

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE A
VIRTUAL INFORMAL CONFERENCES
June 23, 2021**

TIME AND PLACE: The virtual WebEx meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 10:00 A.M., on June 23, 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: Cynthia M. Swineford, MSN, RN, CNE, Chairperson
Ethlyn McQueen-Gibson, DNP, MSN, RN-BC

STAFF PRESENT: Claire Morris, RN, LNHA

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PROCEEDINGS
STAFF PRESENT:** Tammie Jones, Adjudication Specialist
Amanda Padula-Wilson, Adjudication Specialist
Rebecca Ribley, Adjudication Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Cathy M. Hanchey, Board of Nursing
Sally R. Ragsdale, Board of Nursing

**CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED:** **Serena Taylor Patterson, L.P.N. Applicant** **0002-031760**
Ms. Patterson appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. McQueen-Gibson 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 10:47 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Patterson. Additionally, Dr. McQueen-Gibson moved that Ms. Jones, 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 11:22 A.M.

Dr. McQueen-Gibson 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: Dr. McQueen-Gibson moved to Issue an Order to Approve Serena Taylor Patterson’s Application for Reinstatement for licensure as a practical nurse

contingent upon successful completion of two (2) continuing education hours and completion of a Board-approved refresher course with a clinical component. 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. Patterson, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Patterson 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:

Pamela Lee McZeal Arrington, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0002-066848

Ms. Arrington appeared, accompanied by her daughter, ShaQuenta McZeal, and her friend, Joyacelyn Harris.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. McQueen-Gibson 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 12:11 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Arrington. Additionally, Dr. McQueen-Gibson moved that Mr. Jones, 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 12:33 P.M.

ACTION:

Dr. McQueen-Gibson moved to Issue an Order to Approve Pamela Lee McZeal Arrington's Application for Reinstatement of her license to practice as a practical nurse. 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. Arrington, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Arrington 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 12:35 P.M.

RECONVENTION:

The committee reconvened at 1:15 P.M.

CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED:

Jennifer Hillery Smith, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0002-073678

Ms. Smith appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. McQueen-Gibson 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 2:03 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Smith. Additionally, Dr. McQueen-Gibson moved that Ms. Wilson, 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 2:31 P.M.

Dr. McQueen-Gibson 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: Dr. McQueen-Gibson moved to Issue an Order to Deny Jennifer Hillery Smith's Application for Reinstatement as a practical nurse. 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 her 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.

CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED:

Wendie Lynn Peirce, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0002-079455
Ms. Peirce appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. McQueen-Gibson 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 3:42 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Peirce. Additionally, Dr. McQueen-Gibson moved that Ms. Wilson, 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 4:01 P.M.

Dr. McQueen-Gibson 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.

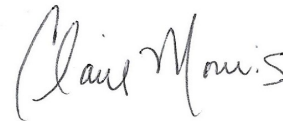
ACTION:

Dr. McQueen-Gibson moved to Issue an Order to Approve Wendie Lynn Peirce's Application for Reinstatement for licensure as a practical nurse contingent upon Ms. Peirce's entry into and remaining in compliance with HPMP and successful completion of a Board-approved refresher course with a clinical component. 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. Peirce, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Peirce 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 4:02 P.M.



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