

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
October 23, 2019**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:07 A.M., on August 19, 2019 in Hearing Room 3, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Laura Cei, BS, LPN, CCRP (*Chairperson*)  
Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA

**STAFF PRESENT:** Terri Clinger, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC, Deputy Executive Director  
Jodi P. Power, RN, JD, Senior Deputy Executive Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Philip Dean, Adjudication Specialist  
Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division

**CONFERENCES** **Terisha Vaughan, RN 0001-125110**  
Ms. Vaughan appeared.  
Others present: Beoncia Johnson, Tonya James.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. Hershkowitz 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 10:07 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Vaughan. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Dr. Clinger, Ms. Power, Mr. Dean and Ms. Joseph 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 10:35 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 offer Terisha Vaughan a Consent Order for reprimand, deny petition for release from probation and the indefinite suspension of her license in lieu of a Formal Hearing.  
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. Vaughan and the Board.

CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:

**Jimmy Ellis, RN 0001234586**

Mr. Ellis appeared.

Others present: Shyrell Reed.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hershkowitz 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 12:35 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Ellis. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Dr. Clinger, Ms. Power, Mr. Dean and Ms. Joseph 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 1:32 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 Jimmy Ellis and place him on probation with terms for one (1) year employment as a registered 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 Mr. Ellis unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Ellis 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 1:45 P.M.

RECONVENTION:

The committee reconvened at 2:30 P.M.

CONFERENCES  
SCHEDULED:

**Hanah Dove, 0002-095883**

Ms. Dove appeared accompanied by her attorney Lance Hale, Esquire.

Others present: Tyler Smith, Carissa Robbins.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hershkowitz 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 4:35 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Dove. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Dr. Clinger, Ms. Power, Mr. Dean and Ms. Joseph 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 5:11 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 Hanah Dove and require she provide proof of completion of the following courses within 90 days of entry of order: *Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses; Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care; Medication Errors: Causes & Prevention; Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing; and Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills.*

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. Dove unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Dove 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:**

**Rebecca Tolbert, RN 0001-107405**

Ms. Tolbert appeared.

Others present: Abby Stevens, Tonya James, Beoncia Johnson.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Ms. Hershkowitz 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 6:21 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Tolbert. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Dr. Clinger, Ms. Power, Mr. Dean and Ms. Joseph 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 6:52 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 Rebecca Tolbert and place her on indefinite probation.

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. Tolbert unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Tolbert 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 7:00 P.M.

  
Terri Clinger, DNP, RN, PNP-PC  
Deputy Executive Director