

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
INFORMAL CONFERENCES BEFORE A SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
October 16, 2017

- TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on October 16, 2017 in Board Room 1, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Phelps, L.P.N., Q.M.H.P.A., Chairperson
Louise Hershkowitz, C.R.N.A., M.S.H.A.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jodi Power, R.N., J.D., Senior Deputy Executive Director
Robin Hills, R.N., D.N.P., W.H.N.P., Deputy Executive Director
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Bulger, Adjudication Specialist
- CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:** **Janel K. Cisneros, L.P.N. Applicant**
Ms. Cisneros appeared.
- CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. Hershkowitz 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. Cisneros. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Power, Dr. Hills and Mr. Bulger 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 9:56 A.M.
- Ms. Hershkowitz 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. Hershkowitz moved to issue an order to deny Janel Cisneros' application for licensure as a practical nurse by endorsement.
- 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. Cisneros unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Cisneros 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:

Steva Hairston, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0002-068599

Ms. Hairston appeared, accompanied by her spouse, George Hairston.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hershkowitz 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 11:17 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Hairston. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Power, Dr. Hills and Mr. Bulger 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 12:05 P.M.

Ms. Hershkowitz 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. Hershkowitz moved to issue an order approve Steva Hairston's application for reinstatement for licensure as a practical nurse and place her on probation with terms for one year of employment as a licensed 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. Hairston unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Hairston 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:

Tonya Wright, C.N.A. Applicant

Ms. Wright appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hershkowitz 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 12:49 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Wright. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Power, Dr. Hills and Mr. Bulger 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 1:00 P.M.

Ms. Hershkowitz 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. Hershkowitz moved to issue an order to approve Tonya Wright's application to take the NNAAP examination for certification as a nurse aide and issue an unrestricted certificate contingent upon successful completion of the exam.

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. Wright unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Wright 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 1:05 P.M.



Jodi Power, R.N., J.D.

Senior Deputy Executive Director