

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

June 3, 2019

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:20 A.M., on June 3, 2019 in Training Room 2, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jennifer Phelps, B.S., L.P.N., Q.M.H.P.A. - Chairperson
Louise Hershkowitz, R.N., C.R.N.A, M.S.H.A.

STAFF PRESENT: Jodi Power, R.N., J.D., Senior Deputy Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:**

Erica Brown, R.N. 0001-216159

Ms. Brown appeared, accompanied by her attorneys, Eileen Talamante and Nora Ciancio. Others Present: Christina Wall, R.N.

The Committee recessed at 10:40 A.M.
The Committee reconvened at 10:48 A.M.

Christina Wall, R.N. 0001-220056

Ms. Wall appeared, accompanied by her attorneys, Eileen Talamante and Nora Ciancio. Others Present: Erica Brown, R.N.

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 12:06 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Erica Brown and Christina Wall. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Power 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 2:06 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 Erica Brown and require Ms. Brown to provide proof of completion of the following two NCSBN courses within 90 days of entry of the Order: "*Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses*" and "*Ethics of Nursing Practice*". 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. 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.

ACTION:

Ms. Hershkowitz moved to issue an Order of Reprimand to Christina Wall and require Ms. Wall to provide proof of completion of the following three NCSBN courses within 90 days of entry of the Order: *“Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses”*, *“Ethics of Nursing Practice”* 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. Wall unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Wall 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 2:30 P.M.
The Committee reconvened at 2:45 P.M.

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:**

Hector Nunez, R.N. 0001-259307
Mr. Nunez appeared.

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 4:00 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Nunez. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Power 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 4:30 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 to require Hector Nunez to provide proof of completion of the following two NCSBN courses within 90 days of entry of the Order: *“Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses”* and *“Righting a Wrong: Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing”*. 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. Nunez unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Nunez 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 4:35 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jodi Power".

Jodi Power, R.N., J.D
Senior Deputy Executive Director