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In the matter of:

Corliss Williams
S.S. # ending in 0570

This cause having come to be heard upon the complaint filed herein, the evidence and testimony entered before the undersigned hearing officer on **March 20, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** The nature of the hearing was to determine if the respondent is eligible for licensure in the state of Louisiana.

1. The respondent was present for the hearing and did give sworn testimony.
2. There were no witnesses called to testify by the board or the respondent.
3. Exhibits A-M were admitted into evidence at the hearing. The hearing officer fully reviewed and considered all exhibits.
4. The hearing officer fully reviewed and considered the transcript of the hearing as prepared and certified by the court reporter, Patricia O. English, CCR, who was present and recorded the hearing.

The hearing officer, having reviewed all evidence and testimony, and being fully advised in the premises, makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law based on the entire record:

FINDINGS OF FACT

On August 14, 2013, the board received the respondent's student evaluation form for admission into the practical nursing program at Delgado Community College. On this form the respondent answered "yes" to question #19, which asks:

"Have you ever been indicted, charged with, summoned into court as a defendant in a criminal proceeding, arrested (even if you were not taken away in handcuffs or incarcerated), fined, imprisoned, placed on probation or ordered to deposit bail for the violation of any law, police regulation or ordinance, misdemeanor and/or felony offense (except for minor traffic violations) whether or not charges were expunged/dismissed and/or refused, or have you ever been convicted (including a nolo contendere plea or guilty plea) of any criminal (misdemeanor and/or felony)?"

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She reported the following charges:

- 6/25/04 Disturbing the Peace
- 4/6/05 Simple Battery
- 7/23/07 Aggravated Assault
Disturbing the Peace
Disorderly Conduct

On December 19, 2014, the board received the respondent's First Time Writers Application requesting to take the NCLEX-PN to receive a practical nursing license in the state of Louisiana. On this form she answered "yes" to the question that asks:

"Since your enrollment in the practical nursing program, have you been arrested, charged, convicted of, plead guilty or no contest and/or nolo contendere, or been sentenced from any criminal offense in any state? (NOTE: even though an arrest or conviction has been pardoned, EXPUNGED, dismissed or deferred, and your civil rights have been restored, you must answer "YES" and attach a detailed written statement and a certified copy of the criminal record(s))."

She reported the following charge:

- 10/15/14 Disorderly Conduct

On 6/25/04, the respondent had a verbal and physical altercation with a neighbor. She indicated that this was the result of an ongoing feud. She and the neighbor argued every other month, and this time, it resulted in a fist fight over a parking spot. (Hearing Transcript page 16 line 23 through page 17 line 17, Exhibit F-3 through F-6)

Following a car accident on 4/6/05, the respondent was accused of simple battery on the other driver. She pled guilty. (Hearing transcript page 23 line 13 through page 24 line 24, Exhibit F-8 through F-10)

The respondent's mother had an altercation with a man in a laundromat on 7/23/07. When the respondent discovered this, she "lost her cool and blanked out". She retrieved a handgun from her vehicle and re-entered the building, intending to scare the man. (Hearing transcript page 6 line 23 through page 14 line 7, Exhibit I-24 through I-35)

On 10/15/14, the respondent had a verbal altercation with the clerk at a retail store. Her minor daughter then engaged in a physical altercation with the clerk, while the respondent encouraged her. (Hearing Transcript page 18 line 12 through page 19 line 20, Exhibit I-2 through I-10)

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The respondent has a concerning arrest history, which involves poor communication skills, and includes verbal and physical altercations dating back to 2004, and as recently as October, 2014. The respondent has not demonstrated that she has the qualities of honesty, accountability, integrity, and the ability to act rationally, which are expected of a practical nurse. The hearing officer finds that the respondent lacks good judgment, which would be required to protect health and welfare of the public and patients assigned to her care.

The board has jurisdiction over the parties hereto and the subject matter hereof.

JURISDICTION

The board has jurisdiction over the parties hereto and the subject matter hereof.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the facts set forth in the entire record and outlined herein above, the respondent is in violation of the following:

1. The Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Title 37, Chapter 11, Part II, Section 969 A. (4);
 - (b) **is guilty of a crime;**
 - (c) **is unfit, or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other causes;**
 - (d) **is habitually intemperate or is addicted to the use of habit forming drugs;**
 - (f) **is guilty of unprofessional conduct;**
 - (g) **has violated any provisions of this Part;**

And 978 A (8) Violate any provisions of this Part and B.

2. The Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46, Part XLVII, Subpart 1, Sections § 306 T.

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2. being guilty of a crime;
3. being unfit, or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit or other causes;
8. being guilty of unprofessional conduct;
 - n. being convicted of a crime or offense which reflects the inability of the nurse to practice practical nursing with due regard for the health and safety of clients or patients or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a criminal charge regardless of final disposition of the criminal proceeding including, but not limited to, expungement or nonadjudication or pardon;
 - t. violating any provisions of R.S. 37:961 et seq. (the practical nursing practice act), as amended or aiding or abetting therein.

ORDER

The matter of **Corliss Williams, applicant for licensure**, on **July 31, 2015**, came on for final action by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that the respondent, **Corliss Williams, applicant for licensure**, be **DENIED LICENSURE** as a practical nurse in the state of Louisiana and

1. That a hearing assessment fee of **\$500.00, payable by money order/cashier's check only**, is to be submitted to the board within 90 days of the date of this order.

Public Records

This order is public record. All disciplinary actions of the board will be reported to all required data banks and agencies as required by law.

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Rendered this 31st day of July, 2015, and signed this 31st day of July, 2015, at Metairie,
Louisiana.

Myron L. Collins LPN

MYRON COLLINS, LPN
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mailed this 31st day of July, 2015, by U.S. postal service certified mail return receipt
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