

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE C
April 19, 2022

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 10:31 A.M., on April 19, 2022 in Training Room 1, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marie Gerardo, MS, RN, ANP-BC, – Chairperson
Margaret Joan Friedenber, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN, Deputy Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: David Kazzie, Adjudication Consultant for Lakesha DeAnna Smith, LPN, RMA
Mandy Wilson, Adjudication Specialist for Elaine E. Hughes, RN
Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist for Tara Dawn Hammock, RN
Melissa “Lisa” Armstrong for the Administrative Proceedings Division

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED: **Lakesha DeAnna Smith, LPN, RMA 0002-099910/0031-003440**
Ms. Smith appeared, accompanied by family members.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Friedenber 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 10:59 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Smith. Additionally, Ms. Friedenber moved that Ms. Bargdill, Mr. Kazzie, and Ms. Armstrong 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 11:14 A.M.

Ms. Friedenber 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. Friedenber moved to issue an Order to Dismiss the Case and Impose No Sanction against Lakesha DeAnna Smith due to insufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary action. The basis of this decision will be set forth in an Order which will be mailed to Lakesha DeAnna Smith 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. 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.

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SCHEDULED:

Elaine E. Hughes, RN 0001-226603

Ms. Hughes appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Friedenberg 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 1:30 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Hughes. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Wilson, and Ms. Armstrong 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 1:53 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 require Elaine E. Hughes to provide proof of completion of the following course with minimum of three credit hours within 90 days of entry of the Order: *"Ethics of Nursing Practice"*. The basis of this decision will be set forth in an Order which will be mailed to Elaine E. Hughes 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. Hughes unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Hughes 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:

Tara Dawn Hammock, RN 0001-170022

Ms. Hammock appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Friedenberg 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 3:25 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Hammock. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Wilson, and Ms. Armstrong 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 3:50 P.M.

Ms. Friedenbergr 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. Friedenbergr moved to issue an issue an Order to Dismiss the Case and Impose No Sanction against Tara Dawn Hammock due to insufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary action. The basis of this decision will be set forth in an Order which will be mailed to Tara Dawn Hammock 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. Hammock unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Hammock 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 3:51 P.M.



Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN
Deputy Executive Director