

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
August 8, 2017**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on August 8, 2017 in Board Room 4, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA, Chairperson
Alice B. Clark, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D.

OTHERS PRESENT: David W. Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:** **Romeadow Barrow, C.N.A. Reinstatement Applicant 1401-024701**
Ms. Barrow appeared, accompanied by her mother, Rose Augustus.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Clark moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:25 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Barrow. Additionally, Ms. Clark moved that Dr. Elliott 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 11:30 A.M.

Ms. 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. Clark moved to issue an order to approve Romeadow Barrow's application for reinstatement for certification as a nurse aide and issue an unrestricted certificate.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Barrow unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Barrow 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:

Melanie D. Rutledge, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0002-053426

Ms. Rutledge appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Clark moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 12:05 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Rutledge. Additionally, Ms. Clark moved that Dr. Elliott 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 12:25 P.M.

Ms. 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. Clark moved to issue an order to deny Melanie Rutledge's application for reinstatement for licensure as a practical nurse.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Rutledge unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Rutledge 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:

Bethany Mills, C.N.A. Reinstatement Applicant 1401-145540

Ms. Mills appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Clark moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:00 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Mills. Additionally, Ms. Clark moved that Dr. Elliott 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 1:10 P.M.

Ms. 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. Clark moved to issue an order to deny Bethany Mills' application for reinstatement for certification as a nurse aide.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Mills unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Mills 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:

Cherri Whitaker, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0002-077301

Ms. Whitaker did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Clark moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:35 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Whitaker. Additionally, Ms. Clark moved that Dr. Elliott 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 1:45 P.M.

Ms. 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. Clark moved to issue an order to deny Cherri Whitaker's application for reinstatement for licensure as a practical nurse.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Whitaker unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Whitaker 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:

Erin Everitt, R.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0001-208301

Ms. Everitt appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Clark moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:20 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Everitt. Additionally, Ms. Clark moved that Dr. Elliott 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 2:30 P.M.

Ms. 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. Clark moved to issue an order to approve Erin Everitt's application for reinstatement for licensure as a registered nurse contingent upon verification of Ms. Everitt's entry into the Health Practitioners Monitoring Program and thereafter remaining in compliance with the terms of the monitoring contract with the 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 thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Everitt unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Everitt 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: **Megan Coles, C.N.A. 141-178300**
Ms. Coles did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Clark moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:45 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Coles. Additionally, Ms. Clark moved that Dr. Elliott 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 2:50 P.M.

Ms. 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. Clark moved to offer Megan Coles a Consent Order for the indefinite suspension of her certification, in lieu of a Formal Hearing until such time she can show she is safe to practice.

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. Coles and the Board.

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:**

Cynthia McGrady, C.N.A. 1401-122805

Ms. McGrady did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Clark moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:51 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. McGrady. Additionally, Ms. Clark moved that Dr. Elliott 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 2:59 P.M.

Ms. 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. Clark moved to offer Cynthia McGrady a Consent Order for the indefinite suspension of her certification, in lieu of a Formal Hearing until such time she can show she is safe to practice.

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. McGrady and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph. D.
Discipline Staff