

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARD OF NURSING AND MEDICINE
MINUTES
October 8, 2014

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine was convened at 10:55 A.M., in Conference Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA, Chairperson
Joyce A. Hahn, PhD, APRN, NEA-BC
Dr. Stuart Mackler, MD, FACS

STAFF PRESENT: Gloria D. Mitchell, RN, MSN, MBA, Deputy Executive Director
Tammie Jones, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Ella Prince-Hinton, RN, LNP, PA – 0001-112657; 0024-112657; 0017-001160
Ms. Prince-Hinton appeared, accompanied by her husband, Lorenzo Hinton. Ms. Prince-Hinton was not represented by counsel.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Mackler moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 12:16 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Prince-Hinton. Additionally, Dr. Mackler moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Jones 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 12:36 P.M.

Dr. Hahn moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine 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. Hahn moved to issue an Order of Reprimand to Ms. Prince-Hinton's license(s) to practice as a nurse practitioner with prescriptive authority, and require her completion of (2) NCSBN courses, Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care; Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses; within 60 days of entry of the Order.

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. Prince-Hinton unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Prince-Hinton within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, 3 additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

Dannee Brown, RN, LNP, – 0001-138104; 0024-138104

Ms. Brown appeared, represented by Peter Greenspun, Esquire, legal counsel.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Mackler moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:51 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Brown. Additionally, Dr. Mackler moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Jones 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 1:56 P.M.

Dr. Mackler moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine 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. Hahn moved to close the case against Ms. Brown's license(s) to practice as a registered nurse and nurse practitioner due to insufficient evidence of a violation of the Nurse Practice Act or Board of Nursing regulations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously

Cynthia McFarland, RN, LNP, PA – 0001-107161; 0024-164507; 0017-137245

Ms. McFarland did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Mackler moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine 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. McFarland. Additionally, Dr. Mackler moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Jones 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 2:25 P.M.

Dr. Mackler moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine 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. Hahn moved to offer a Consent Order to Ms. McFarland for the indefinite suspension of the right to renew her license(s) to practice as a registered nurse, and nurse practitioner with prescriptive authority. If the Consent Order is not returned to the Board within the specified time frame, the case will be referred to a formal hearing.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Rahsheda Baker, RN, LNP, PA – 202044 Multistate Privileges; 0024-169971; 0017-140530

Ms. Baker appeared and was not represented by counsel.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Mackler moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 3:45 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Baker. Additionally, Dr. Mackler moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Jones 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 3:56 P.M.

Dr. Mackler moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine 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. Hahn moved to refer the case to a formal hearing before a quorum of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

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