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*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse § AGREED  
License Number 519726 §  
issued to FARAHANGIZ Z. KIRKLAND § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board considered the matter of FARAHANGIZ Z. KIRKLAND, Registered Nurse License Number 519726, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on September 27, 2010, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

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 proceedings, 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 Esfahan University, Isfahan, Iran, on May 1, 1974. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on October 22, 1984.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

1984-2009	RN Staff Nurse	East Texas Medical Center Tyler, Texas
4/2009-Present	RN	Exceptional Home Care Tyler, Texas

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a RN with Exceptional Home Care, Tyler, Texas, and had been in this position for two (2) months.
7. On or about June 24, 2009, while employed with Exceptional Home Care, Tyler, Texas, and assigned as a Private Duty Nurse to Pediatric Patient Number 602281006, Respondent failed to ensure the safety of the patient when, following a physician office visit, she and the child returned to Respondent's car and realizing she had forgotten the physician's instruction sheet, Respondent left the child in the car with the engine running and asked a Security Guard, who was not familiar with the patient's special needs, to "keep an eye" on the child while she returned to the physicians' office to retrieve the paperwork. Respondents' conduct placed the patient's safety in serious jeopardy and was likely to injure the patient.
8. In response the incident in Findings of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states she had taken the patient to a doctor appointment and when she and the patient left, she secured the patient in her car seat and turned on the air conditioner. Respondent states she realized she had not received the doctor's instructions so she got out of the car and asked the Security Guard, who was standing there, if he would watch the child while she ran into the office. Respondent states that when she went back into the office she was told she would have to wait but she told them she could not because the child was in the car and asked if the nurse would bring the paper work out to her. Respondent states the child was never left unattended.

#### 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 of Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(A),(1)(B)&(1)(S) and 217.12(1)(D)&(4).
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 519726, heretofore issued to FARAHANGIZ Z. KIRKLAND, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

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## ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.1 *et seq.* and this Order.

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.

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 nurse licensure compact 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, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted.

RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT'S successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: <http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>.*

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete the course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension. In order to receive credit for completion of this program, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. *Information regarding this workshop may be found at the following web address: <http://ncsbn.hivelive.com/hives/a0f6f3e8a0/summary>.*

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license to practice nursing in the State of Texas and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

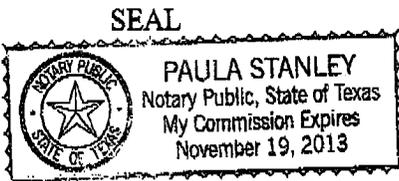
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violations alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, 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 25 day of OCT, 2010.

*Farah Kirkland*  
FARAHANGIZ Z. KIRKLAND, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25 day of Oct., 2010.

*Paula Stanley*  
Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS



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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 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010, by FARAHANGIZ Z. KIRKLAND, Registered Nurse License Number 519726, and said Order is final.



Effective this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.

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