

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
December 3, 2018**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:20 A.M., on December 3, 2018 in Board Room 3, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Trula Minton, RN, MS, Chairperson  
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP, Deputy Executive Director  
Charlette N. Ridout, RN, MS, CNE, Deputy Executive Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Cynthia Gaines, Adjudication Specialist  
Renee White, Enforcement

**CONFERENCES**

**SCHEDULED:** **Kristine Spellman-Robertson, CNA 1401-148508**  
Ms. Spellman-Robertson appeared, accompanied by Michelle Robertson and Holly Baker.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. Friedenberg 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. Spellman-Robertson. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Ridout, Ms. White and Ms. Gaines 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 9:58 A.M.

Ms. Friedenberg 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. Friedenberg moved to issue an Order to Dismiss the case against Kristine Spellman-Robertson 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. Spellman-Robertson unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Spellman-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:**

**Tishone Williams, CNA 1401-158065**  
Ms. Williams appeared.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Ms. Friedenbergr 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 10:51 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Williams. Additionally, Ms. Friedenbergr moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Ridout and Ms. Gaines 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 11:09 A.M.

Ms. Friedenbergr 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. Friedenbergr moved to issue an Order of Reprimand to Tishone Williams.  
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:**

**Vernon Divers, CNA 1401-158552**  
Mr. Divers appeared.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Ms. Friedenbergr 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 11:45 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Divers. Additionally, Ms. Friedenbergr moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Ridout and Ms. Gaines 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 12:01 P.M.

Ms. Friedenberg 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. Friedenberg moved to issue an Order to require Vernon Divers to submit to a chemical dependency evaluation by a chemical dependency specialist satisfactory to the Board and have a written report of the evaluation, including a diagnosis, recommended course of therapy, and prognosis sent to the Board within 90 days from the date the Order is entered. Upon receipt of the evaluation, the Board may request Mr. Divers reappear at an informal conference in order to consider the specialists' recommendations and make a final disposition in the matter.

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

**Desiree Lewis, LPN 0002-087689**

Ms. Lewis did not appear, her attorney Nathan Mortier appeared on her behalf.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Ms. Friedenberg 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 12:34 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Lewis. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Ridout and Ms. Gaines 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 12:45 P.M.

Ms. Friedenberg 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. Friedenberg moved to refer the matter regarding Desiree Lewis to a Formal Hearing of the Board of Nursing or a panel thereof.  
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Renee White left the meeting.

RECESS: The committee recessed at 12:50 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The committee reconvened at 1:10 P.M.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED: **Amethyst Midgett, CNA 1401-166182**  
Ms. Midgett appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Friedenberg 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 1:34 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Midgett. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Ridout and Ms. Gaines 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 1:41 P.M.  
Lana Jagadish joined the meeting.

Ms. Friedenberg 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. Friedenberg moved to issue an Order to Dismiss the case against Amethyst Midgett and Impose No Sanction due to insufficient evidence of a violation.

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. Midgett unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Midgett 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: **Jennifer Brown, LPN 0002-074757**  
Ms. Brown appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Friedenberg 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 2:01 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Brown. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Ridout and Ms. Gaines 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 2:13 P.M.

Ms. Friedenberg 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. Friedenberg moved to issue an Order of Reprimand to Jennifer Brown.  
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.

Lana Jagadish left the meeting.

**CONFERENCES**

**SCHEDULED:**

**Asha Hite, LPN 0002-078666**

Ms. Hite appeared.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Ms. Friedenberg 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 2:55 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Hite. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Ridout and Ms. Gaines 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. Friedenberg 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. Friedenberg moved to offer Asha Hite a Consent Order for the indefinite suspension of her license for not less than two (2) years, in lieu of formal hearing and until such time as she appears before the Board to demonstrate that she is safe and competent to return to the practice of practical nursing.

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. Hite and the Board.

**CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:**

**Latonia Brown, RMA 0031-010842**  
Ms. Brown did not appear.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Ms. Friedenberg 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 3:38 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Brown. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Ridout and Ms. Gaines 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 3:55 P.M.

Ms. Friedenberg 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. Friedenberg moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Latonia Brown and a monetary penalty of \$150.00 to be paid within 90 days of entry of the order.  
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:**

**Jessica Brothers, LPN 0002-010887**  
Ms. Brothers did not appear.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Ms. Friedenberg 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 3:55 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Brothers. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Ridout and Ms. Gaines 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 4:00 P.M.

Ms. Friedenberg 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. Friedenberg moved to issue an Order to Dismiss the case against Jessica Brothers and Impose No Sanction due to insufficient evidence of a violation.

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. Brothers unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Brothers 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 4:03 P.M.

  
Charlette N. Ridout, RN, MS, CNE  
Deputy Executive Director