

VIRGINIA COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 10, 2018

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine was convened at 1:13 P.M., in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA, Chairperson
Dr. Joyce Hahn, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP
Dr. Kenneth Walker, MD

STAFF PRESENT: Robin Hills, DNP, WHNP, Deputy Director, Board of Nursing
David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Heather Duty, LNP Reinstatement Applicant

Ms. Duty appeared, accompanied by Elizabeth Heddleston, Esquire, legal counsel, and Heman Marshall, Esquire, legal counsel.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Hahn moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:00 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Duty. Additionally, Dr. Hahn moved that Dr. Hills and Mr. Kazzie 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 2:15 P.M.

Dr. Hahn moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine certifies 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.

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ACTION: Dr. Walker moved to issue an Order to reinstate the licenses of Ms. Duty to practice as a nurse practitioner, with prescriptive authority, in the Commonwealth of 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. Duty unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Duty within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, 3 additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP
Deputy Executive Director