

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
December 7, 2011**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on December 7, 2011 in Training Room 1, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce A Hahn, PhD, APRN, NEA-BC; Chairperson
William Traynham, LPN

STAFF PRESENT: Gloria D. Mitchell, RN, MSN, MBA, Deputy Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Olivia Exterovich, Adjudication Specialist

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:** **LaToya Wilson, LPN 0002-073885**
Ms. Wilson appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Traynham 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 9:30 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Wilson. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Exterovich 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 9:53 A.M.

Mr. Traynham 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. Traynham moved to issue an order of reprimand to LaToya Wilson and to place Ms. Wilson on probation for two years of employment as a practical nurse. Further issue an order for Ms. Wilson to complete two National Council of State Boards of Nursing online courses: “Ethics of Nursing Practice” and “Professional Accountability and 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. Wilson unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Wilson 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:

Sharon Cooper-Elam, RN 0001-086194

Ms. Cooper-Elam appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Traynham 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 10:25 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Cooper-Elam. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Exterovich 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.

Mr. Traynham 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. Traynham moved to close the case and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence of a violation of the Nurse Practice Act or Board of Nursing Regulations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Aisha King, LPN 0002-075231

Ms. King appeared, accompanied by attorney, Abu Kalokoh.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Traynham 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 11:18 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. King. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Exterovich 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.

Mr. Traynham 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. Traynham moved to refer the case of Aisha King to the Board of Nursing or a panel thereof for a formal hearing. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED: **LeAnn Beverly, RN 0001-214900**
Ms. Beverly appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Traynham 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 12:47 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Beverly. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Exterovich 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 1:08 P.M.

Mr. Traynham 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. Traynham moved to issue an order of reprimand to LeAnn Beverly and to offer Ms. Beverly a consent order for indefinite suspension of her license, with said suspension stayed contingent upon verification of Ms. Beverly's entry into and successful completion of a registered nurse refresher course that includes classroom and clinical within 6 months of entry of the order. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED: **Katherine Vipperman, RN 0001-174123**
Ms. Vipperman did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Traynham 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 1:50 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Vipperman. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Exterovich 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 1:55 P.M.

Mr. Traynham 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. Traynham moved to issue an order of reprimand to Katherine Vipperman and to offer Ms. Vipperman a consent order for indefinite suspension of her license. 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. Vipperman unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Vipperman 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:**

Kerry Passarelli, RN 0001-174525
Ms. Passarelli did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Traynham 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 2:00 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Passarelli. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Exterovich 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 2:05 P.M.

Mr. Traynham 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. Traynham moved to issue a consent order to Kerry Passarelli to accept the voluntary surrender for indefinite suspension of her registered nurse 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. Passarelli and the Board.

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:**

Pattice Jones, LPN 0002-057296
Ms. Jones appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Traynham 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 3:00 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Jones. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Exterovich 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 3:05P.M.

Mr. Traynham 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. Traynham moved to issue an order of reprimand to Pattice Jones. 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. Jones unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Jones 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 3:10 P.M.

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