## VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE C INFORMAL CONFERENCES October 7, 2019

TIME AND PLACE:

The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 10:34 A.M., on October 7, 2019 in Board Room 1, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Louise Hershkowitz, C.R.N.A., M.S.H.A.

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cynthia E. Gaines

**CONFERENCE** 

SCHEDULED:

LaDonna A. Enoh, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant

0002-066429

Ms. Enoh appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hershkowitz 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 11:17 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Enoh. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Ridout and Ms. Gaines 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 11:31 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 issue an Order to Approve Ms. Enoh's Application for Reinstatement as a Licensed Practical Nurse and issue her an unrestricted license. 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. Enoh, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Enoh 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:

Natalie D. Bassett, R.M.A. Reinstatement Applicant

0031-008321

Ms. Bassett did not appear.

Based upon information provided by Ms. Gaines, Ms. Gerardo ruled that adequate

notice was provided to Ms. Bassett.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Hershkowitz 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 11:41 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Bassett. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Ridout and Ms. Gaines 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 11:45 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 issue an Order to Deny Ms. Bassett's Application for

Reinstatement as a Registered Medication 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. Bassett, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Bassett 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 11:45 A.M.

RECONVENTION: The committee reconvened at 1:01 P.M.

CONFERENCE

SCHEDULED: Tracy Lynn Woody Heisler, R.N., Reinstatement Applicant 0001-195023

Ms. Heisler appeared, accompanied by Kelly Brown, her friend.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Hershkowitz 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 1:17 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the

matter of Ms. Heisler. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Ridout and Ms. Gaines 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 1:33 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 Approve Ms. Heisler's Application for Reinstatement as a Registered Nurse and issue an unrestricted license contingent upon successful completion of a board-approved refresher course. 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. Heisler, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Heisler 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: Sharon A. Bazemore, L.P.N. Reinstatement Applicant 0002-031133

Ms. Bazemore appeared.

**CLOSED MEETING:** 

Ms. Hershkowitz 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 2:19 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Bazemore. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Ridout and Ms. Gaines 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 2:39 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 Approve Ms. Bazemore's Application for Reinstatement as a Licensed Practical Nurse and issue her an unrestricted license contingent upon remaining in compliance with HPMP and successful completion of a Board-approved refresher course. 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. Bazemore, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Bazemore 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:

Lubov Andrea Smith, C.N.A. Reinstatement Applicant 1401-142836 Ms. Smith did not appear.

Based upon information provided by Ms. Gaines, Ms. Gerardo ruled that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Smith.

**CLOSED MEETING:** 

Ms. Hershkowitz 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 2:48 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Smith. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Ridout and Ms. Gaines 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 2:50 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 Deny Ms. Smith's Petition to Remove a Finding of Neglect from her Certified Nurse Aide certification. 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. Smith, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Smith 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:

Kayla N. Bolton, C.N.A. Applicant

Ms. Bolton did not appear.

Based upon information provided by Ms. Gaines, Ms. Gerardo ruled that adequate

notice was provided to Ms. Bolton.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Hershkowitz 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 2:50 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Bolton. Additionally, Ms. Hershkowitz moved that Ms. Ridout and Ms. Gaines 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 2:58 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 Ms. Bolton and approve her application to take the nurse aide examination for certification as a nurse aide and issue an unrestricted certificate after 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. Bolton, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Bolton 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 3:00 P.M.

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

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Deputy Executive Director