VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE A April 7, 2022

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

convened at 9:00 A.M., on April 7, 2022, in Training Room 1, Suite 201,

Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cynthia Swineford, RN, MSN, CNE, Chairperson

James Hermansen-Parker, MSN, RN, PCCN-K

STAFF PRESENT: Claire Morris, RN, LNHA, Deputy Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist for Sharonda Drumgole, CNA and RMA

Applicant

Mandy Wilson, Adjudication Specialist for Melinda Ennis, RMA, Takeisha Ellis,

LPN, and Brina Smith, CNA Applicant

Rebecca Ribley, Adjudication Specialist for Katelyn Washington, RN

Reinstatement

Tammie Jones, Adjudication Consultant for Astride Laguerre, LPN Reinstatement

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Sharonda Drumgole, CNA, RMA Applicant, 1401-212592

Ms. Drumgole did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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 9:02 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Drumgole. Additionally, Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that Ms. Morris and Ms. Stewart 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 9:14 A.M.

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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. Hermansen-Parker moved to offer a Consent Order to Sheronda Drumgole for

the Indefinite Suspension of her certificate as a Certified Nurse Aide in lieu of a Formal Hearing and until such time as she appears before the Board. The basis of this decision will be set forth in a Consent Order which will be mailed to Ms.

Drumgole at the address of record.

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. Drumgole and the Board.

ACTION:

Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved to issue an Order to Deny Sheronda Drumgole's Application for registration as a Registered Medication Aide. The basis of this decision will be set forth in an Order which will be mailed to Ms. Drumgole at her address of record with the Board.

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

Melinda Ennis, RMA, 0031-011594

Ms. Ennis did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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 9:27 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Ennis. Additionally, Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that Ms. Morris and Ms. Wilson 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 9:37 A.M.

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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. Hermansen-Parker moved to offer a Consent Order to Melinda Ennis for Revocation of her registration as a Registered Medication Aide, in lieu of a Formal Hearing and until such time as she appears before the Board. The basis of this decision will be set forth in a Consent Order which will be mailed to Ms. Ennis at the address of record.

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. Ennis and the Board.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Takeisha Ellis, LPN, 0002-094710

Ms. Ellis did appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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 11:53 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Ellis. Additionally, Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that Ms. Morris and Ms. Wilson 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 12:27 P.M.

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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. Hermansen-Parker moved to issue an Order to Reprimand Takeisha Ellis and to require Ms. Ellis to provide proof of completion of the courses in the following subject areas: professional accountability and legal liability and ethics and professionalism in nursing. Each course shall be a minimum of three contact hours each. The basis of this decision will be set forth in a Board Order which will be mailed to the Ms. Ellis at the address of record.

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. Ellis unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Ellis 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 12:28 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The committee reconvened at 1:07 P.M.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED: Katelyn Washington, RN Reinstatement Applicant, 0001-236934

Ms. Washington appeared accompanied by her attorney, Eileen Talamante, JD,

RN, and her mother, Mary Moore.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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. Washington. Additionally, Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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 2:06 P.M.

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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. Hermansen-Parker moved to issue an Order to Approve Katelyn Washington's Application for Reinstatement of her license to practice as a Professional Nurse, place Ms. Washington on indefinite suspension stayed contingent upon verification of Ms. Washington's entry into and remaining in compliance with the Health Practitioners Monitoring Program. The basis of this decision will be set forth in an Order which will be mailed to Ms. Washington at her address of record.

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

Brina Smith, CNA Applicant by Exam

Ms. Smith did appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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 2:39 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Smith. Additionally, Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that Ms. Morris and Ms. Wilson 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 3:03 P.M.

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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. Hermansen-Parker moved to issue an Order to Deny Brina Smith's Application for her certificate as a Certified Nurse Aide. The basis of this decision will be set forth in an Order which will be mailed to Ms. Smith at her address of record with the Board.

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. Smith unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Ms. Smith 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:

Astride Laguerre, RN Reinstatement Applicant, 0002-074659

Ms. Laguerre appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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 4:03 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Laguerre. Additionally, Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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 4:15 P.M.

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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. Hermansen-Parker moved to issue an Order to Deny Astride Laguerre's Application for Reinstatement of her license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse. The basis of this decision will be set forth in an Order which will be mailed to Ms. Laguerre at her address of record with the Board.

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. Laguerre unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is

received from Ms. Laguerre 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 4:18 P.M.

Claire Morris, RN, LNHA

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Deputy Executive Director