

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
August 28, 2018**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:09 A.M., on August 28, 2018 in Training Room 2, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark D. Monson, Citizen Member, Chairperson
Ethlyn McQueen-Gibson, DNP, MSN, RN, BC

STAFF PRESENT: Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP, Deputy Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Bulger, Adjudication Specialist
Centura College, LPN students and faculty

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:** **Tiffany Adams, RN 0001-205752**
Ms. Adams appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. McQueen-Gibson 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 9:44 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Adams. Additionally, Dr. McQueen-Gibson moved that Dr. Hills 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 10:01 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 require Tiffany Adams to provide proof of completion of the following courses within 90 days of entry of Order: *"Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses"* and *"Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing"*.
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. Adams unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Adams 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:**

April Laxson, RN 0001-213570
Ms. Laxson appeared.
Others present: Brian Smith, friend.

Ms. Laxson requested a continuance.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. McQueen-Gibson 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 10:15 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Laxson. Additionally, Dr. McQueen-Gibson moved that Dr. Hills 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 10:25 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 that the continuance be granted.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:**

Crystal Bell, LPN 0002-068111
Ms. Bell appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. McQueen-Gibson 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 11:25 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Bell. Additionally, Dr. McQueen-Gibson moved that Dr. Hills 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 11:57 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 require Crystal Bell to provide proof of completion of the following courses within 90 days of entry of Order: *“Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care”*, *“Medication Errors: Causes & Prevention”* and *“Nurse Practice Acts”*.
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. Bell unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Bell 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 12:00 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The committee reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:** **Ashunta Brent, CNA Applicant by Exam**
Ms. Brent appeared.
Others present: Velma Bracey, friend.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. McQueen-Gibson 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 1:28 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Brent. Additionally, Dr. McQueen-Gibson moved that Dr. Hills 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 1:45 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 Ashunta Brent’s Application to take the Certified Nurse Aide “CNA” examination for certification as a CNA.
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. Brent unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Brent 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:

Alethia Uwanda, LPN 0002-059284
Ms. Uwanda did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. McQueen-Gibson 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 1:48 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Uwanda. Additionally, Dr. McQueen-Gibson moved that Dr. Hills 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 1:56 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 offer Alethia Uwanda a Consent Order for the indefinite suspension of her right to renew her license in lieu of a Formal Hearing and until such time as she appears before the Board to demonstrate that she is safe and competent to return to the practice of practical nursing.

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. Uwanda and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 2:00 P.M.



Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP
Deputy Executive Director