

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
October 6, 2015**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:15 A.M., on October 6, 2015 in Board Room 3, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Louis Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA, Chairperson
Mark Monson, Citizen Member
Stephanie Quinby, C.M.T.

STAFF PRESENT: Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S., Deputy Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist
Nurse Aide Students from Divine Home Care Services in Norfolk, VA

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED: **Charlotte Dorness, C.M.T. Applicant**
Ms. Dorness 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 9:54 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Dorness. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Ms. Krohn 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 10:11 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: Ms. Quinby moved to issue an order to approve Charlotte Dorness' application for certification as a massage therapist in Virginia and issue an unrestricted certificate contingent upon verification of Ms. Dorness' 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. Dorness unless a written

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

Georgi Dimov, C.M.T. 0019-004854

Mr. Dimov 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 11:17 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Dimov. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Ms. Krohn 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.

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 regarding Georgi Dimov 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:

Jessica Topping, C.M.T. 0019-013164

Ms. Topping did not appear.

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 11:52 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Topping. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Ms. Krohn 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 12:05 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 offer Jessica Topping a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of her massage certificate 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. Topping and the Board.

Ms. Quinby left the meeting.

Lunch 12:10pm- 1:00pm

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Tangela Blanch, C.N.A. Reinstatement Applicant 1401-039075

Ms. Blanch 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 2:14 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Blanch. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Ms. Krohn 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 2:33 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 deny Tangela Blanch's application for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a certified nurse aide in Virginia.

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

Jessica Freland, L.P.N. Applicant

Ms. Freland 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 3:24 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Freland. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Ms. Krohn 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 4:11 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 Jessica Freland to submit to a mental health and substance abuse evaluation by a mental 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 for consideration of application. Jessica Freland shall thereafter comply with any recommendations of the specialist, including written quarterly reports, until discharged from therapy. Upon receipt of the evaluation, the Board may request Jessica Freland reappear at an informal conference in order to consider the specialist's recommendations and 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. Freland unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Freland 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 M. Gayden, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0002-070269

Ms. Gayden appeared, accompanied by her co-worker, Lydia Stokes.

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 5:01 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Gayden. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Ms. Krohn 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 5:22 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 deny Michelle Gayden's application for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a certified nurse aide in Virginia.

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

Ashley Calloway, R.M.A. Applicant
Ms. Calloway did not appear.

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 5:30 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Calloway. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Ms. Krohn 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 5:35 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 of reprimand to Ashley Calloway and approve her application to take the medication aide examination.

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. Calloway unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is

received from Ms. Calloway 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 5:40 P.M.

Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S.
Deputy Executive Director