

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
INFORMAL CONFERENCES
June 5, 2013**

- TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:10 A.M., on June 5, 2013 in Training Room 2, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.
- MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne Holmes, Citizen Member; Chairperson
Pat Selig, RN, FNP, PhD
- STAFF PRESENT: Jodi Power, RN, JD; Deputy Executive Director
- OTHERS PRESENT: James Rutkowski; Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division
Crystal Allen, a Virginia Commonwealth University nursing student joined later.
- CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED: **Libbi Lennington, LPN 0002-086597**
Ms. Lennington appeared.
- CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Pat Selig 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 9:40 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Lennington. Additionally, Dr. Selig moved that Ms. Power and Mr. Rutkowski 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 9:45 A.M.
- Dr. Selig 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. Selig moved to close the case in the matter of Ms. Lennington, RN and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary action by the Board of Nursing. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED: **Arlena Brown, LPN 0002-066137**
Ms. Brown appeared accompanied by her daughter, Angelina Brown.
- CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Selig 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 10:25 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the

matter of Ms. Brown. Additionally, Dr. Selig moved that Ms. Power and Mr. Rutkowski 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 10:35 A.M.

Dr. Selig 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. Selig moved to offer Ms. Brown a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of her license to practice as a practical nurse in Virginia, until such time that Ms. Brown shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license. At such time an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of professional nursing. 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. Brown and the Board.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Fatmata Jalloh, LPN 0002-083695

Ms. Jalloh appeared, accompanied by her husband, Amidu Kalle.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Selig 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 11:17 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Jalloh. Additionally, Dr. Selig moved that Ms. Power and Mr. Rutkowski 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.

Dr. Jane Elliot joined the closed meeting and presented cases.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 11:22 A.M.

Dr. Selig 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. Selig moved to close the case in the matter of Fatmata Jalloh, LPN and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence of a violation of the Nurse Practice Act or the Board of Nursing regulations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

OTHERS PRESENT: Crystal Allen, a Virginia Commonwealth University nursing student joined the meeting at 1:00 P.M.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED: **Cathy Culbertson, RN 0001-090199**
Ms. Culbertson appeared accompanied by her administrator, Miriam Byler, Executive Director of the Western Tidewater Free Clinic.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Selig 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 1:25 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Culbertson. Additionally, Dr. Selig moved that Ms. Power and Mr. Rutkowski 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 1:35 P.M.

Dr. Selig 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. Selig moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Ms. Culbertson, and require that she remain in compliance with the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program. 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. Culbertson unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Culbertson 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: **Kristina Schlieter, RN 0001-232032**
Ms. Schlieter appeared accompanied by her attorney, Michael Goodman, Esq.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Selig 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 2:28 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Schlieter. Additionally, Dr. Selig moved that Ms. Power and Mr. Rutkowski 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.

During the closed meeting a fire drill occurred at 2:30 P.M. The Committee reconvened the closed meeting at 2:40 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:50 P.M.

Dr. Selig 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. Selig moved to close the case in the matter of Kristina Schlieter, RN and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence of a violation of the Nurse Practice Act or Board of Nursing regulations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Rachael Combs, LPN 0002-077620

Ms. Combs appeared accompanied by her attorney, Benjamin Rand, Esq.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Selig 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 3:40 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Combs. Additionally, Dr. Selig moved that Ms. Power and Mr. Rutkowski 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 3:50 P.M.

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

Althea Carocci, RN 0001-186939
Ms. Carocci appeared.

Dr. Selig indicated that she knows Ms. Carocci in her professional work but could render a fair and impartial decision in this matter. There was no objection by Ms. Carocci, so the informal conference proceeded.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Selig 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 4:25 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Carocci. Additionally, Dr. Selig moved that Ms. Power and Mr. Rutkowski 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 4:48 P.M.

Dr. Selig 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.

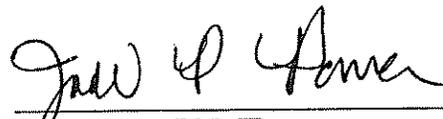
ACTION:

Dr. Selig moved to offer Ms. Carocci a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of her license to practice as a professional nurse in Virginia, in lieu of a formal hearing, with said suspension stayed contingent upon verification of Ms. Carocci's entry into the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program and remaining in compliance thereafter. 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. Carocci and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jodi Power". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Jodi Power, RN, JD
Deputy Executive Director