

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
August 6, 2018**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on August 6, 2018 in Board Room 3, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA, Chairperson
Grace Thapa, DNP, FNP-BC, AE-C

STAFF PRESENT: Jane Elliott, PhD, RN, Discipline Staff

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Woodcock, Adjudication Specialist

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:** **Holly Tate-Isome, LPN 0002-084481**
Ms. Tate-Isome appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Thapa 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 9:54 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Tate-Isome. Additionally, Dr. Thapa moved that Dr. Elliott and Ms. Woodcock 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 10:12 A.M.

Dr. Thapa 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. Thapa moved to issue an Order to Dismiss the case against Holly Tate-Isome 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. Tate-Isome unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Tate-Isome 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:

Porche Silver, LPN 0002-084696
Ms. Silver appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Thapa 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 10:54 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Silver. Additionally, Dr. Thapa moved that Dr. Elliott and Ms. Woodcock 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 11:21 A.M.

Dr. Thapa 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. Thapa moved to issue an Order of Reprimand to Porche Silver and require she provide proof of completion of the following courses within 90 days of entry of Order: *"Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses"*, *"Ethics of Nursing Practice"* 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 thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Silver unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Silver 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:

Tammi Baldwin, LPN 0002-089472
Ms. Baldwin appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Thapa 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 2:10 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Baldwin. Additionally, Dr. Thapa moved that Dr. Elliott and Ms. Woodcock 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 2:23 P.M.

Dr. Thapa 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. Thapa moved to issue an Order of Reprimand to Tammi Baldwin and require she provide proof of completion of the following courses within 90 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 thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Baldwin unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Baldwin 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:

Arlene Dickson, LPN 0002-088826

Ms. Dickson appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Thapa 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 3:37 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Tate-Isome. Additionally, Dr. Thapa moved that Dr. Elliott and Ms. Woodcock 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 3:50 P.M.

Dr. Thapa 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. Thapa moved to issue an Order to Dismiss the case against Arlene Dickson 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. Dickson unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Dickson 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 4:00 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Elliott", is written over a horizontal line.

Jane Elliott, PhD, RN
Discipline Staff