## VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE C INFORMAL CONFERENCES February 9, 2022

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

was convened at 9:00 A.M., on February 9, 2022, in Board Room 1, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico,

Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marie Gerardo, MS, RN, ANP-BC, Chairperson

Margaret J. Friedenberg, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Claire Morris, RN, LNHA

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

PROCEEDINGS Rebecca Ribley, Adjudication Specialist STAFF PRESENT: Mandy Wilson, Adjudication Specialist

Tammie Jones, Senior Adjudication Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Pearl, Administrative Proceedings Division

**CONFERENCE** 

SCHEDULED: Christina Flor, R.N. 0001-283942

Ms. Flor appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Friedenberg 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 9:50 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Christina Flor. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Ms. Morris and Ms. Ribley 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. Friedenberg 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. Friedenberg moved to Issue an Order to Dismiss the Case against Ms.

Flor and Impose No Sanction due to insufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary action. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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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. Flor, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Flor 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: Kateshia Harper, R.N. 0001-291265

Ms. Harper appeared, accompanied by her attorney, Nathan Mortier.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Friedenberg 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 11:25 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Harper. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Wilson, and Mr. Pearl 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 11:37 A.M.

Ms. Friedenberg 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. Friedenberg moved to Issue an Order to Dismiss the Case against Ms.

Harper and Impose No Sanction due to insufficient evidence of a violation.

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. Harper, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Harper 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 11:38 A.M.

RECONVENTION: The committee reconvened at 1:05 P.M.

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**CONFERENCE** 

SCHEDULED: Heather L. Crowe, R.N. 0001-225027

Ms. Crowe did not appear.

Based upon information provided by Ms. Jones, Ms. Gerardo ruled that

adequate notice was provided to Ms. Crowe.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Friedenberg 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 1:06 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Crowe. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Ms. Morris and Ms. Jones 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 1:19 P.M.

Ms. Friedenberg 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. Friedenberg moved to Issue an Order of Reprimand to Heather L. Crowe

and require Ms. Crowe provide proof of 3 contact hours for Courses in the following subject areas within 90 days of the entry of an order: Ethics and

Professionalism. 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. Crowe, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Crowe 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: Katia Fiorentino, R.N. 0001-199834

Ms. Fiorentino appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Friedenberg 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 2:23 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Fiorentino. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Ms.

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Morris and Ms. Jones 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 2:33 P.M.

Ms. Friedenberg 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. Friedenberg moved to Issue an Order to Dismiss the Case against Ms.

Fiorentino and Impose No Sanction due to insufficient evidence of a violation.

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. Fiorentino, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Fiorentino 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 2:35 P.M.

Claire Morris, RN, LNHA Deputy Executive Director

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