

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE E
VIRTUAL INFORMAL CONFERENCES
April 22, 2021**

TIME AND PLACE: The virtual WebEx meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on April 22, 2021.

Due to COVID-19 declared state of emergency and consistent with Amendment 28 to HB29 (Budget Bill for 2018-2020) and the applicable provision of §2.2-3708.2 in the Freedom of Information Act, the Board convened a virtual meeting to consider such regulatory and business matters as was presented on the agenda for the Board to discharge its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA, Chairperson
Dixie L. McElfresh, LPN

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PROCEEDINGS
STAFF PRESENT:** David Kazzie, Adjudication Consultant
Tammie D. Jones, Adjudication Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: David L. Robinson, Administrative Proceedings Division
Cathy M. Hanchey, Board of Nursing
Sally R. Ragsdale, Board of Nursing

**CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED:** **Nichollette Harris, R.N. Applicant**
Ms. Harris appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. McElfresh moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to 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. Harris. Additionally, Ms. McElfresh moved that Mr. Kazzie, Ms. Morris, Ms. Hanchey, and Ms. Ragsdale 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 9:39 A.M.

Ms. McElfresh 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. McElfresh moved to Issue an Order to Approve Nicholette Harris' Application for licensure as a professional nurse by endorsement. 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. Harris, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Ms. Harris 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.

**CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED:**

Bianca Angelé Douglas, R.N. Applicant
Ms. Douglas appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. McElfresh moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:25 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Douglas. Additionally, Ms. McElfresh moved that Mr. Kazzie, Ms. Morris, Ms. Hanchey, Ms. Ragsdale, and Mr. Robinson 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 10:47 A.M.

Ms. McElfresh 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. McElfresh moved to Issue an Order to Approve Bianca Angelé Douglas' Application for licensure as a professional nurse contingent upon successful completion of the NCLEX-RN and a Board-approved refresher course within one year. 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. Douglas, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Douglas 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.

CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED:

Jane Elizabeth Oei, R.N. Reinstatement Applicant **0001-130075**
Ms. Oei appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. McElfresh moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:38 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Oei. Additionally, Ms. McElfresh moved that Ms. Jones, Ms. Morris, Ms. Hanchey, Ms. Ragsdale, and Mr. Robinson 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 11:52 A.M.

Ms. McElfresh 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. McElfresh moved to Issue an Order to Approve Jane Elizabeth Oei's Application for Reinstatement for licensure as a professional nurse contingent upon entry into and remaining in compliance with HPMP. 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. Oei, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Oei 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 11:55 A.M.

RECONVENTION:

The committee reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED:

Ashley Ray Lynch Pelton, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant **0002-063701**
Ms. Pelton appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. McElfresh moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:30 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Pelton. Additionally, Ms. McElfresh moved that Ms. Jones, Ms. Morris, Ms. Hanchey, Ms. Ragsdale, and Mr. Robinson 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 1:39 P.M.

Ms. McElfresh 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. McElfresh moved to Issue an Order to Approve Ashley Ray Lynch Pelton's Application for Reinstatement for licensure as a practical nurse contingent upon entry into and remaining in compliance with HPMP and successful completion of a Board-approved refresher course within six months. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 1:40 P.M.



Claire Morris, R.N., L.N.H.A.
Deputy Executive Director