

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
INFORMAL CONFERENCES
October 23, 2018**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 1:06 P.M., on October 23, 2018 in Training Room Room 2, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark D. Monson, Citizen Member - Chairperson
Ethlyn McQueen-Gibson, D.N.P., M.S.N., R.N., B.C

STAFF PRESENT: Robin Hills, D.N.P., R.N., W.H.N.P., Deputy Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Tammie Jones, Adjudication Specialist
Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist (observing)

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:** **April Laxson, R.N. 0001-213570**
Ms. Laxson 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 2:26 P.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 Ms. Jones 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 3:28 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 place April Laxson on probation with terms for one year employment as a professional 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. Laxson, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Laxson 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:**

Marla Depriest Hubbard, L.P.N. 0002-074752
Ms. Depriest-Hubbard appeared, accompanied by her spouse, Brian Fizer.

Ms. Depriest-Hubbard requested a continuance.

ACTION:

Mr. Monson granted the continuance.

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:**

Teresa Phillippi, L.P.N. 0002-188385
Ms. Phillippi 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 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 4:00 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Phillippi. Additionally, Dr. McQueen-Gibson moved that Dr. Hills and Ms. Jones 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 4:11 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 Teresa Phillippi a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of her license to practice practical nursing for not less than one year, 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 finding, conclusion, and terms of consent by both Ms. Phillippi and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 4:11 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robin Hills".

**Robin Hills, D.N.P., R.N., W.H.N.P.
Deputy Executive Director**