

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
INFORMAL CONFERENCES
June 12, 2018**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., on June 12, 2018 in Training Room 1, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce Hahn, Ph.D., R.N., N.E.A-B.C., F.N.A.P.- Chairperson
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S., Deputy Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:**

Kristine Diggs, R.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0001-199244
Ms. Diggs appeared, accompanied by her mother.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Friedenberg 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 9:28 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Diggs. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Ms. Krohn and Mr. Kazzie 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 9:52 A.M.

Ms. Friedenberg 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. Friedenberg moved to issue an Order to deny Kristine Diggs' application for reinstatement for licensure 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 Ms. Diggs, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Diggs 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:

Melinda Brown, R.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0001-243295

Ms. Brown appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Friedenberg 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 10:52 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Brown. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Ms. Krohn and Mr. Kazzie 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 11:10 A.M.

Ms. Friedenberg 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. Friedenberg moved to issue an Order to approve Melinda Brown's application for reinstatement for licensure as a registered nurse contingent upon verification of Ms. Brown's entry into the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") and thereafter remaining in compliance with the terms of the monitoring contract with 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 30 days after service of such Order on Ms. Brown, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Brown 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:

Kimberly Gersky, C.N.A. 1401-114139 and L.P.N. Applicant by Examination

Ms. Gersky appeared, accompanied by her boyfriend, Shawn Sean.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Friedenberg 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 11:39 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Gersky. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Ms. Krohn and Mr. Kazzie 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 11:53 A.M.

Ms. Friedenberg 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. Friedenberg moved to issue an Order to dismiss the C.N.A. case against Kimberly Gersky and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary action. 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. Gersky, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Gersky 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.

ACTION:

Ms. Friedenberg moved to issue an Order to approve Kimberly Gersky's application for licensure as a practical nurse and issue an unrestricted license upon successful completion of the 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. Gersky, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Gersky 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:

Elizabeth Dunham, C.N.A. Reinstatement Applicant 1401-123528
Ms. Dunham appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Friedenberg 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 12:18 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Dunham. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Ms. Krohn and Mr. Kazzie 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 12:26 P.M.

Ms. Friedenberg 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. Friedenberg moved to issue an Order to approve Elizabeth Dunham's application for reinstatement for certification as a nurse aide contingent upon successful completion of the state exam. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order 30 days after service of such Order on Ms. Dunham, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Dunham 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:

Carry Ramey, R.M.A. Applicant by Exam
Ms. Ramey did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Friedenberg 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 12:35 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Ramey. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Ms. Krohn and Mr. Kazzie 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 12:40 P.M.

Ms. Friedenberg 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. Friedenberg moved to issue an Order to deny Carry Ramey's application to take the registered medication aide examination. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order 30 days after service of such Order on Ms. Ramey, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Ramey 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 12:40 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The committee reconvened at 1:12 P.M.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED: **Heather Street, R.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0001-224274**
Ms. Street did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Friedenberg 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 1:15 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Street. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Ms. Krohn and Mr. Kazzie 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 1:25 P.M.

Ms. Friedenberg 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. Friedenberg moved to issue an Order to deny Heather Street's application for reinstatement for licensure 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 30 days after service of such Order on Ms. Street, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Street 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: **Aleshia White, C.N.A. 1401-141337**
Ms. White did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Friedenberg 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 1:30 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. White. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Ms. Krohn and Mr. Kazzie 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.

Ms. Friedenberg 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.

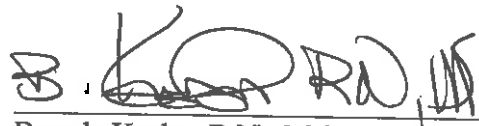
ACTION:

Ms. Friedenberg moved to offer a Consent Order for the indefinite suspension of her nurse aide certificate, 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. White and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 1:50 P.M.



Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S.
Deputy Executive Director