## VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE -C October 22, 2024

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board

Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., October 22, 2024, Board Room 3, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland

Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cynthia Swineford, R.N., M.S.N., C.N.E., Chair

Shawnté Peterson, L.M.T., Massage Therapy Advisory Board

STAFF PRESENT: Christina Bargdill, B.S.N., M.H.S., R.N.

ADMINISTRATIVE

PROCEEDINGS Avi Efreom, Adjudication Specialist STAFF PRESENT: Piero Mannino, Adjudication Specialist.

Melissa ("Lisa") Gray, Adjudication Specialist Jovonni Armstead, Adjudication Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: David Kazzie, Deputy Director, Administrative Processing Division

CONFERENCE

SCHEDULED: Siyang Yin, L.M.T. Applicant by Endorsement

Mr. Yin appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Peterson 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 9:30 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Yin. Additionally, Ms. Peterson moved that Ms. Bargdill and Mr. Efreom 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 9:42 A.M.

Ms. Peterson moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matter 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. Peterson moved to issue an Order to Deny Siyang Yin's Application for licensure as a Massage Therapist. The basis of this decision will be set forth in an Order which will be mailed to Mr. Yin at the address of record with the Board. 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. Yin unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Yin 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.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED:

Qun Shen, L.M.T. Reinstatement Applicant, 0019-017413 Ms. Shen appeared and was accompanied by Thomas Bates.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Peterson 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 10:28 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Shen. Additionally, Ms. Peterson moved that Ms. Bargdill and Mr. Efreom 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 10:36 A.M.

Ms. Peterson moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matter 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. Peterson moved to issue an Order to Deny Qun Shen's Application for a Reinstatement as a Massage Therapist. The basis of this decision will be set forth in an Order which will be mailed to Ms. Shen at the address of record with the Board. 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.

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

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED:

Wassel Ltifi, L.M.T. Reinstatement Applicant, 0019-016938

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Peterson 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 11:06 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Ltifi. Additionally, Ms. Peterson moved that Ms. Bargdill and Mr. Mannino 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 11:29 A.M.

Ms. Peterson moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matter 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. Peterson moved to issue an Order to Approve Wassel Ltifi's Application for Reinstatement as a Massage Therapist and to require that within ninety days of entry of the Order, Mr. Ltifi provide proof of completion of courses, three hours each, in the subject areas of *Business Ethics* and *Hands-on Draping* (in person only). The basis of this decision will be set forth in an Order which will be mailed to Mr. Ltifi at the address of record with the Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Mr. Ltifi unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Ltifi 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.

RECESS: The Committee recessed at 11:31 A.M.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE

SCHEDULED: Dawn Horizons, L.M.T. Applicant

Ms. Horizons appeared. Testimony was provided by \_\_\_\_ Grooms

via telephone conference call.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Peterson 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 1:53 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Horizons. Additionally, Ms. Peterson moved that Ms. Bargdill and Ms. Gray 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 1:54 P.M.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Peterson 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 1:57 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Mei. Additionally, Ms. Peterson moved that Ms. Bargdill and Ms. Gray 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 2:18 P.M.

Ms. Peterson moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matter 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. Peterson moved to issue an Order to Deny Dawn Horizons'

Application for licensure as a Massage Therapist. The basis of this decision will be set forth in an Order which will be mailed to Ms. Shen at the address of record with the Board. The motion was

seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Horizons unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Horizons 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.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED:

Xiao Yu Cheng, L.M.T. 0019-016118

Ms. Cheng did not appear.

Based upon the information provided by Mr. Mannino, Ms. Swineford ruled that adequate notice was given to Ms. Cheng.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Peterson moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711( $\Lambda$ )(27) of the Code of Virginia at 2:31 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Cheng. Additionally, Ms. Peterson moved that Ms. Bargdill and Mr. Mannino 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.

RECONVENATION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:36 P.M.

Ms. Peterson moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matter 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. Peterson moved to offer Xiao Yu Cheng, L.M.T., a Consent Order for Indefinite Suspension of her License and until such time that Ms. Cheng can provide proof of meeting eligibility requirements to be a licensed Massage Therapist. The basis of this decision will be set forth in a Consent Order which will be mailed to Ms. Cheng at the address of record with the Board. 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.

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

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED:

Linna Ma, L.M.T. 0019-018012

Ms. Ma did not appear.

Based upon the information provided by Ms. Gray, Ms. Swineford ruled that adequate notice was given to Ms. Ma.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Peterson 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 2:39 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Ma. Additionally, Ms. Peterson moved that Ms. Bargdill and Ms. Gray 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.

RECONVENATION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:41 P.M.

Ms. Peterson moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matter 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. Peterson moved to offer Linna Ma, L.M.T., a Consent Order for Indefinite Suspension of her License and until such time that Ms. Ma can provide proof of meeting eligibility requirements to be a licensed Massage Therapist. The basis of this decision will be set forth in a Consent Order which will be mailed to Ms. Ma at the address of record with the Board. 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. Ma unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Ma 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.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED:

Guanghua Luo, L.M.T. 0019-017154

Ms. Luo did not appear.

Based upon the information provided by Mr. Kazzie, Ms. Swineford ruled that adequate notice was given to Ms. Luo.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Peterson 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 2:56 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Luo. Additionally, Ms. Peterson moved that Ms. Bargdill 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.

RECONVENATION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:58 P.M.

Ms. Peterson moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matter 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. Peterson moved to offer Guanghua Luo, L.M.T., a Consent Order for Indefinite Suspension of her License and until such time that Ms. Luo can provide proof of meeting eligibility requirements to be a licensed Massage Therapist. The basis of this decision will be set forth in a Consent Order which will be mailed to Ms. Luo at the address of record with the Board. 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. Luo unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Luo 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.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED:

Zebulon Wolfe, L.M.T. Reinstatement Applicant, 0019-010212

Mr. Wolfe did not appear.

Based upon the information provided by Ms. Armstead, Ms. Swineford ruled that adequate notice was given to Mr. Wolfe.

**CLOSED MEETING:** 

Ms. Peterson 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 3:02 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Wolfe. Additionally, Ms. Peterson moved that Ms. Bargdill and Ms. Armstead 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 3:07 P.M.

Ms. Peterson moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed, or considered only public business matter 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. Peterson moved to issue an Order to Deny Zebulon Wolfe's Application for a Reinstatement as a Massage Therapist. The basis of this decision will be set forth in an Order which will be mailed to Mr. Wolfe at the address of record with the Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Mr. Wolfe unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Wolfe 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 3:08 P.M.

Christina Bargdill, B.S.N., M.H.S.,

R.N.

Deputy Executive Director