

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
June 12, 2017**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on June 12, 2017 in Training Room 1, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA, Chairperson
Guia Caliwagan, RN, MSN

STAFF PRESENT: Jane Elliott, RN, PhD
Jodi P. Power, RN, JD (Joined later)

OTHERS PRESENT: David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist
Rachel Wilkinson, Summer Intern for the Board of Nursing

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:**

Crystal Allen, LPN 0002-075891

Ms. Allen appeared, accompanied by her attorney, Douglas Burtch and her sister, Rochelle Allen.

Others present: Bill Goodson; Wendy Goodson; Sarah Fox; Craig Wheaton; Ashley Hester, DHP Investigator.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Caliwagan 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 9:35 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Allen. Additionally, Ms. Caliwagan moved that Dr. Elliott and Mr. Kazzie 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 10:15 A.M.
Ms. Wilkinson joined the meeting.

Ms. Caliwagan 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. Caliwagan moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Crystal Allen and require Ms. Allen provide proof of completion of the following course within 90 days of entry of order: "*Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses*".

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. Allen unless a written request

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

Charlene Green, RN 0001-230454

Ms. Green appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Caliwagan 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 11:40 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Green. Additionally, Ms. Caliwagan moved that Dr. Elliott and Mr. Kazzie 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 12:15 P.M.

Ms. Caliwagan 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. Caliwagan moved to offer Charlene Green a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of her license 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. Green and the Board.

RECESS:

The committee recessed at 12:20 P.M.

RECONVENTION:

The committee reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

Ms. Power joined the meeting and Dr. Elliott left the meeting.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

George Cobbler, III, RN 0001-239984

Mr. Cobbler appeared, accompanied by Heather Tucker, his fiancé.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Caliwagan 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 1:50 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Cobbler. Additionally, Ms. Caliwagan moved that Ms. Power and Mr. Kazzie 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.

Ms. Wilkinson left the meeting at 1:50 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:22 P.M.

Ms. Caliwagan 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. Caliwagan moved to offer George Cobbler, III, a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of his license in lieu of a formal hearing with said suspension stayed contingent upon verification of Mr. Cobbler's entry into the Health Practitioner's Monitoring Program (HPMP) and remaining in compliance with HPMP 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 Mr. Cobbler and the Board.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED: **Nicole Cottom, LPN 0002-083519**
Ms. Cottom appeared, accompanied by Earl Cottom, her husband.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Caliwagan 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 3:22 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Cottom. Additionally, Ms. Caliwagan moved that Ms. Power and Mr. Kazzie 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 3:52 P.M.

Ms. Caliwagan 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. Caliwagan moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Nicole Cottom and require Ms. Cottom provide proof of completion of the following courses within 90 days of entry of order: "*Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses*" and "*Medication Errors: Causes & Prevention*".
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. Cottom unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Cottom 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 3:55 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jodi P. Power".

Jodi P. Power, RN, JD
Deputy Executive Director