

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
INFORMAL CONFERENCES
April 15, 2013**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on April 15, 2013 in Board Room 3, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Lane, RN, BSN, MBA; Chairperson
Florence Jones-Clark, RN, MS

STAFF PRESENT: Gloria Mitchell, RN, MSN, MBA; Deputy Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: David Kazzie; Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division
CNA students and faculty from Louisa Public Schools

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SCHEDULED: **Joseph Wade, LPN 0002-082699**
Mr. Wade appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Florence Jones-Clark moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:48 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Wade. Additionally, Ms. Jones-Clark moved that Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Kazzie attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 10:06 A.M.

Ms. Jones-Clark moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Jones-Clark moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Mr. Wade. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order 30 days after service of such Order on Mr. Wade, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Wade within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Stephen Pantagis, LPN 0002-082869

Mr. Pantagis appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Jones-Clark moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:25 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Pantagis. Additionally, Ms. Jones-Clark moved that Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Kazzie attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 12:00 noon.

Ms. Jones-Clark moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Jones-Clark moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Mr. Pantagis and require he submit proof of successful completion of the following NCSBN course within 60 days of Order entry: *Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses*. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order 30 days after service of such Order on Mr. Pantagis, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Pantagis within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Everlove Oku, LPN 0002-077426

Ms. Oku appeared, accompanied by her attorney, Nicolas Balland, Esq.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Jones-Clark moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:02 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Oku. Additionally, Ms. Jones-Clark moved that Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Kazzie attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 1:22 P.M.

Ms. Jones-Clark moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Jones-Clark moved to issue an Order to Ms. Oku making findings of fact and conclusions of law, but imposing no sanction. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order 30 days after service of such Order on Ms. Oku, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Oku within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Jamie Vann, LPN 0002-084554

Ms. Vann appeared, accompanied by her attorney, Anne C. Lahren, Esq.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Jones-Clark moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 4:13 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Vann. Additionally, Ms. Jones-Clark moved that Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Kazzie attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 4:56 P.M.

Ms. Jones-Clark moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Jones-Clark moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Ms. Vann. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order 30 days after service of such Order on Ms. Vann, unless a written request to

the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Vann within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Jamie Reiser, LPN 0002-084737

Ms. Reiser appeared, accompanied by her attorney, Anne C. Lahren, Esq.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Jones-Clark moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 6:34 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Reiser. Additionally, Ms. Jones-Clark moved that Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Kazzie attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 7:00 P.M.

Ms. Jones-Clark moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Jones-Clark moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Ms. Reiser and require she submit proof of successful completion of the following two NCSBN courses within 60 days of Order entry: *Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care* and *Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills for Competent Nursing Practice*. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order 30 days after service of such Order on Ms. Reiser, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Reiser within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Debra Prince, LPN 0002-040143

Ms. Prince appeared, accompanied by her attorney, Anne C. Lahren, Esq.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Jones-Clark moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 8:41 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision

in the matter of Ms. Prince. Additionally, Ms. Jones-Clark moved that Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Kazzie attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 9:16 P.M.

Ms. Jones-Clark moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Jones-Clark moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Ms. Prince and require she submit proof of successful completion of the following NCSBN course within 60 days of Order entry: *Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills for Competent Nursing Practice*. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order 30 days after service of such Order on Ms. Prince, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Prince within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Keisha Brooks, LPN 0002-072926
Ms. Brooks did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Jones-Clark moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:21 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Brooks. Additionally, Ms. Jones-Clark moved that Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Kazzie attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 9:25 P.M.

Ms. Jones-Clark moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Jones-Clark moved to offer Ms. Brooks a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of her license to practice as a practical nurse in Virginia, in lieu of a formal hearing. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. Brooks and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 9:30 P.M.



Gloria Mitchell, RN, MSN, MBA
Deputy Executive Director