

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE D
October 13, 2026

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:29 A.M., October 13, 2026, Board Room 3, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cleopatra Kitt, PhD, Citizen Member, Chairperson
Kathleen Ware, DNP, MSN, RN

STAFF PRESENT: Charlette Ridout, RN, MS

ADMINISTRATIVE
PROCEEDINGS
STAFF PRESENT: Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist
Elizabeth Dorsey, Adjudication Specialist
Avi Efreom, Adjudication Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Heather Henderson, Adjudication Specialist

CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED: **Andrew Copenhagen Barrow, R.N. 0001-306280**
Mr. Barrow did not appear.

Based upon the information provided by Ms. Stewart, Ms. Kitt ruled that adequate notice was given to Mr. Barrow.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Ware 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 9:32 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Barrow. Additionally, Ms. Ware moved that Ms. Ridout, Ms. Stewart and Ms. Henderson 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 9:55 A.M.

Ms. Ware 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. Ware moved to Issue an Order to require Mr. Barrow to provide proof of completion of 3 contact hours each of the following Courses within 90 days of entry of the Order: "Safe Medication Administration Practices", "Insulin Medication Practices" and "Professional Collaboration". The basis of this decision will be set

forth in an Order which will be mailed to Mr. Barrow's address of record. 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. Barrow unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Barrow 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 10:57 A.M.

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

CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED: **Katherine Victoria Young Buracker C.N.A. 1401-058014**
Ms. Buracker did not appear.

Based upon the information provided by Ms. Dorsey, Ms. Kitt ruled that adequate notice was given to Ms. Buracker.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Ware 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 1:03 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Buracker. Additionally, Ms. Ware moved that Ms. Ridout, Ms. Dorsey, and Ms. Henderson 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 1:15 P.M.

Ms. Ware 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. Ware moved to Issue an Order of Reprimand to Ms. Buracker and require Ms. Buracker to provide proof of completion of 3 contact hours of the following Course within 90 days of entry of the Order: "HIIPA". The basis of this decision will be set forth in an Order which will be mailed to Ms. Buracker's address of record. 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. Buracker unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Buracker 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:

Jessica Lorraine Sears, RMA Reinstatement Applicant 0031-010887
Ms. Sears did not appear.

Based upon the information provided by Mr. Efreom, Ms. Kitt ruled that adequate notice was given to Ms. Sears.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Ware 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 2:04 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Sears. Additionally, Ms. Ware moved that Ms. Ridout, Mr. Efreom and Ms. Henderson 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 2:10 P.M.

Ms. Ware 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. Ware moved to Issue an Order to Deny Ms. Sears's Application for Reinstatement for registration as a Medication Aide. The basis of this decision will be set forth in an Order which will be mailed to Ms. Sears's address of record. 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. Sears unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Sears 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 2:11 P.M.



Charlette Ridout, RN, MS
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