

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
EDUCATION SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 18, 2024**

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 8:30 a.m. in Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Second Floor, Boardroom 4, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cynthia Swineford, RN, MSN, CNE Chair
Robert A. Scott, RN

STAFF PRESENT: Jacquelyn Wilmoth, MSN, RN, Deputy Executive director
Randall Mangrum, DNP, RN, Nursing Education Program Manager
Christine Smith, MSN, RN, Nurse Aide/RMA Education Program Manager
Stephanie Willinger, Deputy Executive Director for Licensure
Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist
Beth Yates, Education Program Specialist

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Military Education Equivalency

The committee discussed accepting military education as an equivalency to the approved Practical Nursing education programs.

Action: The committee recommended to accept the education from the Army LPN program and the Air Force BMTCP 4N501 curriculum as an equivalency to the approved Practical Nursing Program.

LanguageCert, Via Conference Call

Mirka Tzilivakis, Global Government Relations Manager, joined the meeting via conference phone to represent the company.

The board discussed the request from LanguageCert.

Mr. Scott moved to recommend that LanguageCert not be accepted to provide English proficiency testing for internationally educated nurses at this time.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board on July 23, 2024.

New River Community College, Dublin, Registered Nursing Education Program, US28406100

No representatives for the program were present.

ACTION: Mr. Scott moved to recommend that the request for continuing faculty exceptions for W. Hay and L. Helmick be approved.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board on July 23, 2024.

Liberty University, Lynchburg, Registered Nursing Education Program, US28500000 and US28511300

No representatives for the program were present.

ACTION: Mr. Scott moved to recommend that the request for continuing faculty exception for M. Ashburn, L. Bambara, J. Bonner, M. Borgia, J. Boykin, K. DaCosta, K. Deacon, R. Goin, A. Holloman, P. James, K. Mays, J. Mixon, t. Phelps, B. Richards, K. Ritchey, and A. Wood be approved, and to recommend denial for E. Blankenship and K. Mascera.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board on July 23, 2024.

George Mason University, Fairfax, Registered Nursing Education Program, US28508400 and US28510000

No representatives for the program were present.

ACTION: Mr. Scott moved to recommend that the request for continuing faculty exception for, C. Foster be approved, and to recommend denial for D. Thompson, L. Blair, H. Willis, A. Higgins and H. Horton.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board on July 23, 2024.

Marymount University, Arlington, Registered Nursing Education Programs, US28505500 and US28502600

No representatives for the program were present.

ACTION: Mr. Scott moved to recommend that the request for continuing faculty exception for T. Obed, L. Young, K. Feore, A. Marconi, E. Lanar, K. Munoz be approved.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board on July 23, 2024.

Rappahannock Community College, Glens, Registered Nursing Education Program, US28408800

No representatives for the program were present.

ACTION:

Mr. Scott moved to recommend that the request for continuing faculty exception for A. Greene-Nichols, A. Bozeman, C. Badger be approved.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board on July 23, 2024.

Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing, Richmond, Registered Nursing Education Program, US28502500

Ms. Swineford stated that she worked for Bon Secours but not for this program and could be impartial in her recommendation.

No representatives for the program were present.

ACTION:

Mr. Scott moved to recommend that the request for continuing faculty exception for M. Sumner, A. Aheid Komah be approved.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board on July 23, 2024.

The George Washington University, Ashburn, Registered Nursing Education Program, US28501500

No representatives for the program were present.

ACTION:

Mr. Scott moved to recommend that the request for continuing faculty exception for J. Benali, L. Applegate-Higgins be approved.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board on July 23, 2024

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Registered Nursing Education Program, US28505700

No representatives for the program were present.

ACTION:

Mr. Scott moved to recommend that the request for continuing faculty exception for M. Miller, K. Boles be approved and to recommend denial for M. Marshall.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board on July 23, 2024

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Richmond, Practical Nursing Education Program US28105500

Patricia Lawson, PhD, RN, Dean of Health Professions and Lori Dwyer, Vice President of Academic Affairs were present to represent the program.

The program was represented by counsel.

Mr. Scott 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 11:19 a.m. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Practical Nursing Education Program. Additionally, Mr. Scott moved that Dr. Mangrum, Ms. Smith, Ms. Stewart 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 12:02 p.m.

Mr. Scott 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. Scott moved to recommend to continue the program on conditional approval with terms.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be presented to a panel of the Board on July 23, 2024.

Mountain Gateway Community College, Clifton Forge, Registered Nursing Education Program US28406700

Catherine Hiler, Program Director and Ben Worth, Vice President, Academic Affairs were present to represent the program.

The program was represented by counsel.

Mr. Scott 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 2:55 p.m. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mountain Gateway Community College, Registered Nursing Education Program. Additionally, Mr. Scott moved that Ms. Wilmoth, Ms. Smith, Ms. Stewart 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 3:34 p.m.

Mr. Scott 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. Scott moved to recommend the program be placed on conditional approval with terms.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be presented to a panel of the Board on July 23, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Jacquelyn Wilmoth, MSN, RN
Executive Director