

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
INFORMAL CONFERENCES
April 3, 2013**

- TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:05 A.M., on April 3, 2013 in Board Room 1, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jane R. Ingalls, RN, PhD; Chairperson
Joyce A. Hahn, RN, PhD, APRN, NEA-BC
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jodi P. Power, RN, JD; Deputy Executive Director
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Anne Joseph; Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division

Nursing students and faculty from J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College and Fortis College, Norfolk
- CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:** **John Thorburn, RN 0001-105125**
Mr. Thorburn appeared.
- CLOSED MEETING:** Dr. Joyce Hahn 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 9:50 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Thorburn. Additionally, Dr. Hahn moved that Ms. Power and Ms. Joseph 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 10:10 A.M.

Dr. Hahn 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:** Dr. Hahn moved to issue an Order requiring that Mr. Thorburn submit to a mental health evaluation conducted by a specialist satisfactory to the Board and have a written report of the evaluation sent to the Board within 90 days of Order entry. Further, Mr. Thorburn shall follow the specialist's recommendations and may be required to appear at an administrative proceeding following the Board's receipt of the written report of the evaluation for final disposition of this matter. 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. Thorburn, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Thorburn 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:

Eleanor Barnard, LPN 0002-079686

Ms. Barnard appeared, accompanied by her father, Mark Barnard.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Hahn 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 11:05 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Barnard. Additionally, Dr. Hahn moved that Ms. Power and Ms. Joseph 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 11:25 A.M.

Dr. Hahn 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:

Dr. Hahn moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Ms. Barnard and require she submit proof of successful completion of the following three NCSBN courses within 60 days of Order entry: *Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care*; *Medication Errors: Detection and Prevention*; and *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 Ms. Barnard, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Barnard 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:

Carla Long, LPN 0002-085080

Ms. Long appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Hahn 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 12:05 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Long. Additionally, Dr. Hahn moved that Ms. Power and Ms. Joseph 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 12:15 P.M.

Dr. Hahn 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:

Dr. Hahn moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Ms. Long and require she submit proof of successful completion of the following NCSBN course within 30 days of Order entry: *Medication Errors: Detection and Prevention*. 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. Long, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Long 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:

Michelle Shears, LPN 0002-077714

Ms. Shears appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Hahn 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 1:30 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Shears. Additionally, Dr. Hahn moved that Ms. Power and Ms. Joseph 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 1:40 P.M.

Dr. Hahn 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:

Dr. Hahn moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Ms. Shears and require she submit proof of successful completion of the following three NCSBN courses within 60 days of Order entry: *Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care*; *Medication Errors: Detection and Prevention*; and *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 Ms. Shears unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Shears 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:

Doris Walker, RN 0001-149679

Ms. Walker appeared, accompanied by her current supervisor, Lisa Parry, RN, Director of Nursing at The Colonnades.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Hahn 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 2:13 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Walker. Additionally, Dr. Hahn moved that Ms. Power and Ms. Joseph 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 2:28 P.M.

Dr. Hahn 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: Dr. Hahn moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Ms. Walker. 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. Walker unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Walker 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.

The nursing students and faculty left the meeting.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Alena Smith, LPN 0002-085946

Ms. Smith appeared, accompanied by Melanie Wommack, RN.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Hahn 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 3:00 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Smith. Additionally, Dr. Hahn moved that Ms. Power and Ms. Joseph 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 3:15 P.M.

Dr. Hahn 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:

Dr. Hahn moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Ms. Smith, require she pay a \$100 monetary penalty within 60 days of Order entry, and further require she submit proof of successful completion of the following three NCSBN courses within 60 days of Order entry: *Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care*; *Medication Errors: Detection and Prevention*; and *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 Ms. Smith unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Smith 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:

Gertrude Locker, LPN 0002-010461
Ms. Locker did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Hahn 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 3:25 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Locker. Additionally, Dr. Hahn moved that Ms. Power and Ms. Joseph 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 3:35 P.M.

Dr. Hahn 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:

Dr. Hahn moved to offer Ms. Locker 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. Locker and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 3:35 P.M.



Jodi P. Power, RN, JD
Deputy Executive Director