

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
October 6, 2009**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on October 6, 2009 in Board Room 3, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Florence Jones-Clarke, R.N., M.S., Chairperson
Karen Schultz, M.B.A.; Ph.D, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Gloria D. Mitchell, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A., Deputy Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: LaRhonda Carter, Adjudication Specialist
Nursing students from Fortis College; and Virginia State University

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED: **Wynette Savannah, R.N. 0001-122555**
Ms. Savannah appeared, accompanied by attorney, Margaret Hardy.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Schultz 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 Ms. Savannah. Additionally, Dr. Schultz moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Carter 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 10:35 A.M.
Dr. Schultz 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: Dr. Schultz moved to offer Wynette Savannah a consent order for indefinite suspension of her professional nursing license until such time as she can provide evidence of completion of a Board approved registered nursing refresher course and a pharmacology course.
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. Savannah and the Board.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Victoria E. Mann, R.N. 0001-191990

Ms. Mann appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Schultz 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 11:15 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Mann. Additionally, Dr. Schultz moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Carter 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 11:35 A.M.

Dr. Schultz 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:

Dr. Schultz moved to offer Victoria Mann a consent order for indefinite suspension of her professional nursing license with said suspension stayed contingent upon verification of Ms. Mann's re-entry in 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. Mann and the Board.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Tamara Lofgren, R.N. 0001-112485

Ms. Lofgren appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Schultz 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 12:35 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Lofgren. Additionally, Dr. Schultz moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Carter 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 12:45 P.M.

Dr. Schultz 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:

Dr. Schultz moved to recommend the Board issue an order to continue Tamara Lofgren on indefinite probation for not less than two years of employment as a registered nurse and further, obtain a mental health evaluation by a Board approved mental health professional 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. Lofgren unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Lofgren 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:

Jennifer Pinnata, R.N. 0001-209453

Ms. Pinnata appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Schultz 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 2:30 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Pinnata. Additionally, Dr. Schultz moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Carter 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 2:50 P.M.

Dr. Schultz 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:

Dr. Schultz moved to offer Jennifer Pinnata a consent order for indefinite suspension of her professional nursing license until such time as she is able to appear before the Board and provide sufficient evidence that she is safe and competent to practice

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. Pinnata unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Pinnata 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: **Elizabeth Disbrow, R.N. 0001-170136**

Ms. Disbrow appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Schultz 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 3:30 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Disbrow. Additionally, Dr. Schultz moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Carter 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 3:38 P.M.

Dr. Schultz 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: Dr. Schultz moved to close the case 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: **Shannon Dooley, L.P.N. 0002-074056**

Ms. Dooley appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Schultz 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 5:05 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Dooley. Additionally, Dr. Schultz moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Carter 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 5:25 P.M.

Dr. Schultz 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: Dr. Schultz moved to offer Shannon Dooley a consent order for revocation of her license 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. Dooley and the Board.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Tiffany Dooley-Furrow, L.P.N. 0002-066198
Ms. Dooley-Furrow appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Schultz 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 5:42 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Dooley-Furrow. Additionally, Dr. Schultz moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Carter 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 5:50 P.M.

Dr. Schultz 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:

Dr. Schultz moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Tiffany Dooley-Furrow. 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. Dooley-Furrow unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Dooley-Furrow 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:

Megan Roach, L.P.N. 0002-073839
Ms. Roach appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Schultz 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 6:25 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Roach. Additionally, Dr. Schultz moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Carter 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 6:40 P.M.

Dr. Schultz 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:

Dr. Schultz moved to offer Megan Roach a consent order for indefinite suspension of her practical nursing license for not less than one year 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. Roach and the Board.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Melissa Bates, L.P.N. 0002-073398

Ms. Bates appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Schultz 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 6:55 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Bates. Additionally, Dr. Schultz moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Carter 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 7:10 P.M.

Dr. Schultz 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:

Dr. Schultz moved to offer Melissa Bates a consent order for indefinite suspension of her practical nursing license for not less than one year 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. Bates and the Board.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Bonnie Adams, C.N.A. 1401-001772; L.P.N. 0002-075865

Ms. Adams appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Schultz 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 7:20 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Adams. Additionally, Dr. Schultz moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Carter 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.

Dr. Schultz 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:

Dr. Schultz moved to close the case and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary action by the Board of Nursing.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Gloria D. Mitchell, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A.
Deputy Executive Director