# Official Order of the Texas Commissioner of Insurance

Date: 10/12/2023

## **Subject Considered:**

#### Marvette Skinner

Saginaw, Texas 76131-2509

Default Order SOAH Docket No. 454-23-25871 TDI Enforcement File No. 31573

#### General remarks and official action taken:

The subject of this default order is whether a personal lines property and casualty license should be issued to Marvette Skinner (Respondent). Respondent did not respond to a Notice of Hearing filed by the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI). This order denies Respondent's license application.

The following findings of fact and conclusions of law are adopted:

#### **Findings of Fact**

## Failure to Respond to Notice of Hearing

- On August 21, 2023, TDI filed a Notice of Hearing, attached as Exhibit A, and an Original Petition, attached as Exhibit B, with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- 2. TDI's factual allegations set out in the attached Notice of Hearing and Original Petition are incorporated in this order as findings of fact.
- 3. TDI sent the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition to Respondent's last known address provided in writing to the department,

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Saginaw, Texas 76131. The Notice of Hearing and Original Petition were also sent by electronic mail.

4. Respondent failed to file a written response to the Notice of Hearing within 20 days of the date the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition were mailed.

#### **Conclusions of Law**

- 1. The commissioner has jurisdiction under Texas law, including Tex. Ins. Code §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4001.102, 4001.105, 4005.101-4005.105, 4051.051, 4054.051 and 4101.051; Tex. Occ. Code §§ 53.021-53.023; 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.502; and Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.051-2001.178.
- 2. The commissioner has authority to dispose of this case informally under Tex. Gov'T CODE § 2001.056; Tex. Ins. CODE § 82.055; and 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.47, 1.88, and 1.89.
- 3. TDI provided proper notice of the hearing under Tex. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051, 2001.052, and 2001.054; and 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.28, 1.88, 1.89, and 19.906.
- 4. Based on Respondent's failure to file a written response to the Notice of Hearing, TDI is entitled to disposition by default under 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.88 and 1.89.
- 5. TDI's factual and legal allegations set out in the attached Notice of Hearing and Original Petition are incorporated in this order and deemed admitted as true under 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.89.

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#### Order

It is ordered that Marvette Skinner's application is denied. A copy of this order will be provided to law enforcement or other appropriate administrative agencies for further investigation as may be warranted.

DocuSigned by:

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Cassie Brown

Commissioner of Insurance

Prepared and reviewed by:

Sydney Moore, Staff Attorney

Enforcement

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#### **Affidavit**

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TRAVIS §

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared David Moreno, who, being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

"My name is David Moreno, and I am employed by the Texas Department of Insurance. I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and have personal knowledge of these facts which are true and correct.

I have reviewed TDI's records concerning Marvette Skinner. I have confirmed that:

- a. The last mailing address provided to the department in writing by Marvette Skinner is Saginaw, Texas 76131.
- b. The file maintained by Enforcement contains a Notice of Hearing and Original Petition dated August 21, 2023, which were filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- c. On August 21, 2023, the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition addressed to Marvette Skinner were mailed first-class and certified, return receipt requested, to her last known address.

Copies of the first-class mail log and certified mail log maintained by Enforcement are attached as Exhibit C and Exhibit D, respectively."

DocuSigned by:	
David Moreno	
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Affiant	

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by means of an interactive two-way audio and video communication on  $\frac{10/2/2023}{}$ . This notarial act was an online notarization.

## **Notary Seal**



## **Digital Certificate**

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## SOAH DOCKET NO. 454-23-25871 TDI ENFORCEMENT FILE NO. 31573

Petitioner

v. OF

MARVETTE SKINNER,

Respondent

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

EXHIBIT

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ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

The Texas Department of Insurance seeks to deny your license application. This Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition, which is attached and incorporated for all purposes, states the allegations against you and the relief sought by the department.

A public hearing will be held before an Administrative Law Judge on **Wednesday**, **November 8**, **2023**, **at 9:00 a.m.** The hearing will take place via videoconference using a videoconference platform controlled by the State Office of Administrative Hearings, unless otherwise ordered to proceed in another manner by the Administrative Law Judge.

The hearing shall be conducted under Tex. Gov'T Code, ch. 2001 and 1 Tex. Admin. Code, ch. 155. Unless otherwise directed by the Administrative Law Judge, the hearing shall continue from day to day in the offices of the State Office of Administrative Hearings until concluded. You have the right to appear at this hearing and to be represented by an attorney.

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IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE, THE SCHEDULED HEARING CAN BE CANCELED AND WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE CAN ISSUE AN ORDER IN WHICH THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING ARE DEEMED ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING, INCLUDING REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE, ISSUANCE OF A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER, IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES, PAYMENT OF RESTITUTION, AND/OR DENIAL OF YOUR LICENSE APPLICATION, IS GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

IF YOU FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE BUT THEN FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DAY AND TIME SET FOR HEARING, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU, THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE CAN ISSUE AN ORDER IN WHICH THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING ARE DEEMED ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING, INCLUDING REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE, ISSUANCE OF A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER, IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES, PAYMENT OF RESTITUTION, AND/OR DENIAL OF YOUR LICENSE APPLICATION, IS GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

In accord with 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.90(e) and 1 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 155.101 and 155.103, you should send copies of your written response to:

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  Docketing Division
  State Office of Administrative Hearings
  300 West 15th Street, Room 504
  P.O. Box 13025
  Austin, Texas 78711-3025
  (512) 322-2061 (Fax);
  www.soah.texas.gov
- (2) (by mail, fax, or email)
  Chief Clerk
  Texas Department of Insurance
  P.O. Box 12030, MC GC-CCO
  Austin, Texas 78711-2030
  (512) 490-1064 (Fax)
  chiefclerk@tdi.texas.gov; and

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(3) (by mail, fax, or email)
Sydney Moore, Staff Attorney
Texas Department of Insurance
Enforcement, MC ENF
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sydney.moore@tdi.texas.gov

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If you have any questions, please contact me at the address or telephone number shown below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sydney Myore
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ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

**Enclosure: Original Petition** 

cc: Leah Gillum, Deputy Commissioner, Fraud and Enforcement Division, MC ENF Whitney Fraser, Litigation Director, Enforcement, MC ENF Administrative Review, MC CO-AAL

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Sydney Moore, certify that a true and correct copy of the *Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition* were sent by regular, first-class mail and by certified mail, return receipt requested, on this 21st day of August, 2023 to:

Marvette Skinner	Via CM/RRR No.: 9214 8901 9403 8327 1381 43
Saginaw, TX 76131 Respondent Pro Se	Via Email:
	Sydney Moore

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE,	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE			
Petitioner		EXHIBIT		
v.	OF	в		
MARVETTE SKINNER,	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS			
Respondent				

#### ORIGINAL PETITION

The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) seeks to revoke Marvette Skinner's existing license and to deny her new license application. In support of this petition, the TDI makes the following allegations upon information and belief:

#### Jurisdiction

The commissioner of insurance has jurisdiction over this matter under Tex. Ins. Code §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4005.101, 4005.102, 4051.401 and 4054.051; 28 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 1.502; Tex. Occ. Code §§ 53.021-53.023; and Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.051-2001.178.

#### **Factual Allegations**

#### **Current License**

1. Marvette Skinner (Skinner) holds a personal lines property and casualty license issued by TDI on March 18, 2021.

## **License Application**

- 2. On January 4, 2023, Skinner applied for a non-resident life agent and general lines license with life, accident, health, and HMO qualification to be issued by TDI.
- 3. On January 27, 2023, TDI proposed to deny Skinner's application based on her criminal history. Skinner appealed that decision and made a written request for a hearing on February 24, 2023.

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## **Criminal History**

4. On October 4, 2022, Skinner pleaded guilty and was convicted of the felony offense of Wire Fraud in Case No. 1:22-CR-30-TCB filed in the United States District Court, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division. Skinner was sentenced to probation for a term of 3 years with the first 10 months to be served while on home confinement. Skinner was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$162,571 as a condition of her probation.

#### **Legal Allegations**

- 1. Skinner has been convicted of a felony as contemplated by Tex. Ins. Code § 4005.101(b)(8), 28 Tex. Admin. Code §1.502, and Tex. Occ. Code § 53.021-53.023.
- 2. Skinner has been convicted of a felony that directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of the licensed occupation as contemplated in Tex. Occ. Code § 53.021 and 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 1.502.
- 3. Skinner has been convicted of an offense for which fraud, dishonesty, or deceit is an essential element as contemplated in Tex. Occ. Code §§ 53.021-53.023 and Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 1.502(e)(1).
- 4. Skinner failed to notify TDI of her criminal felony conviction as contemplated by Tex. Ins. Code § 4001.251(a)(2).
- 5. Skinner has been convicted of a criminal felony involving dishonest or breach of trust, as contemplated in 18 U.S.C. § 1033.
- 6. Skinner has not obtained the written consent of the commissioner of insurance to engage in the business of insurance following her conviction for a criminal felony involving dishonesty or a breach of trust, as contemplated in 18 U.S.C. § 1033.

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## **Relief Sought**

If one or more of the above allegations is found to be true, TDI asks the Administrative Law Judge to enter a Proposal for Decision recommending that the commissioner of insurance issue an order:

- 1. revoking Skinner's license,
- 2. denying Skinner's license application and
- 3. imposing any other just and appropriate relief to which TDI may be entitled to by law, including any combination of the above actions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sydney More

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