

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
EDUCATION SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

Department of Health Professions – Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive, Conference Center 201 – Hearing Room 5
Henrico, Virginia 23233

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Education Special Conference Committee was convened at 9:00 a.m. in Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Second Floor, Hearing Room 5, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Felisa A. Smith, PhD, MSA, RN, CNE, Chair
James L. Hermansen-Parker, MSN, PCCN-K

STAFF

PRESENT: Jacquelyn Wilmoth, MSN, RN, Deputy Executive Director
Randall Mangrum, DNP, RN, Nursing Education Program Manager
Robin Hills, DNP, Deputy Executive Director
Christine Smith, RN, MSN, Nurse Aide/RMA Education Program Manager
Melissa Armstrong, Adjudication Specialist
Beth Yates, Education Program Specialist

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

INFORMAL CONFERENCES:

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Associate Degree Program, Richmond

Dr. Patricia Lawson, PhD, RN, Dean, School of Health Professions, Emily Gunn, RN, MSN, Program Coordinator, and Paula Pando, President, were present to represent the program. The program was represented by counsel.

The program submitted additional documents to the board for reference.

Dr. Smith 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 10:33 a.m. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Richmond, Associate Degree Nursing Education Program. Additionally, Dr. Smith moved that, Ms. Wilmoth, Ms. Armstrong 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 10:50 a.m.

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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. Hermansen-Parker moved to recommend that the program remain on conditional approval with certain terms and conditions.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board on May 23, 2023.

Germanna Community College, Practical Nursing Program, Locust Grove,

April Morgan, DNP, MSN, BSN, Associate Dean of Nursing, Samantha Wilson, Department Chair, Patricia Lisk, RN, MSN, DACCE, Dean of Nursing & Health Technologies, and Dr. Eric Earnhardt, PhD, Chief Academic Officer, were present to represent the program. The program was represented by counsel.

Dr. Smith 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 12:55 p.m. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Germanna Community College, Locust Grove, Practical Nursing Education Program. Additionally, Dr. Smith moved that Ms. Wilmoth, Ms. Armstrong 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 1:32 p.m.

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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. Hermansen-Parker moved to recommend that the program remain on conditional approval with certain terms and conditions.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board on May 23, 2023.

Ms. Wilmoth left the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Ms. Smith joined the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Virginia Highlands Community College, Abingdon, Practical Nursing Program, US28110800

Bridget Casteel, MSN, RN, Program Director, Adam Hutchison, President, and Victoria Ratliff, Ed.D. Interim Dean of Health Programs were present to represent the program. The program was represented by counsel.

Dr. Smith 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 3:48 p.m. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Virginia Highlands Community College, Abingdon, Practical Nursing Education Program. Additionally, Dr. Smith moved that, Dr. Mangrum, Ms. Armstrong 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 3:56 p.m.

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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. Hermansen-Parker moved to recommend that the program remain on conditional approval with certain terms and conditions.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board on May 23, 2023.

Ms. Smith left the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Dr. Hills joined the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

Medical Learning Center, Fairfax, Practical Nursing Education Program, US28110500

No representatives for the program were present.

Dr. Smith 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 4:02 p.m. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Medical Learning Center, Fairfax, Practical Nursing Education Program. Additionally, Dr. Smith moved that, Dr. Hills, Dr. Mangrum, Ms. Armstrong 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 4:26 p.m.

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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. Hermansen-Parker moved to recommend that approval to operate a practical nursing education program be withdrawn.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board on May 23, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Jacquelyn Wilmoth, MSN, RN
Deputy Executive Director