VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE – D JUNE 5, 2019

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of

Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on June 5, 2019, in Training Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201,

Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marie Gerardo, M.S., R.N., ANP-BC, Chairperson

Ann Tucker Gleason, Ph.D., Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Charlette Ridout, R.N., M.S., C.N.E., Deputy Executive Director

Patricia L. Dewey, R.N., B.S.N.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

STAFF PRESENT: Holly Woodcock

OTHERS PRESENT: Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director

Beoncia Johnson, Compliance Specialist Eleanor Badgley, Compliance Intern

CONFERENCE

SCHEDULED: Melissa Hill, C.N.A. Reinstatement Applicant 1401-134692

Ms. Hill appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Gleason 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 9:13 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Hill. Additionally, Dr. Gleason moved that Ms. Ridout, Ms. Dewey, and Ms. Woodcock 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 9:42 A.M.

Dr. Gleason 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. Gleason moved to: issue an Order of Reprimand to Melissa Hill; issue

an Order to require Ms. Hill to provide a letter of attestation that she has read and understands the laws and regulations related to the practice of

nurse aides within 60 days from the date the Order is entered; and, issue an Order to Approve Ms. Hill's Application for Reinstatement for certification as a Nurse Aide. 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. Hill unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Hill 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.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED:

Shanise Burwell, C.N.A. Applicant

Ms. Burwell did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Gleason 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 9:55 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Burwell. Additionally, Dr. Gleason moved that Ms. Ridout, Ms. Dewey, and Ms. Woodcock 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 10:15 A.M.

Dr. Gleason 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. Gleason moved to issue an Order to Deny Shanise Burwell's application to take the nurse aide examination for certification as a nurse aide. 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. Burwell unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Burwell 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 Committee recessed at 10:20 A.M. The Committee reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED:

Gaynell Angelia Woodruff, C.N.A. Reinstatement Applicant 1401-091725

Ms. Woodruff appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Gleason 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 1:25 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Woodruff. Additionally, Dr. Gleason moved that Ms. Ridout, Ms. Dewey, and Ms. Woodcock 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 1:37 P.M.

Dr. Gleason 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. Gleason moved to issue an Order to Approve Gaynell Angelia Woodruff's Application for Reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a Certified Nurse Aide, contingent upon successful completion of the nurse aide exam. 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. Woodruff unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Woodruff 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.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED:

Michelle Smith Burch Stearnes, R.N.

0001-196872

Ms. Stearnes appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Gleason 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 2:32 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Stearnes. Additionally, Dr. Gleason moved that Ms. Ridout, Ms. Dewey, and Ms. Woodcock 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 3:33 P.M.

Dr. Gleason 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. Gleason moved to issue an Order of Reprimand to Michelle Smith Burch Stearnes for noncompliance with the July 20, 2016 Board Order, and offer a Consent Order for Revocation in lieu of a Formal Hearing of her license to practice as a professional nurse. 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. Stearnes and the Board.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED:

Gabrielle Christine Younger, R.M.A.

0031-004619

Ms. Younger appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Gleason 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. Younger. Additionally, Dr. Gleason moved that Ms. Ridout, Ms. Dewey, and Ms. Woodcock 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 4:40 P.M.

Dr. Gleason 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. Gleason moved to issue an Order to Dismiss the Case and Impose No Sanction due to insufficient evidence of a violation of the laws and regulations governing medication aides. 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. Younger unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Younger 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 4:45 P.M.

Charlette N. Ridout, R.N., M.S., C.N.E