

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARD OF NURSING AND MEDICINE
MINUTES
June 7, 2017

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine was convened at 1:10 P.M., in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA, Chairperson
Marie Gerardo, MS, RN, ANP-BC
Kenneth Walker, MD

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC. FRE, Executive Director
David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED: **Kathleen M. Tauer, RN 0001-071863 and LNP 0024-000151**
Ms. Tauer appeared, accompanied by Edward McNelis, Esquire, her lawyer.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Walker moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 3:00 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Tauer. Additionally, Ms. Gerardo moved that Ms. Douglas 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 3:39 P.M.

Dr. Walker moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine 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.

RN license 0017-000151:

Ms. Gerardo moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Mr. Kazzie.

ACTION: Ms. Gerardo moved to dismiss the matter against the license of Kathleen M. Tauer to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to insufficient evidence.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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LNP license 0024-000151:

Dr. Walker moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Mr. Kazzie.

ACTION: Dr. Walker moved to require Kathleen M. Tauer to successfully complete the NCSBN course “*Critical Aspect of Documentation*” within 90 days from the date of entry of the Order.

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. Tauer unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Tauer within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, 3 additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE
Executive Director