

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES**

April 22, 2010

A Special Board meeting was held at the office of the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses at 101 Dee Drive, Suite 102, Charleston, WV 25311-1620, on April 22, 2010.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT BY CONFERENCE CALL:

CYNTHIA PERSILY, Ph.D., RN, PRESIDENT

ROBIN WALTON, MSN, RN, Ed.D., FNP-BC, SECRETARY

JOYCE EGNOR, MSN, RN

MARY FRIEL FANNING, MSN, RN

TERESA RITCHIE, MSN, RN, FNP-BC

JUDY NYSTROM, PUBLIC MEMBER

DR. PAMELA CAIN, PUBLIC MEMBER

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

LAURA S. RHODES, MSN, RN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CYNDY R. HAYNES, MSN, RN, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION & PRACTICE

MARGARET "MARTY" ALSTON, SECRETARY II/ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT II

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Cynthia Persily, Board President at 3:20 p.m..

QUORUM

With the required number of members being present a quorum was established.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

3. A motion was made by Dr. Pamela Cain to accept the proposed agenda as written. The second was offered by Judy Nystrom. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Dr. Cynthia Persily, Board President, announced that in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 4(2)(A), of the Code of West Virginia, Executive Sessions may be held by governmental agencies to consider matters. All motions arising from the discussion during the Executive Session shall be made and voted on in an open meeting immediately following an Executive Session.

A motion was made by Joyce Egnor that the Board recess and reconvene in an Executive Session to discuss the hearing transcript for R. Evelyn Melvin. The second was offered by Teresa Ritchie. Motion carried. The Board, having received the transcript at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting discussed the transcript and Hearing Officer Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation regarding the matter of R. Evelyn Melvin.

PUBLIC SESSION

A motion was made by Teresa Ritchie to reconvene the regular meeting to make motions related to discussion during the Executive Session regarding the hearing of the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses vs. R. Evelyn Melvin. The motion was seconded by Dr. Pamela Cain. Motion Carried.

5. MOTIONS RELATED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING REVIEW OF HEARING TRANSCRIPT

5. After review of the transcript and Hearing Officer's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law the Board adds the following statements to the following statements to the Findings of Fact:
 45. R. Evelyn Melvin has indicated that by written correspondence, dated July 27, 2009, that she will not attend the hearing today.
 46. R. Evelyn Melvin specifically states in her letter "Effective August 1, 2009, after thirty-eight years of nursing, I am retiring. I will not be renewing any license or certificate, and I will not be attending the hearing on September 10, 2009."

On the basis of the transcript, the Board hereby ORDERS that license number 25481, issued to R. Evelyn Melvin be REVOKED. After ten (10) years of revocation, Hoffman can petition for reinstatement to be licensed in the State of West Virginia as a registered professional nurse.

Robin Walton made a motion to accept The Hearing Officer's Recommended Decision with the above-mentioned modifications. The second was offered by Judy Nystrom. Motion carried.

6. BUDGET

6. The Executive Director provided the Board with information regarding the Board's current year-to-date expenditures. She explained that each year, beginning in January, that staff projects the Board's anticipated costs for the rest of the year very closely. She further explained that we are over budget in two main areas professional and contractual, and postage. Generally this would not cause a problem as other line items may be enough under budget to balance the difference. However, the projections indicate that a supplement to our budget is needed. The Executive Director also explained that the Board would also need additional funds for FY2011. A discussion ensued regarding the need to request additional funds be added to our budget bottom line. The Executive Director proposed that the Board submit a request for an increase in its spending authority in the amount of at least \$13,000.00 for the current fiscal year in order for the Board to maintain enough money to continue the day to day operations and also request increased spending authority for FY2011. A motion was made by Joyce Egnor that the Executive Director submit a request for an increase in the Board's spending authority in the amount of \$13,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2010 and also increased spending authority for FY2011. The second was offered by Teresa Ritchie. Motion carried.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

7. There were no items under this topic.

ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Teresa Ritchie. The second was offered by Judy Nystrom. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Margaret E. Alston

Minutes taken and prepared by

Margaret "Marty" Alston

Secretary II/Accounting Assistant II

Robin Walton

Respectfully submitted by

Robin Walton, MSN, RN, Ed.D., FNP-BC

Board Secretary