

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
INFORMAL CONFERENCES
August 1, 2016**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:10 A.M., on August 1, 2016 in Board Room 3, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trula Minton, M.S., R.N.- Chairperson
Jennifer Phelps, L.P.N. III/Q.M.H.P.A.

STAFF PRESENT: Gloria Mitchell-Lively, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A., Deputy Executive Director (joined at 9:20)
Jodi Power, R.N., J.D., Deputy Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Carla Boyd, Adjudication Specialist

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED: **Gary Leaby, R.N. 0001-238086**
Mr. Leaby appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Phelps 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 9:40 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Leaby. Additionally, Ms. Phelps moved that Ms. Mitchell-Lively, Ms. Power and Ms. Boyd 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 10:10 A.M.

Ms. Phelps 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: Ms. Phelps moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Mr. Leaby, and require Mr. Leaby to provide proof of completion of the following two NCSBN courses within 60 days of entry of Order: *Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses* and *Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing*. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order 30 days after service of such Order on Mr. Leaby, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Leaby 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.

Ms. Power left the meeting.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Krystina A. Loprete, R.N. 0001-254481
Ms. Loprete appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Phelps 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 11:40 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Loprete. Additionally, Ms. Phelps moved that Ms. Mitchell-Lively and Ms. Boyd 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 12:18 P.M.

Ms. Phelps 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:

Ms. Phelps moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Ms. Loprete, and require Ms. Loprete to provide proof of completion of the following two NCSBN courses within 90 days of entry of Order: *Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses* and *Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care*. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order 30 days after service of such Order on Ms. Loprete, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Loprete 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:

Melanie Sepmoree, R.N. 0001-230118
Ms. Sepmoree appeared, accompanied by her husband, Jim Sepmoree.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Phelps 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 1:25 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Sepmoree. Additionally, Ms. Phelps moved that Ms. Mitchell-Lively and Ms. Boyd 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 1:43 P.M.

Ms. Phelps 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: Ms. Phelps moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Ms. Sepmoree, and require Ms. Sepmoree to provide proof of completion of the following two NCSBN courses within 90 days of entry of Order: *Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing* and *Respecting Professional Boundaries*. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order 30 days after service of such Order on Ms. Sepmoree, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Sepmoree 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: **Linda Sprouse, L.P.N. 0002-022310**
Ms. Sprouse did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Phelps 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 2:35 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Sprouse. Additionally, Ms. Phelps moved that Ms. Mitchell-Lively and Ms. Boyd 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 3:22 P.M.

Ms. Phelps 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:

Ms. Phelps moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Ms. Sprouse, and require Ms. Sprouse to provide proof of completion of the following two NCSBN courses within 60 days of entry of Order: *Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses* and *Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills for Competent Nursing Practice*. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order 30 days after service of such Order on Ms. Sprouse, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Sprouse 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:

Shakeyia Lyle, L.P.N. 0002-082524

Ms. Lyle did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Phelps 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 3:28 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Lyle. Additionally, Ms. Phelps moved that Ms. Mitchell-Lively and Ms. Boyd 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 3:37 P.M.

Ms. Phelps 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:

Ms. Phelps moved to offer Ms. Lyle a Consent Order for indefinite suspension 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. Lyle and the Board.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Ashley Bowers, L.P.N. 0002-074234

Ms. Bowers did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Phelps 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 3:48 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Bowers. Additionally, Ms. Phelps moved that Mitchell-Lively and Ms. Boyd 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 4:03 P.M.

Ms. Phelps 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:

Ms. Phelps moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Ms. Bowers, and require Ms. Bowers to provide proof of completion of the following two NCSBN courses within 60 days of entry of Order: *Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses* and *Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing Practice*. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order 30 days after service of such Order on Ms. Bowers, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Bowers 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 4:15 P.M.



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