

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
April 12, 2016**

- TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on April 12, 2016 in Board Room 4, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA, Chairperson
Mark Monson, Citizen Member
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jane Elliott, RN, PhD, Discipline Staff
Linda Kleiner, RN, Discipline Staff
- OTHERS PRESENT:** David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist
Senior nursing students and faculty from Bon Secours Memorial College
- CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:** **Christopher Gregory, RN 0001-214615**
Mr. Gregory appeared, accompanied by his father Dr. W. Gregory
- CLOSED MEETING:** Mr. Monson 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 10:00 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Gregory. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Ms. 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 11:05 A.M.
- Mr. Monson 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:** Mr. Monson moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Christopher Gregory and require him to submit to a mental health, physical health and chemical dependency evaluation by a mental health, physical health, chemical dependency specialist satisfactory to the Board and have a written report of the evaluation, including a diagnosis, recommended course of therapy, and prognosis sent to the Board within 90 days from the date the Order is entered. Mr. Gregory shall thereafter comply with any recommendations of the specialist, including submission of written quarterly reports, until discharged from therapy. Upon receipt of the evaluation, the Board may request Mr. Gregory reappear at an informal conference in order to consider the specialist's recommendations and a make a final disposition in the matter.
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 Mr. Gregory unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Gregory 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:

Juma Henson, RN 0001-235032

Mr. Henson appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Monson 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 12:10 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Henson. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Ms. 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 12:16 P.M.

Mr. Monson 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:

Mr. Monson moved to close the case and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence of violation.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

James Szych, LPN 0002-078936

Mr. Szych appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Monson 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 1:40 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Szych. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Ms. Kleiner 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 1:50 P.M.

Mr. Monson 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: Mr. Monson moved to close the case and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence of violation.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:** **Kara Patton, RN 0001-190942**
Ms. Patton appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Monson 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 2:55 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Patton. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Ms. Kleiner 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 3:35 P.M.

Mr. Monson 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: Mr. Monson moved to issue an Order to place Kara Patton on Probation with terms for 1 year employment as registered nurse and submit to a mental health evaluation by a mental health specialist and neurologist for seizure work up satisfactory to the Board and have a written report of the evaluation, including a diagnosis, recommended course of therapy, and prognosis sent to the Board within 90 days from the date the Order is entered. Ms. Patton shall thereafter comply with any recommendations of the specialist, including submission of written quarterly reports, until discharged from therapy. Upon receipt of the evaluation, the Board may request Ms. Patton reappear at an informal conference in order to consider the specialist's recommendations and a make a final disposition in the matter.

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. Patton unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Patton 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:

Kellianne Billins, LPN 0002-064958
Ms. Billins appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Monson 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 4:30 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Billins. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Ms. Kleiner 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 4:50 P.M.

Mr. Monson 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:

Mr. Monson moved to refer the matter regarding Kellianne Billins to a Formal Hearing of the Board of Nursing.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Kolawole Sofola, RN 0028-000140
Mr. Sofola appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Monson 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 6:10 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Sofola. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Ms. Kleiner 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 6:15 P.M.

Mr. Monson 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:

Mr. Monson moved to close the case and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence of a violation.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Elizabeth Lindberg, RN 0001-231169
Ms. Lindberg appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Monson 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 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Lindberg. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Ms. Kleiner 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 7:45 P.M.

Mr. Monson 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:

Mr. Monson moved to issue an Order to require Elizabeth Lindberg provide proof of completion of the following courses within 90 days of entry of order: "*Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses*", "*Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care*" and "*Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills*".
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. Lindberg unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Lindberg 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.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 7:45 P.M.


Linda Kleiner, RN
Discipline Staff