

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
EDUCATION SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 1, 2021**

Department of Health Professions – Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive, Conference Center 201 – **Training Room 1**
Henrico, Virginia 23233

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Education Special Conference Committee was convened at 9:05 a.m. in Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Second Floor, Training Room 1, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Felisa A. Smith, RN, MSA, MSN/Ed, CNE, Chair
Brandon A. Jones, MSN, RN, CEN, NEA-BC

STAFF PRESENT: Jacquelyn Wilmoth, MSN, RN, Deputy Executive Director
Christine Smith, MSN, RN, Nurse Aide/RMA Education Program Manager
Randall Mangrum DNP, RN, Nursing Education Program Manager
Beth Yates, Nursing and Nurse Aide Education Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist, Department of Health Professions

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

CLINICAL EXCEPTION: **University of Virginia College at Wise – Baccalaureate Program US28500300**

Nancy Haugen, PhD, RN, Chair, Nursing Department, was present.

Mr. Jones moved that the Education Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A) (27) of the Code of Virginia at 9:15 a.m. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of University of Virginia College at Wise, baccalaureate degree nursing education program. Additionally, Mr. Jones moved that, Ms. Wilmoth, Dr. Mangrum, Ms. Smith, and Ms. Yates attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The Committee reconvened in open session at 9:22 a.m.

Mr. Jones moved that the Education Informal 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. Jones moved to recommend that University of Virginia College at Wise be approved to conduct more than 20% of their clinical experience outside of the state of Virginia.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board on September 14, 2021

**INFORMAL
CONFERENCE**

ECPI University, Northern Virginia, Practical Nursing Program US28103200

Dr. Susan Lacey, Program Director, Barbara Larar, Chief Operating Officer, Jeff Muroski, Director of College of Health Science, and Andrea Lipsmeyer, Director of Nursing Programs were present. The program was represented by Nathan Kottkam, Williams Mullen Center.

Mr. Jones moved that the Education Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A) (27) of the Code of Virginia at 12:08 p.m. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of ECPI University, Northern Virginia, practical nursing education program. Additionally, Mr. Jones moved that, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Wilmoth, Ms. Smith, and Ms. Yates attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:19 p.m.

Mr. Jones moved that the Education Informal 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. Jones moved to recommend that the program be placed on conditional approval with terms and conditions.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board on September 14, 2021

CONTINUED FACULTY EXCEPTION:

Patrick & Henry Community College, Associate Degree Nursing Program US28406900

There were no representatives for the program present.

ACTION:

Mr. Jones moved to recommend that the request for continued faculty exception for W. Plaster be approved.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board on September 14, 2021

Petersburg Public School, Practical Nursing Program, US28109400

Mr. Jones moved that the Education Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A) (27) of the Code of Virginia at 2:31 p.m. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Petersburg Public School, practical nursing education program. Additionally, Mr. Jones moved that, Ms. Wilmoth, Dr. Mangrum, Ms. Smith and Ms. Yates attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:36 p.m.

Mr. Jones moved that the Education Informal 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. Jones moved to recommend that the request for approval of continued faculty exception for C. Williamson be denied.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board on September 14, 2021

**EDUCATION PROGRAM
UPDATES:**

Dr. Mangrum presented Nursing Education Program Updates to include the number of programs, by degree type, who have NCLEX pass rates <80% for the second quarter.

Dr. Mangrum presented the information that Stratford Falls Church intended to close the program following a teach out of the current students. The teach out is planned to extend through 2025 with potential impact to 146 students.

Dr. Mangrum shared that there have been 30 initial faculty exceptions approved since March 2021, with many being for baccalaureate programs. He also indicated that 8 programs have shared they plan to increase enrollment.

Dr. Mangrum shared that programs are reaching out to the Board as clinical facilities are requirement COVID vaccination for student entry and some programs are experiencing vaccine hesitancy among faculty and students.

Ms. Smith presented the number of programs for nurse aide, advanced nurse aide, and registered medication aide programs to include the number of pending applications. She stated there are 81 nurse aide education program survey visits to be scheduled in fall 2021.

Ms. Smith advised that the medication aide curriculum committee, tasked with revising the curriculum, has had three meetings and has a meeting scheduled for

later in September. Ms. Smith shared the second quarter state exam average pass rate is 48% for medication aide programs.

Meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Jacquelyn Wilmoth, MSN, RN
Deputy Executive Director