

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
August 15, 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:** Gloria Mitchell-Lively, RN, MSN, MBA
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Amy Weiss, Adjudication Specialist
Senior nursing students and faculty from Hampton University
- CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:** **Kim E. Ostman, RN 0001-129759**
Ms. Ostman appeared accompanied by her attorney, Rhiannon Jordan.
- 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 10:44 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Ostman. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Ms. Mitchell-Lively and Ms. Weiss 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 11:24 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 and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence of a violation.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Sonia Barnett-Ketter, RN 0001-254643

Ms. Barnett-Ketter appeared accompanied by her attorney Eileen Talamante.

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 1:08 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Barnett-Ketter. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Ms. Mitchell-Lively and Ms. Weiss 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 2:00 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 Sonia Barnett-Ketter on probation with terms for one (1) year employment as a registered 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. Barnett-Ketter unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Barnett-Ketter 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:

Heather Barenklau, RN 0001-185772

Ms. Barenklau 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 3:51 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Barenklau. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Ms. Mitchell-Lively and Ms. Weiss 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 4:23 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 Heather Barenklau a Consent Order to accept voluntary surrender for indefinite suspension of her license.
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. Barenklau and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

Linda Kleiner joined the meeting for presentation of cases at probable cause.

PRESENTED FOR CLOSURE/ADVICE:

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Hershkowitz 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 4:40 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation regarding case disposition. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Kleiner attend the closed meeting because her presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and her presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 5:05 P.M.

Ms. Hershkowitz 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.

Investigative reports concerning three (3) licensed practical nurses were reviewed.

ACTION: Ms. Hershkowitz moved to offer two (2) of the above individuals a prehearing consent order, in lieu of further administrative proceedings.

Ms. Hershkowitz moved that one (1) of the above individuals should be scheduled for an informal conference.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board re-adjourned at 5:15 P.M.



Gloria Mitchell-Lively, RN, MSN, MBA
Deputy Executive Director