

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE A
INFORMAL CONFERENCES
February 25, 2019**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:09 A.M., on February 25, 2019 in Board Room 1, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA, President- Chairperson
Meenakshi Shah, BA, RN

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tammie Jones, Adjudication Specialist
Pat Dewey, RN, BSN, Discipline Case Manager (joined at 1:00 P.M.)
Claire Morris, RN, NHA, Discipline Case Manager (joined at 1:00 P.M.)
Senior Nursing Students from Riverside College of Health Careers, along with Faculty

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED: Latisha Mitchell, LPN 0002-083797
Ms. Mitchell did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Shah 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 9:17 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Mitchell. Additionally, Ms. Shah 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 10:02 A.M.

Ms. Shah 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. Shah moved to offer Ms. Mitchell a Consent Order for the indefinite suspension of her license, in lieu of a formal hearing, with said suspension stayed contingent upon verification of Ms. Mitchell's entry into the Health Practitioners Monitoring Program ("HPMP") and thereafter remaining in compliance with the terms of the HPMP. 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. Mitchell and the Board. Nursing students left the meeting.

RECESS: The committee recessed at 12:00 P.M.

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

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:**

Kelly Cramer, RN 0001-120556

Ms. Cramer appeared. John Poerstel and Sophy Weinroth were also present.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Shah 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 1:45 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Cramer. Additionally, Ms. Shah moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Morris, Ms. Dewey, 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 2:10 P.M.

Ms. Shah 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. Shah moved to issue an Order to approve Ms. Cramer's application for reinstatement for licensure as a professional nurse contingent upon verification of Ms. Cramer's entry into the Health Practitioners Monitoring Program ("HPMP") and thereafter remaining in compliance with the terms of the HPMP. 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. Cramer, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Cramer 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 2:10 P.M.

Robin L. Hills

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