

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
INFORMAL CONFERENCES
October 6, 2016**

- TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on October 6, 2016 in Board Room 4, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marie Gerardo, MS, RN, ANP-BC (*Chairperson*)
Regina Gilliam, LPN
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jane Elliott, RN, Ph.D, Discipline Staff
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Bulger, Adjudication Specialist, APD
Park View High School nurse aide students and Bon Secours Memorial College,
Senior Nursing Students.
- CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:** **Jennifer Van Woerkom, R.N., UT License No: 322155-3102 with Multistate
Privilege**
Ms. Van Woerkom appeared, accompanied by her husband Mr. Van Woerkom.
- CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. Gilliam moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:45 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Van Woerkom. Additionally, Ms. Gilliam moved that Dr. Elliott and Mr. Bulger 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 10:00 A.M.
- Ms. Gilliam 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. Gilliam moved to close the case and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence of a violation of the Nurse Practice Act or Board of Nursing Regulations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order 30 days after service of such Order on Ms. Van Woerkom, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Van Woerkom, 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.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Lea New, R.N. 0001-235280

Ms. New did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Gilliam moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:10 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. New. Additionally, Ms. Gilliam moved that Dr. Elliott and Mr. Bulger 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 10:30 A.M.

Ms. Gilliam 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. Gilliam moved to offer Ms. New a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of her license, in lieu of a formal hearing, with said suspension stayed contingent upon verification of Ms. New's entry into the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program and remaining in compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program thereafter. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. New and the Board.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Denise Hardey, R.N. 0001-110995

Ms. Hardey appeared, accompanied by her Attorney, Michael Goodman.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Gilliam moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:55 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Hardey. Additionally, Ms. Gilliam moved that Dr. Elliott and Mr. Bulger 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 12:30 P.M.

Ms. Gilliam 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. Gilliam moved to issue an Order of reprimand to Ms. Hardey. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order 30 days after service of such Order on Ms. Hardey, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Hardey 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 motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Katherine Hyde, R.N. 0001-193852

Ms. Hyde appeared, accompanied by her Attorney, Nicholas A. Balland.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Gilliam moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:55 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Hyde. Additionally, Ms. Gilliam moved that Dr. Elliott and Mr. Bulger 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 2:25 P.M.

Ms. Gilliam 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. Gilliam moved to offer Ms. Hyde a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of her license, in lieu of a formal hearing, with said suspension stayed contingent upon verification of Ms. Hyde's entry into the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program and remaining in compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program thereafter. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. Hyde and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at **2:35 P.M.**



Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D.

Discipline Staff