

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
October 23, 2012**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on October 23, 2012 in Board Room 1, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trula Minton, M.S., R.N., Chairperson
Louise Hartz, Citizen Member
Joan Cordle, R.N., C.M.T.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: James E. Rutkowski, Adjudication Specialist

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED: **Janice A. Wheeler, R.M.A. Applicant**
Ms. Wheeler appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Hartz 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 9:11 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Wheeler. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Krohn and Mr. Rutkowski 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 9:17 A.M.

Ms. Hartz 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. Hartz moved to recommend the Board issue an order of reprimand to Janice Wheeler and approved her application to take the registered medication aide examination.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, 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. Wheeler unless a written request to

the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Wheeler 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:

John Vanover, R.N. Applicant

Mr. Vanover appeared accompanied by his attorneys Kathryn Freeman-Jones and Michael Goodman.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hartz 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 9:32 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Vanover. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Krohn and Mr. Rutkowski 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 9:36 A.M.

Ms. Hartz 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. Hartz moved to issue an order to approve John Vanover's application to take the registered nurse examination.

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

Ms. Cordle joined the meeting.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Erica Steele, C.M.T. 0019-005013

Ms. Steele did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hartz 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 9:40 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Steele. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Krohn and Mr.

Rutkowski 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. Hartz 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. Hartz moved to offer Erica Steele a consent order for indefinite suspension of her certificate as a massage therapist.

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. Steele and the Board.

Ms. Cordle left the meeting.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Dominique Brooks, R.N. Applicant
Ms. Brooks appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Hartz 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 10:56 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Brooks. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Krohn and Mr. Rutkowski 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 11:01 A.M.

Ms. Hartz 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. Hartz moved to issue an order to approve Dominique Brooks' application for licensure as a registered nurse in 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. Brooks unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Brooks 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:

Tanisha Pryor, C.N.A. 1401-110562, R.N. Applicant

Ms. Pryor appeared accompanied by a friend, Chris Graham and her mother, Dawn Pryor.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hartz 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 11:22 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Pryor. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Krohn and Mr. Rutkowski 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 11:29 A.M.

Ms. Hartz 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. Hartz moved to recommend the Board issue an order of reprimand to Tanisha Pryor and approved her application to take the registered nurse examination.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, 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. Pryor unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Pryor 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:

Tonia Dawson, R.M.A. Applicant

Ms. Dawson appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hartz 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 1:23 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Dawson. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Krohn and Mr. Rutkowski 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 1:29 P.M.

Ms. Hartz 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. Hartz moved to recommend the Board issue an order to deny Tonia Dawson's application to take the registered medication aide examination.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, 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. Dawson unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Dawson 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:

Leslie Trahe, R.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0001-174777

Ms. Trahe appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hartz 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 2:06 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Trahe. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Krohn and Mr. Rutkowski 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 2:30 P.M.

Ms. Hartz 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. Hartz moved to issue an order to reinstate the license of Leslie Trahe to practice as a registered nurse and place her on indefinite probation for a period of not less than (1) 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. Trahe unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Trahe 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:

Amber K. Powers, C.N.A. Applicant
Ms. Powers appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Hartz 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 2:41 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Powers. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Krohn and Mr. Rutkowski 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. Hartz 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. Hartz moved to recommend the Board issue an order of reprimand to Amber Powers and approved her application to take the certified nurse aide examination and issue her an unrestricted certificate.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, 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. Powers unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Powers 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:

Rhonda P. Foreman, L.P.N. 0002-082145
Ms. Foreman appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hartz 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 3:09 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Foreman. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Krohn and Mr. Rutkowski 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 3:16 P.M.

Ms. Hartz 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. Hartz moved to close the case regarding Rhonda Foreman and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary action by the Board of Nursing.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Yvonne A. Brown, C.N.A. Applicant
Ms. Brown appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hartz 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 3:39 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Powers. Additionally, Ms. Hartz moved that Ms. Krohn and Mr. Rutkowski 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 3:49 P.M.

Ms. Hartz 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. Hartz moved to recommend the Board issue an order of reprimand to Yvonne Brown and approve her application for certification as a nurse aide in Virginia.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, 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.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

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