

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
INFORMAL CONFERENCES
April 5, 2018**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on April 5, 2018 in Board Room 4, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marie Gerardo, M.S., R.N., A.N.P.-B.C.- Chairperson
Louise Hershkowitz, C.R.N.A., M.S.H.A.

STAFF PRESENT: Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S., Deputy Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, Adjudications Proceedings Division

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED: **Carole D. Pearson, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0002-067894**
Ms. Pearson appeared, accompanied by her four children.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:34 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Pearson. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Krohn 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 9:49 A.M.

Ms. Hershkowitz 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. Hershkowitz moved to issue an Order to deny Carole Pearson's application for reinstatement for licensure as a licensed practical 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. Pearson, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Pearson 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:

Michael Steven Clarke, C.N.A. Reinstatement Applicant 1401-040816
Mr. Clarke appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:23 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Clarke. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Krohn 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 10:33 A.M.

Ms. Hershkowitz 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. Hershkowitz moved to issue an Order to deny Michael Clarke's application for reinstatement for certification as a nurse aide. 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. Clarke, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Clarke 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:

Myra Jo Easter, R.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0001-159451
Ms. Easter appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:29 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Easter. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Krohn 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 11:47 A.M.

Ms. Hershkowitz 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. Hershkowitz moved to approve Myra Jo Easter's application for reinstatement for licensure as a registered nurse and to offer a Consent Order for the indefinite suspension of her license with said suspension stayed contingent upon verification of Ms. Easter's entry into the Health Practitioners Monitoring Program ("HPMP") and thereafter remaining in compliance with the terms of the monitoring contract with the HPMP. 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. Easter and the Board.

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:**

Amanda Renee Johnson, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0002-074213
Ms. Johnson appeared, accompanied by her husband, Donald Johnson; her sponsor, Faye; and her mother, Katrina Barneycastle.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 12:44 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Johnson. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Krohn 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 12:57 P.M.

Ms. Hershkowitz 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. Hershkowitz moved to issue an Order to deny Amanda Renne Johnson's application for reinstatement for licensure as a licensed practical nurse. 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. 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.

RECESS: The committee recessed at 1:00 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The committee reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED: **Elizabeth McKenna, R.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0001-149448**
Ms. McKenna appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:50 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. McKenna. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Krohn 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 2:08 P.M.

Ms. Hershkowitz 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. Hershkowitz moved to issue an Order to approve Elizabeth McKenna's application for reinstatement for licensure as a registered nurse and to place Ms. McKenna on probation with terms for one year 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 30 days after service of such Order on Ms. McKenna, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. McKenna 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: **Regina Kay Sparks, R.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0001-168075**
Ms. Sparks appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:41 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the

matter of Ms. Sparks. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Krohn 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 2:50 P.M.

Ms. Hershkowitz 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. Hershkowitz moved to issue an Order to approve Regina Kay Sparks' application for reinstatement for licensure as a registered nurse contingent upon successful completion of a Board approved refresher course prior to 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. Sparks, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Sparks 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:

Cecily Abrile Sandridge, C.N.A. Applicant by Examination
Ms. Sandridge did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 3:00 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Sandridge. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Krohn 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 3:05 P.M.

Ms. Hershkowitz 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. Hershkowitz moved to issue an Order of issue a reprimand and approve Cecily Abrile Sandridge's application to take the nurse aide examination for certification as a nurse aide and issue an unrestricted certificate after successful completion of the exam. 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. Sandridge, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Sandridge 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:

Thomas Jay Gregg, L.P.N. Applicant by Endorsement
Mr. Gregg did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 3:06 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Gregg. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Krohn 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 3:12 P.M.

Ms. Hershkowitz 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. Hershkowitz moved to issue an Order of reprimand and approve Thomas Jay Gregg's application for licensure as a practical nurse by endorsement. 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. Gregg, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Gregg 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:

Tawana Shelton, C.N.A. Applicant by Examination
Ms. Shelton did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 3:12 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Shelton. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Krohn 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 3:20 P.M.

Ms. Hershkowitz 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. Hershkowitz moved to issue an Order of issue a reprimand and approve Tawana Shelton's application to take the nurse aide examination for certification as a nurse aide and issue an unrestricted certificate after successful completion of the exam. 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. Shelton, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Shelton 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 3:20 P.M.



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