VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE C
INFORMAL CONFERENCES
October 7, 2019

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 10:34 A.M., on October 7, 2019 in Board Room 1, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marie Gerardo, M.S., R.N., ANP-BC, Chairperson
Louise Hershkowitz, C.R.N.A., M.S.H.A.

STAFF PRESENT: Charlette N. Ridout, R.N., M.S., C.N.E., Deputy Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Cynthia E. Gaines

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED: LaDonna A. Enoh, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0002-066429

Ms. Enoh appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Hershkowitz 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 11:17 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Enoh. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Ridout and Ms. Gaines 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 11:31 A.M.

Ms. Hershkowitz 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. Hershkowitz moved to issue an Order to Approve Ms. Enoh’s Application for Reinstatement as a Licensed Practical Nurse and issue her an unrestricted license. 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. Enoh, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Enoh 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.
Based upon information provided by Ms. Gaines, Ms. Gerardo ruled that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Bassett.

Ms. Hershkowitz 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 11:41 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Bassett. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Ridout and Ms. Gaines 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.

The Committee reconvened in open session at 11:45 A.M.

Ms. Hershkowitz 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.

Ms. Hershkowitz moved to issue an Order to Deny Ms. Bassett’s Application for Reinstatement as a Registered Medication Aide. 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. Bassett, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Bassett 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.

The committee recessed at 11:45 A.M.

The committee reconvened at 1:01 P.M.

Ms. Heisler appeared, accompanied by Kelly Brown, her friend.

Ms. Hershkowitz 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 1:17 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the
matter of Ms. Heisler. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Ridout and Ms. Gaines 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 1:33 P.M.

Ms. Hershkowitz 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. Hershkowitz moved to issue an Order to Approve Ms. Heisler’s Application for Reinstatement as a Registered Nurse and issue an unrestricted license contingent upon successful completion of a board-approved refresher course. 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. Heisler, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Heisler 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.

CONFFERENCE SCHEDULED:

Sharon A. Bazemore, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0002-031133

Ms. Bazemore appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hershkowitz 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 2:19 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Bazemore. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Ridout and Ms. Gaines 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 2:39 P.M.

Ms. Hershkowitz 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. Hershkowitz moved to issue an Order to Approve Ms. Bazemore’s Application for Reinstatement as a Licensed Practical Nurse and issue her an unrestricted license contingent upon remaining in compliance with HPMP and successful completion of a Board-approved refresher course. 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. Bazemore, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Bazemore 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: Lubov Andrea Smith, C.N.A. Reinstatement Applicant 1401-142836
Ms. Smith did not appear.

Based upon information provided by Ms. Gaines, Ms. Gerardo ruled that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Smith.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Hershkowitz 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 2:48 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Smith. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Ridout and Ms. Gaines 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 2:50 P.M.

ACTION: Ms. Hershkowitz 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.

Ms. Hershkowitz moved to issue an Order to Deny Ms. Smith’s Petition to Remove a Finding of Neglect from her Certified Nurse Aide certification. 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.
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SCHEDULED: Kayla N. Bolton, C.N.A. Applicant
Ms. Bolton did not appear.

Based upon information provided by Ms. Gaines, Ms. Gerardo ruled that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Bolton.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Hershkowitz 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 2:50 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Bolton. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Ridout and Ms. Gaines 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 2:58 P.M.

Ms. Hershkowitz 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. Hershkowitz moved to issue an Order of Reprimand to Ms. Bolton and approve her application to take the nurse aide examination for certification as a nurse aide and issue an unrestricted certificate after successful completion of the exam. 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. Bolton, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Bolton 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 3:00 P.M.

[Signature]
Charlette N. Ridout, R.N., M.S., C.N.E.
Deputy Executive Director