

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
February 1, 2011**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on February 1, 2011 in Board Room 1, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Judith E. Piersall, R.N., B.S.N., Chairperson  
Jeanne Holmes, Citizen Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Gloria D. Mitchell, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A., Deputy Executive Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tammie Jones, Adjudication Specialist  
Nursing students from Southside Regional Medical Center

**CONFERENCES**

**SCHEDULED:** **Esther J. Coleman, R.N. 0001-138112**  
Ms. Coleman appeared.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. Holmes 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 9:45 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Coleman. Additionally, Ms. Holmes moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Jones 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 10:00 A.M.

Ms. Holmes 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. Holmes moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Esther Coleman and to place Ms. Coleman on probation with terms for two years employment as a professional 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. Coleman unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Coleman 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:

**Julie Johnson, L.P.N. 0002-072958**

Ms. Johnson appeared, accompanied by her cousin, Angel Adams.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Holmes moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(15) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:15 A.M. for the purpose of consideration and discussion of medical records of Ms. Johnson that are excluded from the Freedom of Information Act by Virginia Code Section 1 of 2.2-3705.5. Additionally, Ms. Holmes moved that Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Jones and Ms. Adams 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 10:26 A.M.

Ms. Holmes 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.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Holmes 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 10:31 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Johnson. Additionally, Ms. Holmes moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Jones 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 10:43 A.M.

Ms. Holmes 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. Holmes moved to offer Julie Johnson a consent order for indefinite suspension of her practical nursing license with said suspension stayed contingent upon verification of Ms. Johnson's entry into the Health Practitioners Monitoring Program and thereafter remaining in compliance with the Health Practitioners Monitoring Program.

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. Johnson and the Board.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

**Brandance N. Blankenship, R.N. 0001-186651**

Ms. Blankenship appeared, accompanied by attorney, Harrison Hubard, Jr.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Holmes 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 11:15 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Blankenship. Additionally, Ms. Holmes moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Jones 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 11:25 A.M.

Ms. Holmes 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. Holmes moved to offer Brandance Blankenship a consent order for indefinite suspension of her professional nursing license, stay the suspension contingent upon her continued compliance with the Health Practitioners Monitoring Program.

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. Blankenship and the Board.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

**Shirlene Pregent, R.N. 0001-185999**

Ms. Pregent appeared, accompanied by attorney, Robert Stenzhorn.

Darlene Strayer, sister of Ms. Pregent was present and served as a witness.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Holmes 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 11:57 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Pregent. Additionally, Ms. Holmes moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Jones 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. Holmes 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. Holmes moved to close the case and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence of a violation of the Nurse Practice Act or Board of Nursing regulations  
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:**

**Dawn Wells, R.N. 0001-153747**  
Ms. Wells appeared.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. Holmes 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 1:35 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Wells. Additionally, Ms. Holmes moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Jones 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 1:47 P.M.

Ms. Holmes 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. Holmes moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Dawn Wells and to offer Ms. Wells a consent order for indefinite suspension of her professional nursing license with said suspension stayed contingent upon verification of re-entry into the Health Practitioners Monitoring Program.. 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. Wells and the Board.

**CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:**

**Kristy Shepard, R.N. 0001-185702**  
Ms. Shepard appeared, accompanied by her husband, Jay Shepard, who served as a witness.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. Holmes 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 2:20 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Shepard. Additionally, Ms. Holmes moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Jones 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 2:27 P.M.

Ms. Holmes 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. Holmes moved to close the case and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence of a violation of the Nurse Practice Act or Board of Nursing regulations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:

**Rhonda Williamson, R.N. 0001-214696**

Ms. Williamson appeared, accompanied by attorney, Scott Crowley.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Holmes 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 4:07 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Williamson. Additionally, Ms. Holmes moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Jones 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 4:48 P.M.

Ms. Holmes 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. Holmes moved to issue an order to place Rhonda Williamson on probation with terms for one year of employment as a professional nurse and further require Ms. Williamson to complete the National Council of State Boards of Nursing online courses "Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care" and "Ethics of Nursing Practice" with proof of completion submitted to the Board within 30 days. 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. Williamson unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Williamson 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 4:55 P.M.

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Gloria D. Mitchell, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A.  
Deputy Executive Director

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**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 12:45 P.M. on February 1, 2011 in Board Room 1, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Judith E. Piersall, R.N., B.S.N.  
Jeanne Holmes, Citizen Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Gloria D. Mitchell, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A., Deputy Executive Director  
Linda Kleiner, R.N. Discipline Case Manager

**PRESENTED FOR CLOSURE/ADVICE:**

**CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. Holmes 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 12:45 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation regarding case disposition. Additionally, Ms. Holmes moved Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Kleiner attend the closed meeting because her presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and her presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENTION:** The Committee reconvened in open session at 12:55 P.M.

Ms. Holmes 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.

Investigative reports regarding two registered nurses were reviewed.

**ACTION:** Ms. Piersall moved to offer both of the above individuals a pre-hearing consent order in lieu of further administrative proceedings. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Committee adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

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Linda Kleiner, R.N.  
Discipline Case Manager