

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
April 4, 2017**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:05 A.M., on April 4, 2017 in Training Room 2, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Traynham, LPN, CSAC, Chairperson
Rebecca Poston, PhD, RN, CPNP

STAFF PRESENT: Jodi Power, RN, JD, Deputy Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, APD

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:** **Jeanette C. Williams, RN 0001-268467**
Ms. Williams appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Poston 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 9:50 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Williams. Additionally, Dr. Poston moved that Ms. Power 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 10:10 A.M.

Dr. Poston 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: Dr. Poston moved to issue an Order imposing a Monetary Penalty of \$300.00 to be paid by Jeanette C. Williams within 90 days of entry of the Order and require she provide proof of completion of the following courses within 90 days of entry of the Order: "*Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses*" and "*Nurse Practice Act for Virginia*".
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. Williams unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Williams 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:

Michele P. Turner, RN 0001-168712

Ms. Turner appeared accompanied by Rose White, RN, a friend and past coworker.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Poston 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 11:00 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Turner. Additionally, Dr. Poston moved that Ms. Power 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 11:05 A.M.

Dr. Poston 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:

Dr. Poston moved to issue an Order to Dismiss the case against Michele P. Turner and Impose No Sanction due to insufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary action.

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. Turner unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Turner 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:

Thelma Ashley-Lomley, RN 0001-172276

Ms. Ashley-Lomley appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Poston 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 11:55 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Ashley-Lomley. Additionally, Dr. Poston moved that

Ms. Power 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 12:10 P.M.

Dr. Poston 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:

Dr. Poston moved to issue an Order to require Thelma Ashley-Lomley to provide proof of completion of the following courses within 90 days of entry of Order: *"Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care"*, *"Medication Errors: Causes & Prevention"* 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 thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Ashley-Lomley unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Ashley-Lomley 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:**

Melissa Everett, RN 0001-186521

Ms. Everett appeared.

Others present: Tonya James, Compliance Case Manager for the Board of Nursing.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Poston 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 1:07 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Everett. Additionally, Dr. Poston moved that Ms. Power 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 1:22 P.M.

Dr. Poston 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: Dr. Poston moved to issue an Order of Reprimand to Melissa Everett and to continue Ms. Everett on Probation with terms as contained in the February 17, 2016 Board Order, but extend her probation for a total of 2 years 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. Everett unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Everett 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 1:30 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The committee reconvened at 2:00 P.M.

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:** **Kristin Tharpe, RN 0001-197232**
Ms. Tharpe appeared accompanied by her attorney, Margaret Hardy, and her husband, Kenny Tharpe.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Poston 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 3:15 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Tharpe. Additionally, Dr. Poston moved that Ms. Power 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 3:32 P.M.

Dr. Poston 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: Dr. Poston moved to refer the matter regarding Kristin Tharpe to a Formal Hearing of the Board of Nursing or a panel thereof.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:** **Effie Stovall, LPN 0002-066211**
Ms. Stovall appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Poston 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 4:05 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision

in the matter of Ms. Stovall. Additionally, Dr. Poston moved that Ms. Power 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 4:10 P.M.

Dr. Poston 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:

Dr. Poston moved to issue an Order to Dismiss the case against Effie Stovall and Impose No Sanction due to insufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary action.

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. Stovall unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Stovall 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:

Barbara Starnes, RN, Texas License No. RN 804561 with multistate privilege
Ms. Starnes did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Poston 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 4:15 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Starnes. Additionally, Dr. Poston moved that Ms. Power 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 4:24 P.M.

Dr. Poston 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:

Dr. Poston moved to offer Barbara Starnes a Consent Order for the Indefinite Suspension of her multistate privilege to practice professional nursing in Virginia 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. Starnes and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 4:25 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jodi Power", written over a horizontal line.

Jodi Power, RN, JD
Deputy Executive Director