

**BEFORE THE INDIANA  
STATE BOARD OF NURSING  
CAUSE NUMBER: 2018 NB 0234**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:**

**STEPHANIE SECREST, L.P.N.**

**LICENSE NUMBER: 27052578A**



**FINAL ORDER**

Jessica Harlan-York, J.D., Consumer Member, designated by the Indiana State Board of Nursing (“Board”) pursuant to Ind. Code § 4-21.5-3-9 to act as an administrative law judge (“ALJ”), held an administrative hearing on March 2, 2023, via Webex, concerning Stephanie Secrest’s (“Petitioner”) Petition to Withdraw Probation from her license as a nurse.


A copy of the administrative law judge’s “Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order” is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and made a part hereof.

Pursuant to Ind. Code § 4-21.5-3-29(c) the Board, at its meeting of April 20, 2023, votes 6 to 0 to **DENY** said Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

The Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order is **DENIED**. The Petitioner will be rescheduled for an administrative hearing before the Board.

**ISSUED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

**INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

By:  for  
Jennifer Miller, M.S.N., R.N.  
President  
Indiana State Board of Nursing


**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of the “Final Order” has been duly served upon:

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**RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND  
ORDER**

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Petitioner appeared in person and waived her right to be represented by counsel. The State of Indiana was represented by Deputy Attorney General Rebekah Hammond.

The ALJ, after considering the evidence presented and taking official notice of the file in this matter issues the following Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:

**RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Petitioner is a Licensed Practical Nurse (L.P.N.) with license number 27052578A.
2. Petitioner’s mailing address on file with the Board is 207 South Horace Street, Jasonville, IN 47438.
3. The Board is empowered to hold this administrative hearing pursuant to the authority of Ind. Code § 25-1-9-9 and Ind. Code § 4-21.5-3 *et seq.*

4. On January 7, 2020, Petitioner’s license was placed on indefinite probation pursuant to a Proposed Settlement Agreement signed by the parties and accepted by the Board. Petitioner stipulated that she violated Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(1)(A), Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(4)(B), Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(3) and 848 IAC 2-3-3(1), and Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(3) and 848 IAC 2-3-3(6).

5. Petitioner submitted a written request to withdraw probation.

6. At the hearing, Petitioner testified that she complied with the terms of probation, including: submitting signed Board Orders; submitting Quarterly Employer reports or self-reports if not employed; complied with practice restrictions; completion of twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education units; payment of a \$250 fine to IPLA; payment of the \$5 health records fee; and keeping the Board apprised of her address and employment information.

7. Based off of the Quarterly Employer reports submitted and maintained in the IPLA file, Petitioner only attained four (4) months of active nursing practice, but Petitioner maintained that she has been employed at Freelandville Community Home since June 2022.

8. Petitioner’s compliance with the majority of the terms of her probation constitutes evidence that the deficiency that required probation has been remedied.

**RECOMMENDED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. “The board may withdraw or modify the probation . . . if it finds, after a hearing, that the deficiency that required disciplinary action has been remedied, or that changed circumstances warrant a modification of the order.” Ind. Code § 25-1-9-9(b).


2. Petitioner's compliance with the majority of the terms of her probation constitutes evidence that the deficiency that required probation has been remedied.

**RECOMMENDED ORDER**

Based upon the foregoing Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the ALJ recommended **WITHDRAWING** the **PROBATION** on Petitioner's license as a nurse.

**SO ORDERED**, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

**INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

By:  for  
Jessica Harlan-York, J.D.  
Administrative Law Judge  
Indiana State Board of Nursing

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO OBJECT TO RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT,  
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER**

Either party may object to the ALJ's Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order: but any objection must be filed with the Indiana State Board of Nursing, identifying the basis of the objection with reasonable particularity, no later than eighteen days from the ISSUANCE of this order unless such date is a Saturday, a Sunday, a legal holiday under state statute or a day that the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency offices are closed during regular business hours in which case the deadline would be the first day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, a legal holiday under state statute or a day that the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency offices are closed during regular business hours. The ALJ's Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order is not the final order of the Indiana State Board of Nursing in this proceeding. In the absence of any objection, the Indiana State Board of Nursing may affirm the ALJ's Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order as its final order or will serve notice of its intention to review any issue related to the ALJ's Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.


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