

VIRGINIA COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
February 12, 2020

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine was convened at 11:36 A.M., in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marie Gerardo, MS, RN, ANP-BC, Chairperson  
Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA  
Kenneth Walker, MD

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Douglas, RN, MSM, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director, Board of Nursing  
Terri Clinger, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC, Deputy Executive Director for Advance Practice  
Stephanie Willinger, Deputy Executive Director for Licensing  
David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:

**Rachel Marie Brown Barish, LNP Applicant for Autonomous Practice**

Ms. Barish appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:48 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Barish. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Douglas, Dr. Clinger, Ms. Willinger 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 12:13 P.M.

Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine certifies 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. Hershkowitz moved to approve the application of Rachel Marie Brown Barish for authorization to practice as an autonomous nurse practitioner in the Commonwealth of Virginia. 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. Barish, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Barish 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 meeting was adjourned at 12:14 P.M.

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Terri Clinger, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC  
Deputy Executive Director for Advance Practice