

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
INFORMAL CONFERENCES
August 13, 2013**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on August 13, 2013 in Board Room 1, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trula Minton, R.N.; M.S.; Chairperson
William Traynham, L.P.N.; C.S.A.C.

STAFF PRESENT: Gloria D. Mitchell, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A.; Deputy Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Tammie Jones, Adjudication Specialist
Steven Hadra, Elizabeth Hudnall and Ashley Trowbridge from the Attorney General's office, joined from 9:00 A.M. to 9:50 A.M.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED: **Ada Withrow, L.P.N. 0002-035771**
Ms. Withrow 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)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:34 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Withrow. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Ms. Mitchell 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 9:46 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. Withrow and completion of three NCSBN courses within 30 days of Order entry: *Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know; Ethics of Nursing Practice and Professional Accountability; & Legal Liability for Nurses*. 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. Withrow, unless a written

request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Withrow 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:

Janet E. Hunter, R.N. 0001-169039

Ms. Hunter 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)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:53 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Hunter. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Ms. Mitchell 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 10:02 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 offer Ms. Hunter a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of her license to practice professional nursing in Virginia, until such time that Ms. Hunter shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license. At such time an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of professional nursing. 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. Hunter and the Board.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Alexandra Bernier, R.N. 0001-229331

Ms. Bernier 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)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:05 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Bernier. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Ms. Mitchell 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 10:10 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 offer Ms. Bernier a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of her license to practice professional nursing in Virginia, until such time that Ms. Bernier shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license. At such time an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of professional nursing. 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. Bernier and the Board.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Carol Ament, R.N. 0001-131827
Ms. Ament 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)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:17 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Ament. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Ms. Mitchell 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 11:33 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 offer Ms. Ament a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of her license to practice as a professional nurse in Virginia, with said suspension stayed contingent upon verification of Ms. Ament's entry into the

Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program and remaining in compliance thereafter. 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. Ament and the Board.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Vincenza Likens, RN 0001-226151
Ms. Likens 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)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:37 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Likens. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Ms. Mitchell 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 11:46 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 offer Ms. Likens a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of her license to practice as a professional nurse in Virginia. 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. Likens and the Board.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Wendi Dean, R.N. 0001-232526
Ms. Dean 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)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:38 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Dean. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Ms. Mitchell 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 2:09 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 defer disposition pending receipt of a substance abuse/mental health evaluation by a board approved practitioner. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED: **Jessica Meeks, R.N. 0001-184593**
Ms. Meeks 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)(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. Meeks. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Ms. Mitchell 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 2:30 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. Meeks a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of her license to practice professional nursing in Virginia, until such time that Ms. Meeks shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license. At such time an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of professional nursing. 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. Meeks and the Board.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED: **Diana Lucas, R.N. 0001-115964**

Ms. Lucas 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)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:35 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Lucas. Additionally, Mr. Traynham moved that Ms. Mitchell 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 2:40 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. Lucas a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of her license to practice as a professional nurse in Virginia, with said suspension stayed contingent upon verification of Ms. Lucas' entry into the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program and remaining in compliance thereafter. 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. Lucas and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 2:45 P.M.


Gloria D. Mitchell, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A.
Deputy Executive Director