

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
February 10, 2020**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 10:30 A.M., on February 10, 2020 in Board Room 3, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Monson, Citizen Member – Chairperson
James L. Hermansen-Parker, M.S.N., R.N., P.C.C.N.-K.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Cynthia Gaines, Adjudication Specialist
Practical Nursing students and faculty from Rappahannock Community College

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED: **Christine Davidson, R.N. 0001-254128**
Ms. Davidson appeared, accompanied by attorney, Kim Crump.

The Committee recessed at 12:43 P.M.
The Committee reconvened at 12:55 P.M.

Jamie Holmes, L.P.N. 0002-091332
Ms. Holmes appeared.

JOINT CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a joint closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:42 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Davidson and Ms. Holmes. Additionally, Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that Ms. Power and Ms. Gaines attend the joint 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.

The nursing students and faculty left the meeting at 2:43 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 3:37 P.M.

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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 joint closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved to refer the matter regarding **Jamie Holmes** to a Formal Hearing of the Board of Nursing. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved to issue an Order to require **Christine Davidson** to provide proof of completion of the following two NCSBN courses within 60 days of entry of the Order: "*Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses*", "*Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills*" and complete a Board approved refresher course that includes, a face to face hands on, clinical component, within 180 days of entry of the Order. The basis of this decision will be set forth in an Order which will be mailed to Christine Davidson at her address of record with the Board. 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. Davidson unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Davidson 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:**

Gina Howell, R.N. 0001-179326

Ms. Howell appeared, accompanied by her attorney, Rachel Horvath. Tina Wells, the complainant, and Tim Newman were present and observed.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Howell. Additionally, Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that Ms. Power 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 5:35 P.M.

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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:

Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved to issue an Order to require Gina Howell to provide proof of completion of the following three NCSBN courses within 60 days of entry of the Order: "*Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses*", "*Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing*", and "*Professional Boundaries in Nursing*" The basis of this decision will be set forth in an Order which will be mailed to Gina Howell at her address of record with the Board. 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. Howell unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Howell 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:**

Laura Sargent, R.N. 0001-204663
Ms. Sargent did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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 5:45 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Sargent. Additionally, Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that Ms. Power 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 5:56 P.M.

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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:

Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved to offer Laura Sargent a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of her right to renew her practical nursing license, in lieu of a Formal Hearing and until such time as she appears before the Board. The basis of this decision will be set forth in a Consent Order which will be mailed to Laura Sargent at her address of record with the Board. 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. Sargent and the Board.

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:**

Levon Pinkney, L.P.N. 0002-062783
Ms. Pinkney did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Pinkney. Additionally, Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that Ms. Power 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 6:19 P.M.

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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:

Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved to offer Levon Pinkney a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of her practical nursing license for a period not less than 1 year, in lieu of a Formal Hearing and until such time as she appears before the Board. The basis of this decision will be set forth in a Consent Order which will be mailed to Levon Pinkney at her address of record with the Board. 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. Pinkney and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 6:20 P.M.



Jodi Power, RN, JD
Senior Deputy Executive Director