

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
VIRTUAL FORMAL HEARINGS
March 10, 2021

TIME AND PLACE: The virtual Webex meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 8:45 A.M. on March 10, 2021.

Due to COVID-19 declared state of emergency and consistent with Amendment 28 to HB29 (Budget Bill for 2018-2020) and the applicable provision of §2.2-3708.2 in the Freedom of Information Act, the Board convened a virtual meeting to consider such regulatory and business matters as was presented on the agenda for the Board to discharge its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

MEMBERS VIRTUALLY PARTICIPATED: Cynthia M. Swineford, RN, MSN, CNE, Chair
Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA

STAFF VIRTUALLY PARTICIPATED: Jay Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director
Jacquelyn Wilmoth, MSN, RN, Deputy Executive Director
Beth Yates, Nursing and Nurse Aide Education Coordinator
Huong Vu, Executive Assistant for the Board

OTHERS PARTICIPATED VIRTUALLY: Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist
Louise Schwabenbauer, MSN, M.Ed., RN, Program Director,
Nicole Winkler, M.Ed, RT, Dean, Health and Life Sciences,
John Donnelly, Ph.D., Vice President, Instruction and Student Services,
Kelly H. Farnsworth, MSN, RN, Faculty, Charemon Brooks, MSN, RN Faculty,
Brittany Pokrifka, MSN; RN; C.P.N.
Noelle Shaw-Bell, Esq., System Counsel and Senior Assistant Attorney General.
Phyllis Wyche, Program Coordinator, Petersburg Public Schools (PPS) Practical Nurse (PN) Program
Cynthia Williamson, Faculty, PPS PN Program
Terrie Allsbrooks, Director of Career, Adult and Technical Education for Petersburg Public Schools

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

INFORMAL CONFERENCE: **Piedmont Virginia Community College, Practical Nursing Program, Charlottesville, US28203800**

Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Education Informal 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 Piedmont Virginia Community College, Practical Nursing Program. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that, Ms. Douglas, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Vu and Ms. Yates attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed

meeting was deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:32 p.m.

Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Education Informal 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 recommend that Piedmont Virginia Community College continue on conditional approval pursuant to the October 2019 Order and additional terms ordered by the Board.

The Committee recessed at 2:36 p.m.
The Committee reconvened at 3:10 p.m.

Ms. Wilmoth joined the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

**Petersburg Public Schools, Practical Nursing Program,
Petersburg, US28109400**

Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Education Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A) (27) of the Code of Virginia at 4:51 p.m. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Petersburg Public Schools, Practical Nursing Program. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that, Ms. Wilmoth, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Vu and Ms. Yates attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The Committee reconvened in open session at 5:48 p.m.

Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Education Informal 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 recommend to withdraw approval of the Practical Nursing Education Program at Petersburg Public School and STAY the withdrawal, the program will halt admissions until Fall of 2022, submit to the board a comprehensive plan for regulatory compliance by

December 31, 2021 and achieve an 80% or greater NCLEX pass rate for the year 2021.

DISCUSSION
ITEMS

Jacquelyn Wilmoth updated the committee on the following items:

- 2020 NCLEX Pass Rates and NNAAP Pass Rates.
- Education Staff Updates: Effective February 25, 2020, Christine Smith RN,MSN is the Nurse Aide/Medication Aide Program Manager. Effective March 10, 2020, Randall Smith RN, DNP is the Nursing Education Program Manager.

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Jacquelyn Wilmoth, MSN, RN
Deputy Executive Director