

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
June 2, 2010**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:15 A.M., on June 7, 2010 in Board Room 3 Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Judith E. Piersall, R.N., B.S.N., Chairperson  
Florence Jones-Clarke, R.N., M.S.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jodi P. Power, R.N., J.D., Deputy Executive Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:** David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist  
Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division  
Tonya James, Compliance Case Manager (joined later)  
Jennifer T. Challis, Senior, Investigator, Department of Health Professions

**CONFERENCES**

**SCHEDULED:** **Candyce Ferguson-Odige, L.P.N. 0002-076889**  
Ms. Ferguson-Odige appeared.

Zoe Watson, mother of patient A, joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and provided information to the Committee.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. Jones-Clarke 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 10:12 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Ferguson-Odige. Additionally, Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that Ms. Power, Ms. Joseph 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 10:40 A.M.

Ms. Jones-Clarke 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. Jones-Clarke moved to issue an order of reprimand to Candyce Ferguson-Odige and place Ms. Ferguson-Odige on indefinite probation with terms for not less than two years of employment as a practical 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. Ferguson-Odige unless a

written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Ferguson-Odige 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. Joseph left the meeting. Ms. James joined the meeting.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

**Lori S. Gunn, L.P.N. 0002-073371**

Ms. Gunn appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Jones-Clarke 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 12:05 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Gunn. Additionally, Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that Ms. Power 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 12:25 P.M.

Ms. Jones-Clarke 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. Jones-Clarke moved to offer Lori Gunn a consent order for reprimand and indefinite suspension of her practical nursing license in lieu of a formal hearing, with said suspension stayed contingent upon verification of Ms. Gunn's entry into the Health Practitioners Monitoring Program and remaining in compliance with the terms of 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. Gunn and the Board.

Ms. James and Ms. Challis left the meeting.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

**Amy F. Hooker, R.N. 0001-201102**

Ms. Hooker appeared, accompanied by her husband, Mitchell Hooker.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Jones-Clarke 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 1:52 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Hooker. Additionally, Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that Ms. Power 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.

Ms. Jones-Clarke 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. Jones-Clarke moved to issue an order requiring Amy Hooker have an evaluation by a mental health/chemical dependency specialist satisfactory to the Board, with a written report submitted to the Board of Nursing within sixty days of entry of the order. Upon receipt, Ms. Hooker may be required to appear before a Special Conference Committee for final disposition in this matter.

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

**Michelle L. Ryan, R.N. 0001-170296**

Ms. Ryan did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Jones-Clarke 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 2:45 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Ryan. Additionally, Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that Ms. Power 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 2:50 P.M.

Ms. Jones-Clarke 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. Jones-Clarke moved refer the case of Michelle Ryan to the Board of Nursing or a panel thereof for a formal hearing. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**CONFERENCES**

**SCHEDULED:** **Paula H. Dean, L.P.N. 0002-060174**  
Ms. Dean appeared.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. Jones-Clarke 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 3:10 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Dean. Additionally, Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that Ms. Power 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 3:33 P.M.

Ms. Jones-Clarke 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. Jones-Clarke moved to issue an order of reprimand to Paula Dean.  
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. Dean unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Dean 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:** **Ann-Mary Nadeau, R.N. 0001-142847**  
Ms. Nadeau appeared.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. Jones-Clarke 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 4:15 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Nadeau. Additionally, Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that Ms. Power 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 5:00 P.M.

Ms. Jones-Clarke 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. Jones-Clarke moved to offer Ann-Marie Nadeau a consent order for reprimand and indefinite suspension of her professional nursing license, with said suspension stayed contingent upon verification of Ms. Nadeau's reentry into the Health Practitioners Monitoring Program and remaining in compliance with the terms of 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. Nadeau and the Board.

**CONFERENCES**

**SCHEDULED:**

**Deborah Griffith, R.N. 0001-197145**

Ms. Griffith appeared.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Ms. Jones-Clarke 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 5:35 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Griffith. Additionally, Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that Ms. Power 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 5:48 P.M.

Ms. Jones-Clarke 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. Jones-Clarke 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.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Board adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

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Jodi P. Power, R.N., J.D.  
Deputy Executive Director