

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
April 20, 2010**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on April 20, 2010 in Board Room 1 Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Florence Jones-Clarke, R.N., M.S., Chairperson
Karen Schultz, M.B.A.; Ph.D, Citizen Member

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Amanda Mitchell, Adjudication Specialist

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:** **Michelle Landes, R.M.A. 0031-001343**
Ms. Landes appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Schultz 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 9:36 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Landes. Additionally, Dr. Schultz moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Mitchell 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 10:01 A.M.

Dr. Schultz 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. Schultz moved to offer Michelle Landes a consent order for indefinite suspension of her registration as a medication aide for not less than one year in lieu of a formal hearing.
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. Landes and the Board.

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:** **Barbara Howard, R.M.A. 0031-002157; C.N.A. 1401-013325**
Ms. Howard appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Schultz 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. Howard. Additionally, Dr. Schultz moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Mitchell 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 11:07 A.M.

Dr. Schultz 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. Schultz moved to close the case 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:

Maima Kalokah, C.N.A. 1401-110061
Ms. Kalokah appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Schultz 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 11:41 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Kalokah. Additionally, Dr. Schultz moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Mitchell 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 11:57 A.M.

Dr. Schultz 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. Schultz moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Maima Kalokah with a finding of neglect. 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. Kalokah unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Kalokah 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:

Justin J. Howell, C.N.A. 1401-104016

Mr. Howell did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Schultz 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 12:00 NOON for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Howell. Additionally, Dr. Schultz moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Mitchell 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 12:10 P.M.

Dr. Schultz 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. Schultz moved issue an order of reprimand to Justin Howell with a finding of abuse.

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

Vanessa M. L. Tigney, C.N.A. 1401-008909

Ms. Tigney did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Schultz 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 12:15 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Tigney. Additionally, Dr. Schultz moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Mitchell 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 12:25 P.M.

Dr. Schultz 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. Schultz moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Vanessa Tigney with a finding of abuse.

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. Tigney unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Tigney 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:

Elizabeth C.R. Rasmussen, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0002-057254

Ms. Rasmussen appeared, accompanied by her daughter.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Schultz 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 1:24 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Rasmussen. Additionally, Dr. Schultz moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Mitchell 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 1:36 P.M.

Dr. Schultz 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. Schultz moved to issue an order to reinstate the license of Elizabeth Rasmussen to practice as a practical nurse and issue an unrestricted license.

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. Rasmussen unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Rasmussen 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:

Nellie Etienne, L.P.N. Applicant

Ms. Etienne appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Schultz 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 2:05 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Etienne. Additionally, Dr. Schultz moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Mitchell 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 2:42 P.M.

Dr. Schultz 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. Schultz moved to recommend the Board issue an order to deny Nellie Etienne's application to take the NCLEX-PN until such time as verification can be obtained from the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS).

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. Etienne unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Etienne 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:

Paula J. G. Haney, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0002-054176

Ms. Haney appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Schultz 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 3:40 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Haney. Additionally, Dr. Schultz moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Mitchell 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 3:57 P.M.

Dr. Schultz 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. Schultz moved to issue an order to deny Paula Haney's petition for reinstatement of her license to practice as a practical 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. Haney unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Haney 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:

Shauna T. Mitchell, C.N.A. 1401-118966

Ms. Mitchell did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Schultz 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 4:10 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Mitchell. Additionally, Dr. Schultz moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Mitchell 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 4:20 P.M.

Dr. Schultz 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. Schultz moved to offer Shauna Mitchell a consent order for indefinite suspension of her certificate for not less than one year in lieu of a formal hearing.

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. Mitchell and the Board.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Landon J. Griffin, R.M.A. 0031-003185

Mr. Griffin did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Schultz 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 4:40 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Griffin. Additionally, Dr. Schultz moved that Ms. Krohn and Ms. Mitchell 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 5:18 P.M.

Dr. Schultz 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. Schultz moved to issue an order of reprimand to Landon Griffin.
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. Griffin unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Griffin 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 5:20 P.M.

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