VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING AGENCY SUBORDINATE INFORMAL CONFERENCE March 27, 2024

TIME AND PLACE: The informal conference held before an Agency Subordinate of the Board of

Nursing was convened at 9:03 A.M., on March 27, 2024, in Hearing Room 5, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico,

Virginia.

AGENCY

SUBORDINATE: Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA

STAFF PRESENT: Charlette Ridout, RN, MS, CNE

OTHERS PRESENT: Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist

Christine Andreoli, Adjudication Specialist

Avi Efreom, Adjudication Specialist

Nicholas Balland Eileen Talamante Barbara Queen

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED:

Precious Knight, RN 0001-286067

Ms. Knight appeared, accompanied by her attorney, Nicholas Balland.

Ms. Knight was informed a recommended decision will be made and mailed to her within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the Full Board; if accepted, 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. Knight unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Knight 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.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED:

Mercy Sawyerr, CNA 1401-126293, RMA 0031-013397

Ms. Sawyerr appeared.

Ms. Sawyerr was informed a recommended decision will be made and mailed to her within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the Full Board; if accepted, 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. Sawyerr unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Sawyerr within such time. If service of the order is made by mail,

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULED:

Makeasha Lasha Johnson, RMA Applicant

Ms. Johnson did not appear.

Based upon information provided by Ms. Foley, Ms. Hershkowitz ruled that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Johnson.

A recommended decision will be mailed to Ms. Johnson within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the Full Board; if accepted, 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. Johnson unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Johnson 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.

The Agency Subordinate Informal Conference recessed at 12:30 P.M.

The Agency Subordinate Informal Conference reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED:

Kecia Lynn Davis-Addo, RN 0001-208350

Ms. Davis-Addo appeared, accompanied by her attorney, Eileen Talamante.

Ms. Davis-Addo was informed the case was dismissed due to insufficient evidence of a violation.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED:

Shondel O. Samuels, CNA 1401-150249

Ms. Samuels appeared, accompanied by her attorney, Barbara Queen.

Ms. Samuels was informed a recommended decision will be made and mailed to her within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the Full Board; if accepted, 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. Samuels unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Samuels 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.

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULED:

LaTarsha Brown, RN 0001-291920

Ms. Brown appeared, accompanied by her attorney, Barbara Queen.

Ms. Brown was informed a recommended decision will be made and mailed to her within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the Full Board; if accepted, 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. Brown unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Brown 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 conference was concluded at 5:45 p.m.

Charlette Ridout RN, MS, CNE

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