

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
INFORMAL CONFERENCES
April 9, 2013**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on April 9, 2013 in Board Room 1, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trula Minton, RN, MS; Chairperson
William Traynham, LPN, CSAC

STAFF PRESENT: Jane Elliot, RN, PhD; Discipline Staff

OTHERS PRESENT: Cynthia Gaines; Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

Nursing students and faculty from Bryant and Stratton College and Hampton University, Hampton

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED: **Casey Wickline, RN 0001-233964**
Ms. Wickline appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. William Traynham moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:20 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Wickline. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Dr. Elliot and Ms. Gaines 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 9:35 A.M.

Mr. Traynham 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: Mr. Traynham moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Ms. Wickline and require she submit proof of successful completion of the following NCSBN course within 45 days of Order entry: *Ethics of Nursing*. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order 30 days after service of such Order on Ms. Wickline, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Wickline 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.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Latonya Jones, LPN 0002-082711
Ms. Jones appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Traynham moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:40 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Jones. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Dr. Elliot and Ms. Gaines 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 10:55 A.M.

Mr. Traynham 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:

Mr. Traynham moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Ms. Jones and require she submit proof of successful completion of the following NCSBN course within 45 days of Order entry: *Disciplinary Action: What Every Nurse Should Know*. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order 30 days after service of such Order on Ms. Jones, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Jones 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.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Stacy Rexrode, LPN 0002-049325

Ms. Rexrode appeared, accompanied by Elizabeth Cook, a friend and former co-worker.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Traynham moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:35 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Rexrode. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Dr. Elliot and Ms. Gaines 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 11:55 A.M.

Mr. Traynham 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:

Mr. Traynham moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Ms. Rexrode and require that she submit to a mental health and substance abuse evaluation conducted by a specialist satisfactory to the Board and have a written report of the evaluation sent to the Board within 45 days of Order entry. Further, Ms. Rexrode may be required to appear at an administrative proceeding following the Board's receipt of the written report of the evaluation for final disposition of this matter. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order 30 days after service of such Order on Ms. Rexrode, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Rexrode 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.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Emeka "Ken" Odom, RN 0001-186135
Mr. Odom appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Traynham moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:50 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Odom. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Dr. Elliot and Ms. Gaines 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 2:05 P.M.

Mr. Traynham 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: Mr. Traynham moved to close the case in the matter of Emeka “Ken” Odom, RN and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence of a violation of the Nurse Practice Act or the Board of Nursing regulations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Nicole Carrington, LPN 0002-076679
Ms. Carrington appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Traynham moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:40 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Carrington. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Dr. Elliot and Ms. Gaines 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 2:45 P.M.

Mr. Traynham 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: Mr. Traynham moved to close the case in the matter of Nicole Carrington, LPN and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence of a violation of the Nurse Practice Act or the Board of Nursing regulations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Wassem Albaca, CMT Applicant
Mr. Albaca did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Traynham moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:55 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Albaca. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Dr. Elliot and Ms. Gaines 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 2:59 P.M.

Mr. Traynham 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: Mr. Traynham moved to issue an Order to deny Wassem Albaca's application for certification to practice as a massage therapist in Virginia.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order 30 days after service of such Order on Mr. Albaca unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Albaca 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.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED: **Sherri Bowman, RN 0001-153742**
Ms. Bowman did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Traynham moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 3:00 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Bowman. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Dr. Elliot and Ms. Gaines 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 3:05 P.M.

Mr. Traynham 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: Mr. Traynham moved to offer Ms. Bowman a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of her license to practice as a professional nurse in Virginia, in lieu of a formal hearing. 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. Bowman and the Board.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Logan Counts, LPN 0002-076362
Mr. Counts did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Traynham moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 3:05 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Counts. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Dr. Elliot and Ms. Gaines 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 3:10 P.M.

Mr. Traynham 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:

Mr. Traynham moved to offer Mr. Counts a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of his license to practice as a practical nurse in Virginia, in lieu of a formal hearing. 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 Mr. Counts and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 3:15 P.M.



Jane Elliot, RN, PhD
Discipline Staff, Board of Nursing