VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE E INFORMAL CONFERENCES February 8, 2022

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

was convened at 9:17 A.M., on February 8, 2022, in Board Room 4, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico,

Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Felisa A. Smith, PhD, MSA, RN, CNE, Chairperson

Dixie L. McElfresh, LPN

STAFF PRESENT: Charlette Ridout, RN, MS, CNE, Board Staff

Ann Hardy, RN, Compliance Case & Adjudication Manager

ADMINISTRATIVE

PROCEEDINGS Michael Parsons, Adjudication Specialist STAFF PRESENT: Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist

David Robinson, Adjudication Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Cathy M. Hanchey, Board of Nursing

CONFERENCE

SCHEDULED: Adania Williams, R.M.A. 0031-011513

Ms. Williams appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. McElfresh moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board

of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to 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 Adania Williams. Additionally, Ms. McElfresh moved that Ms. Ridout, Ms. Hardy, and Mr. Robinson 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 10:02 A.M.

Ms. McElfresh 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. McElfresh moved to Issue an Order of Reprimand to Adania Williams

and require Ms. Williams to provide proof of completion of two hours of

continued education in safe medication administration and ethical practices. 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. Williams, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Williams 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:

Tonya Renee Brandon, R.M.A. 0031-009428

Ms. Brandon did not appear.

Based upon information provided by Mr. Parsons, Dr. Smith ruled that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Brandon.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. McElfresh moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:24 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Brandon. Additionally, Ms. McElfresh moved that Ms. Ridout, Ms. Hardy, and Mr. Parsons attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 10:51 A.M.

Ms. McElfresh 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. McElfresh moved Issue an Order to require Ms. Brandon provide proof of completion of two hours of continued education specific to safe medication administration. 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. Brandon, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Brandon 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: Kelly Presley Vargas, R.N. 0001-248732

Ms. Vargas appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. McElfresh moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board

of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:45 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Vargas. Additionally, Ms. McElfresh moved that Ms. Ridgout, Ms. Hardy, Ms. Hanchey, and Mr. Robinson 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 12:13 P.M.

Ms. McElfresh 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. McElfresh moved to Offer Ms. Vargas a Consent Order for the Indefinite

Suspension of her license, with said Suspension Stayed contingent upon Ms. Vargas remaining in compliance with HPMP. 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. Vargas and the Board. The

motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCE

SCHEDULED: Donna Swan, R.N. Maine MSP

Ms. Swan did not appear.

Based upon information provided by Ms. Stewart, Dr. Smith ruled that

adequate notice was provided to Ms. Swan.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. McElfresh moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board

of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 12:25 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Swan. Additionally, Ms. McElfresh moved that Ms. Ridout, Ms. Hardy, and Ms. Stewart 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 12:35 P.M.

Ms. McElfresh 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. McElfresh moved to Offer Donna Swan a Consent Order for the

Indefinite Suspension of Ms. Swan's privilege to practice. 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. Swan and the Board. The

motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECESS: The committee recessed at 12:40 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The committee reconvened at 1:15 P.M.

CONFERENCE

SCHEDULED: Ugo Azuewah, R.N. Maryland MSP

Ms. Azuewah appeared, accompanied by her attorney, Jonathan Joseph, and

Emmanuel Owusle, LPN.

Jennifer Heatherington was present.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. McElfresh moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board

of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:38 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Azuewah. Additionally, Ms. McElfresh moved that Ms. Ridout, Ms. Hardy, Ms. Hanchey, and Ms. Stewart 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 2:57 P.M.

Ms. McElfresh 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. McElfresh moved to Refer the matter regarding Ms. Azuewah to a Formal Hearing of the Board of Nursing or a panel thereof. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCE

SCHEDULED: Lori Jackson-Brissette, L.P.N. 0002-063496

Ms. Jackson-Brissette appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. McElfresh moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 4:19 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Lori Jackson-Brissette. Additionally, Ms. McElfresh moved that Ms. Ridout, Ms. Hardy, Ms. Hanchey, and Mr. Robinson 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 4:51 P.M.

Ms. McElfresh 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. McElfresh moved to Issue an Order of Reprimand to Ms. Jackson-Brissette and require Ms. Jackson-Brissette provide proof of completion of Courses in the following areas within 90 days of entry of the Order: Ethics of Nursing Practice; Legal Liability; Scope of Practice; and, Professional Accountability. 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. Brandon, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Brandon 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 5:00 P.M.

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Charlette N. Ridout, RN, MS, CNE Board Staff