

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

October 1, 2012

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on October 1, 2012 in Board Room 3, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Evelyn Lindsay, LPN, Chairperson
Allison Gregory, RN, FNP-BC

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

OTHERS PRESENT: David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:**

Janene Cowles, RN 0001-203712

Ms. Cowles appeared, accompanied by her attorney, Robert Luther, III.

CLOSED MEETING: Allison Gregory 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 Ms. Cowles. Additionally, Ms. Gregory 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 10:39 A.M.

Ms. Gregory 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. Gregory moved to issue an Order making findings of fact and conclusions of law, but imposing no sanction on Ms. Cowles. 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. Cowles unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Cowles 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:

Leslie Peters, RN 0001-149666

Ms. Peters did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Gregory 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 10:50 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Peters. Additionally, Ms. Gregory 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 11:05 A.M.

Ms. Gregory 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. Gregory moved to offer Ms. Peters a Consent Order for a reprimand and indefinite suspension of her license to practice as a registered nurse in Virginia. 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. Peters and the Board.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Sheree Wentz, RN 0001-077849

Ms. Wentz appeared.

Ms. Wentz arrived at 12:45 P.M., though her conference was scheduled for 10:30 A.M. The Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing had initially decided to proceed with the case in Ms. Wentz's absence, convening a closed meeting at 11:15 A.M., reconvening in open session at 11:25 A.M., and adjourning at 11:30 A.M. Upon Ms. Wentz's arrival at 12:45 P.M., however, the Committee determined to hear her case and reconvened.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Gregory 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 1:35 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Wentz. Additionally, Ms. Gregory 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 1:44 P.M.

Ms. Gregory 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. Gregory moved to offer Ms. Wentz a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of her license to practice as a professional nurse in Virginia, with said suspension stayed contingent upon verification of Ms. Wentz's entry into the Health Practitioners Monitoring Program. 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. Wentz and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 1:45 P.M.



Gloria D. Mitchell, RN, MSN, MBA
Deputy Executive Director