

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARD OF NURSING AND MEDICINE  
BOARD OF NURSING  
MINUTES  
December 10, 2014

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine and the Board of Nursing was convened at 11:26 A.M., in Board Room 1, Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

PRESIDING: Wayne Reynolds, DO; Joint Board Member, Board of Medicine

COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wayne Reynolds, DO; Joint Board Member, Board of Medicine  
Marie Gerardo, MS, RN, ANP-BC; Joint Board Member, Board of Nursing  
David Giammittorio, MD; Joint Board Member, Board of Medicine  
Jane Ingalls, PhD, RN; Joint Board Member, Board of Nursing  
Trula Minton, MS, RN; Board of Nursing  
Jennifer Phelps, LPN, QMHP; Board of Nursing  
William Traynham, LPN, CSAC; Board of Nursing

STAFF PRESENT: Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE; Executive Director, Board of Nursing  
Jodi P. Power, RN, JD; Deputy Executive Director, Board of Nursing (joined later)  
Amy Davis, Executive Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Erin Barrett, Assistant Attorney General

FORMAL HEARING: **Rahsheda Baker, RN Multistate Privilege; LNP 0024-169971; Authorization to Prescribe 0017-140530**

Ms. Baker appeared, represented by attorney, Bryan Block. Dr. Reynolds noted the hearing was scheduled for 10:30 A.M. however Ms. Baker did not arrive until 11:26 A.M.

Tammie Jones, Adjudication Specialist, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Barrett was legal counsel for the Board. Medford Howard, court reporter from Crane Snead and Associates, recorded the proceedings.

Ms. Power joined the meeting.

Marie Molnar, Team Leader, Licensing Section of the Board of Nursing was present and testified. Richard Hill, MD and Lt. Anthony Cruz, MD testified by telephone.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Minton moved that the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine and the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(15) of the *Code of Virginia* at 12:13 P.M. for the purpose of consideration and discussion of medical records of Ms. Baker that are excluded from the Freedom of Information Act by Virginia Code Section 1 of 2.2-3705.5. Additionally, Ms. Minton moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Power, Ms. Davis, Ms. Barrett, Ms. Jones, Ms. Baker, Mr. Block and Mr. Howard attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 12:25 P.M.

Ms. Minton moved that the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine and 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.

RECESS: The Committee recessed at 12:26 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened at 1:08 P.M.

Ms. Douglas left the meeting to attend another meeting.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Minton moved that the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine and the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:53 P.M. for the purpose to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Baker. Additionally, Ms. Minton moved that Ms. Power, Ms. Davis and Ms. Barrett 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 3:59 P.M.

Ms. Minton moved that 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.

Mr. Traynham moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Ms. Jones and amended by the Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Phelps moved that the Board of Nursing indefinitely suspend the RN multistate privilege to practice in Virginia of Rahsheda Baker, with said suspension stayed contingent upon her entry into the Virginia Health Practitioners Monitoring Program or a similar program in her primary state of residence and thereafter remaining in compliance with the program. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Dr. Ingalls moved that the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Ms. Jones and amended by the Committee. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Gerardo moved that the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine issue an order of reprimand to Rahsheda Baker and indefinitely suspend her license to practice as a nurse practitioner and prescriptive authority, with said suspension stayed contingent upon her entry into the Virginia Health Practitioners Monitoring Program or a similar program in her primary state of residence and thereafter remaining in compliance with the program. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 P.M.

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Jodi P. Power, RN, JD  
Deputy Executive Director

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARD OF NURSING AND MEDICINE  
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TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine was convened at 10:45 A.M., in Hearing Room 1, 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, FNAP  
Dr. Stuart Mackler, MD, FACS

STAFF PRESENT: Gloria D. Mitchell, RN, MSN, MBA, Deputy Executive Director  
Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division

CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:

**Megan Pedersen, RN, LNP, PA – 17579A Multistate Privilege; 0024-170259; 0017-140655**

Ms. Pedersen did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Hahn 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 10:48 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Pedersen. Additionally, Dr. Hahn moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Joseph 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 11:01 A.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. Mackler moved to offer Consent Order(s) to Ms. Pedersen for the indefinite suspension of her license(s) to practice as a nurse practitioner with prescriptive authority and Dr. Hahn moved for the indefinite suspension of her privilege to practice as a registered nurse, until such time as she can appear before the Board and prove she is safe and competent to practice. If the Consent Order(s) are 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.

The Order(s) will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become Final Order(s) thirty days after service of such order(s) on Ms. Pedersen unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Pedersen within such time. If service of the order(s) is made by mail, 3 additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order(s) shall be vacated.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

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