

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
February 21, 2017**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on February 21, 2017 in Board Room 3, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Traynham, LPN, Chairperson
Trula Minton, MS, RN

STAFF PRESENT: Brenda Krohn, RN, MS, Deputy Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Tammie Jones, Adjudication Specialist

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:** **Sharon Gagnon, RN Applicant**
Ms. Gagnon appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Minton 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 9:27 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Gagnon. Additionally, Ms. Minton moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Jones 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 9:47 A.M.

Ms. Minton 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. Minton moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Sharon Gagnon and require she provide proof of completion of the following courses within 90 days of entry of Order: *“Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know”* and *“Understanding Substance Use Disorder”*. Ms. Gagnon’s application was approved for licensure as a registered nurse by endorsement and she is placed on probation with terms for 12 months employment as a registered nurse.
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. Gagnon unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Gagnon 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:

Eumika Minggia-Riddell, RMA 0031-007502, Ms. Minggia

Ms. Minggia-Riddell appeared accompanied by her mother.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Minton 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 11:03 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Minggia-Riddell. Additionally, Ms. Minton moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Jones 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 11:22 A.M.

Ms. Minton 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. Minton moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Eumika Minggia-Riddell. 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. Minggia-Riddell unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Minggia-Riddell 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:

Kelly Durham, RMA 0031-009130

Ms. Durham appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Minton 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 11:43 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Durham. Additionally, Ms. Minton moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Jones 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 11:50 A.M.

Ms. Minton 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. Minton moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Kelly Durham.
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. Durham unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Durham 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.

RECESS: The committee recessed at 11:55 A.M.

RECONVENTION: The committee reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED: **Cynthia Brown, RN 0001-197236**
Ms. Brown appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Minton 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 1:38 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Brown. Additionally, Ms. Minton moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Jones 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 1:44 P.M.

Ms. Minton 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. Minton moved to issue an Order to close the case against Cynthia Brown and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence of a violation.
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. 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.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Jeffrey Robertson, RN 0001-260363
Mr. Robertson appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Minton 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 2:24 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Robertson. Additionally, Ms. Minton moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Jones 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 2:36 P.M.

Ms. Minton 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. Minton moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Jeffrey Robertson and require he provide proof of completion of the following courses within 90 days of entry of order: "*Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses*", "*Medication Errors: Causes & Prevention*" and "*Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know*".

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 Mr. Robertson unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Robertson 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:

Samantha Schwartz, LPN 0002-087306
Ms. Schwartz appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Minton 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 3:44 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Schwartz. Additionally, Ms. Minton moved that Ms. Krohn

and Ms. Jones 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 4:45 P.M.

Ms. Minton 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. Minton moved to offer Samantha Schwartz a Consent Order for the indefinite suspension of his license for not less than one (1) 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. Schwartz and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 4:50 P.M.



Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S.
Deputy Executive Director