2008
Brunson, Gloria Jean	LVN#103959	Voluntary Surrender	November 3, 2008
Brymer, David M.	LVN#50804	Remedial Education & Fine	November 12, 2008
Bunker, Carol A.	RN#727273	Warning with Stipulations	September 9, 2008
Calhoun, Deborah A.	LVN#152172	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Campbell, John W.	RN#532862	Reprimand with Stipulations	October 23, 2008
Cardenas, Lorenna	LVN#198991	Warning with Stipulations	November 12, 2008
Cepeda, Sarah Norah	RN#665529 & LVN#160274	Suspend/Probate	September 9, 2008
Cervantes, Jaime Eduardo	LVN#160377	Remedial Education & Fine	November 3, 2008
Chibuko-Ezeani, Emmanuela Ngozi	LVN#197555	Warning with Stipulations	October 23, 2008
Clark, Arch Ray	RN#685080	Enforced Suspension	September 9, 2008
Clark, Merle Joan	RN#586841	Remedial Education & Fine	November 12, 2008
Contreras, Santos	LVN#183556	Remedial Education & Fine	November 3, 2008
Cornell, Heather Elizabeth	RN#725928	License Revoked	September 9, 2008
Cox, Tammy Rene	RN#651532 & LVN#139945	Reprimand with Stipulations	November 12, 2008
Crawford, Kimberly D.	LVN#148815	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Crockett, Micheline Diana	RN#635014	Remedial Education & Fine	September 9, 2008
Cutsinger, Kristin Kay	LVN#151371	Remedial Education & Fine	October 21, 2008
Dail-Culpepper, Philomena Marie	RN#597792	Reprimand with Stipulations	October 23, 2008
Dale-Burt, Angela Ruth	LVN#198051	License Revoked	September 9, 2008
Danns, Tricia Lucinda	LVN#166200	Warning with Stipulations	November 12, 2008
Darson, Bibi Z.	RN#516491	Remedial Education	October 13, 2008
Davis, Michelle Nicole	LVN#151139	License Revoked	September 9, 2008
Davis, Natasha Renea	LVN#186125	Remedial Education & Fine	October 24, 2008
Diaz, Julietta Rodriguez	RN#609458 Multistate Licensure Privilege NM #R35746	Remedial Education	September 22, 2008
Dobscha, Mary Radean	RN#548309 & LVN#111898	Suspend/Probate	October 23, 2008
Dunn, Billie Jean	LVN#192287	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Dymond, Elza	LVN#94075	Remedial Education & Fine	November 3, 2008
Earnshaw, Leonora Anne	RN#574647	License Revoked	September 9, 2008
Ellis, Denise Marie	LVN#121976	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Enderle, Leann	LVN#198615	Remedial Education	November 14, 2008
Ervin, Toni Darice	LVN#194958	Voluntary Surrender	October 22, 2008
Esparza, Hector G.	LVN#73854	Remedial Education & Fine	November 3, 2008
Estrada, Sylvia	LVN#187941	Reprimand with Stipulations	September 9, 2008
Ferguson, Christopher Wayne	LVN#196852	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Ferguson, Karen Lee	LVN#70306	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Fountain, Dovie Cornelius	LVN#116278	Warning with Stipulations	November 12, 2008
Fraizer, Allen J.	RN#625563	Suspend/Probate	September 9, 2008
Frederick, Tammy Rene (Regalado)	LVN#148208	Remedial Education & Fine	September 9, 2008
Gallow, Frances Louise	RN#249764	Remedial Education & Fine	November 7, 2008
Gibbs, Carolyn Lorraine	RN#582507	License Revoked	September 9, 2008
Gourlas, Carol Sue	RN#597865	Suspend/Probate	October 23, 2008
Grafe, Robert Edward	LVN#164942	License Revoked	September 9, 2008
Graves, Jamie Lee	LVN#198741	Remedial Education & Fine	October 14, 2008
Griffith, Kelly Renee	RN#721752	Warning with Stipulations	September 9, 2008

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Griffith, Sherikay Marie	RN#723140 & LVN#167437	Suspend/Probate	September 9, 2008
Groening, Frederick K.	RN#618166 & LVN#149287	Voluntary Surrender	November 7, 2008
Guerricaechevarria, Deborah J. Gregg	RN#510547	License Revoked	September 9, 2008
Gutierrez, Sr., Gerardo Sergio	LVN#191053	Voluntary Surrender	November 12, 2008
Hackney, Deanna	RN#513099 & LVN#76678	Reprimand with Stipulations	November 12, 2008
Haley, Amanda Dawn	RN#692671	License Revoked	September 9, 2008
Hankins, Kimberli Pauline	LVN#193948	Suspend/Probate	September 9, 2008
Harbour, Kayren Annette	RN#558629 & LVN#119973	Remedial Education & Fine	November 14, 2008
Harrison, Toni L. Jimenez	RN#616336	Warning with Stipulations	October 23, 2008
Harwood, Lois Jeanne	LVN#196878	Voluntary Surrender	September 9, 2008
Haynes, Penni Andersen	RN#235708 & LVN#36253	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Helt, Jennifer Janesse	LVN#175615	Voluntary Surrender	October 2, 2008
Hettinga, John Raymond	LVN#190446	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Ho, Margaret Elizabeth	LVN#165647	Remedial Education	September 10, 2008
Hollenbaugh, Amanda Leigh	LVN#184100	Voluntary Surrender	September 12, 2008
Hopkins, Aurora B.	LVN#126918	Remedial Education	October 16, 2008
Howard, Valerie Kunze	LVN#207629	Warning with Stipulations	October 23, 2008
Huffman, Emma Nichole	LVN#186200	Remedial Education	November 3, 2008
Hulick, Angela	RN#574284	Enforced Suspension	October 23, 2008
Hurnes, Sherry D.	LVN#192237	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Jacob, Donald Joseph	LVN#146851	Remedial Education & Fine	October 22, 2008
Jansky, Stephen Norwood	RN#718763 & LVN#155390	Enforced Suspension	November 12, 2008
Jay, Marva Shinese	LVN#117453	Suspend/Probate	November 12, 2008
Johnson, Teresa Maria	LVN#139445	Suspend/Probate	October 23, 2008
Jones, Carmen Eloise	LVN#188728	Warning with Stipulations	October 23, 2008
Joplin, Christel Bernita	RN#695052	Enforced Suspension	November 12, 2008
Keel, James Dalton	RN#677925	Reprimand with Stipulations	October 23, 2008
Keller, Corey Matthew	LVN#161956	Remedial Education & Fine	October 22, 2008
Kelly, Elia Rodriguez	LVN#50147	Warning with Stipulations	September 9, 2008
Kennison, Victoria Magdalena	RN#647597	Warning with Stipulations	November 12, 2008
Kingery, Michael Gordon	RN#585950	Remedial Education	October 3, 2008
Koonce, Stacy	RN#641646	Remedial Education	September 23, 2008
Kreder, Patricia Ann	RN#554914 & LVN#88293	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Laird, Corey Merle	RN#678027 & LVN#133096	Remedial Education & Fine	November 3, 2008
Latham, David Lee	RN#249840	Remedial Education & Fine	September 26, 2008
Leal, Angela Dawn	LVN#166627	Voluntary Surrender	October 13, 2008
Lee, Emery Callaway	LVN#125328	Reprimand with Stipulations	September 9, 2008
Leming, Cynthia Diane	LVN#184702	Remedial Education & Fine	November 3, 2008
Lester, Gina R.	RN#619155	License Revoked	September 9, 2008
Leyva, Ofelia	RN#670736	Remedial Education	November 13, 2008
Linscomb, Patsy Rose	LVN#51008	Warning with Stipulations	September 9, 2008
Lloyd, Iris Dennell	RN#606666 & LVN#95270	Remedial Education	September 30, 2008
Lockhart, Krista Jenee	RN#715446	Warning with Stipulations	November 12, 2008
Locsin, Marsha Atos	LVN#180121	Warning with Stipulations	September 9, 2008
Lopez, Maureen Anne	RN#455776	Remedial Education	October 21, 2008
Magnuson, Franklin Delano	LVN#83370	Remedial Education & Fine	October 22, 2008
Marshall, Cynthia Dolores	LVN#166742	Voluntary Surrender	September 2, 2008
Martin, Kathy J.	RN#510076	License Revoked	September 9, 2008
Martinez, Edwin Karli	RN#698806	Remedial Education	October 14, 2008
Mathews, Sandra Lanette	LVN#185651	Reprimand with Stipulations	September 9, 2008
Mauricio, Maximiliano Cruz	RN#711004	Warning with Stipulations	October 23, 2008
Maxwell, Lisa Ann	RN#524664	Enforced Suspension	October 23, 2008
McBride, Lori Denise	LVN#95847	Remedial Education & Fine	November 12, 2008
McGee, Dorothy D.	RN#431117	Warning with Stipulations	October 23, 2008
McLaughlin, Ellis Marie	RN#692827	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Meador, Sherry Dean	LVN#40349	Voluntary Surrender	September 9, 2008
Mena, Louise Janelle	LVN#183148	License Revoked	September 9, 2008
Miller, Laura E.	LVN#126014	Suspend/Probate	October 23, 2008
Mitchell, Melanie Lynne	LVN#138770	License Revoked	October 23, 2008

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Montalvo, Charlotte Ann	RN#548414 & LVN#97062	Remedial Education	October 24, 2008
Moon-Gagliardo, Kelli L.	RN#534180	Voluntary Surrender	September 24, 2008
Moore, Tonya Marie	RN#720334 & Multistate Licensure Privilege, IN RN#28177223A	Warning with Stipulations	October 23, 2008
Morillo, Carlos Isidro	LVN#197962	Remedial Education & Fine	November 3, 2008
Morris, Andetria Yvonne	LVN#252091	Remedial Education & Fine	October 1, 2008
Muotoh, Phoebe Elinma	RN#615951	Remedial Education	September 2, 2008
Murphy, Lisa R.	LVN#99022	Reprimand with Stipulations	November 12, 2008
Newton, Lacharollette F.	LVN#172824	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Newton, Rubye Jene Bryant	RN#230494 & LVN#28654	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Nieto, Teresa Lewis	LVN#184900	Warning with Stipulations	September 9, 2008
Ninan, Annamma K.	RN#442624	Remedial Education	November 3, 2008
Olvera, Yolanda	LVN#158570	Warning with Stipulations	October 23, 2008
Ornelas, Meridith Leigh	LVN#192347	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Ortiz, Mario Ernesto	RN#713493	Reprimand with Stipulations	October 23, 2008
Pace, Diane Michelle	LVN#187146	Enforced Suspension	November 12, 2008
Parada, Jennifer Lynn	RN#714147	Reprimand with Stipulations	September 9, 2008
Parks, Shelley Faith	LVN#182539	Warning with Stipulations	November 12, 2008
Patton, Jennifer Suzanne	LVN#173874 & Multistate Licensure Privilege, AK RN#144606	License Revoked	September 9, 2008
Perdue, Karen Roseanne	RN#660177 & LVN#128157	Reprimand with Stipulations	November 12, 2008
Peters, Connie Helen	RN#723367	Remedial Education & Fine	October 13, 2008
Porterfield, Mary C.	LVN#48014	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Powell, Jonathan A.	LVN#79087	Remedial Education & Fine	October 13, 2008
Pyle, Ronald Curtis	LVN#182110	Warning with Stipulations	October 23, 2008
Redwine, Charles Aaron	RN#761435 & LVN#138897	Reprimand with Stipulations	September 9, 2008
Rice, Alma Campos	RN#581753	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Rice, Susan Ilene	RN#503777	Remedial Education & Fine	October 13, 2008
Ridge, Deborah Suzanne	LVN#181592	Reprimand with Stipulations	September 9, 2008
Robinson, Linda Marie	LVN#166053	Reprimand with Stipulations	September 9, 2008
Rodriguez, Susanna	RN#658255 & LVN#60181	Remedial Education	September 9, 2008
Rodriguez, Victor	LVN#179937	License Revoked	September 9, 2008
Rosalez, Amy Andrea	LVN#190571	Remedial Education	November 3, 2008
Rubio, Robert Lee	LVN#176580	Remedial Education	September 9, 2008
Salazar, Aron Linn	LVN#174655	Enforced Suspension	October 23, 2008
Sanchez, Amy Winkles	LVN#185700	Warning with Stipulations	October 23, 2008
Schoenemann, Rebecca Kayga	RN#564056 & LVN#126120	Warning with Stipulations	November 12, 2008
Silva, Leonel	LVN#200196	Remedial Education & Fine	October 22, 2008
Sivits, June J.	RN#255284 & LVN#41926	Suspend/Probate	October 23, 2008
Smith, Morgan Ray	RN#573681	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Smith, Suzanna Kate	LVN#197979	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Srubar, Jennifer Lynette	RN#730058	Warning with Stipulations	November 12, 2008
Sterling, Morgan Jeanette	LVN#177351	Suspend/Probate	September 9, 2008
Stevenson, Karla Sue	RN#242768	Warning with Stipulations	October 23, 2008
Tagle, Charla Heather	RN#680115	Suspend/Probate	November 12, 2008
Tammelin, Sharon Ann	LVN#207289	Warning with Stipulations	October 23, 2008
Tarver, Rhonda	RN#749015	Remedial Education	October 1, 2008
Tatum, Melissa Dawn	LVN#193478	Remedial Education & Fine	November 11, 2008
Thomas, Allison Lashon	LVN#137191	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Thomas, Carol L.	RN#255849	Remedial Education & Fine	October 7, 2008
Thompson, Brian David	LVN#205311	Reprimand with Stipulations	October 23, 2008
Thornton, Diana Kay	RN#527595	Remedial Education	October 20, 2008
Thornton, Flora Kay	LVN#141964	Voluntary Surrender	October 15, 2008
Tucker, Jennifer Lynn	LVN#174049	License Revoked	September 9, 2008
Vale, Betty Louise	RN#677664	Remedial Education	October 13, 2008
Varner, Linsi Anne	RN#746319 & LVN#201749	Warning with Stipulations	November 12, 2008
Wadley, Rhonda Raye	LVN#147903	Voluntary Surrender	September 8, 2008

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Wafford, Mary Jane	RN#597368 & LVN#139123	Reprimand with Stipulations	November 12, 2008
Walden, Roxana Louise	RN#655307	Remedial Education	November 3, 2008
Wells, Treasa J.	RN#617797 & LVN#147558	Suspend/Probate	November 12, 2008
Wheat, Stephanie Lynn	RN#686379 & LVN#175394	Voluntary Surrender	September 3, 2008
Williams, Hilda Marie	LVN#123207	Reprimand with Stipulations	October 23, 2008
Wilson, Ritchie Walden	LVN#156625	Voluntary Surrender	October 21, 2008
Woodfin, Stephen Alexander	RN#624978	Enforced Suspension	September 9, 2008
Woods, Kathleen Sue	RN#740140	Reprimand with Stipulations	September 9, 2008
Woolverton, DAnn	RN#628544	Reprimand with Stipulations	September 9, 2008
Wren, Donnie G.	RN#618721 & LVN#148416	Voluntary Surrender	October 31, 2008
Wright, Joshua Lamar	LVN#170109	License Revoked	November 12, 2008
Ybarra, Jeong Mi	LVN#165407	Remedial Education	October 16, 2008

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Approved a Petition for Waiver of Director Qualifications with Requirement to Be Met:

- Howard College in Big Spring, Texas, Associate Degree Nursing Educational Program

Approved a Petition for Faculty Waiver:

- St. Philip's College in San Antonio, Texas, Associate Degree Nursing Educational Program

Accepted Reports of Survey Visits:

- Central Texas College in Killeen, Texas - Vocational Nursing Educational Program - Issued Commendations, Recommendations, and Requirement to Be Met
- Central Texas College in Brady, Texas - Vocational Nursing Educational Program - Issued Commendation and Requirement to Be Met
- McLennan Community College in Waco, Texas - Vocational Nursing Educational Program - Issued Commendations, Recommendations, and Requirement to Be Met
- McLennan Community College in Waco, Texas - MEEP Vocational Nursing Educational Program - Issued Commendation and Requirement to Be Met
- Vernon College in Vernon, Texas - Associate Degree Nursing Educational Program - Issued Commendations, Recommendations, and Requirements to Be Met
- Vernon College in Wichita Falls, Texas - Vocational Nursing Educational Program - Issued Commendations, Recommendations, and Requirements to Be Met

Approved Proposal to Establish a New Nursing Educational Program and Granted Initial Approval Status:

- Med Vance Institute in Houston, Texas - Vocational Nursing Educational Program and Issued Commendations and Requirements to Be Met.
- Universal Health Services, Inc. In Fort Worth, Texas - Vocational Nursing Educational Program and Issued Commendations and Recommendation

Other Board Actions:

Reviewed Report on Texas Board of Nursing New Dean, Director, and Coordinator Orientation Workshops for 2007-2008

Reviewed Report on the September 25, 2008, Texas Board of Nursing Education Workshop, "Encouraging Innovation in Texas Nursing Education"

- Approved Proposed Revisions to 3.2.1.a. Education Guideline, Writing a Self-Study Report on Evaluation of Factors which Contributed to the Graduates' Performance on the NCLEX-PN® or NCLEX-RN® Examination in Response to the Sunset Advisory Commission's Recommendation 1.9.
- Approved Proposed Revisions to Position Statement 15.6, Development of Nursing Education Programs.

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Workshop Update

Nursing in Texas: A Regulatory Foundation for Safe Practice

The Texas Board of Nursing (BON) will be presenting four nursing jurisprudence and ethics workshops in 2009. The workshops, titled: *Nursing in Texas: A Regulatory Foundation for Safe Practice*, will be presented in the following locations:

**Radisson Resort South Padre Island,
South Padre Island – February 3rd**

Houston – (TBD)*

**Sheraton Arlington (formerly Wyndham Hotel),
Arlington – June 9 & 10**

**J.J. Pickle Research Center (Commons Building),
Austin – August 19 & 20**

Additional information concerning the dates and locations of the workshops will be announced after the facility arrangements are secured. Workshop brochures with registration forms will be posted on the BON website at www.bon.state.tx.us under “*BON Meetings and Events*” at a later date. These workshops have been approved for six contact hours of continuing nursing education. Attendance at these workshops is not mandatory for licensure renewal. These workshops are presented for educational purposes and for obtaining continuing education credit only. For questions regarding the BON workshops, please call the Workshops Information line at (512) 305-6844 or e-mail inquiries to workshops@bon.state.tx.us.

* - See BON web site for further information

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March 18

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