

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: ELIZABETH JONES, L.P.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT
License Number: 0002-055290
Case Number: 180894

ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10), a Special Conference Committee of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) held an informal conference on October 3, 2017, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Elizabeth Jones’ application for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia and to inquire into evidence that grounds may exist to deny said application.

Elizabeth Jones did not appear at this proceeding and was not represented by legal counsel.

NOTICE

By letter dated September 12, 2017, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Jones notifying her that an informal conference would be held on October 3, 2017. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board. The certified mail receipt for the Notice sent by certified mail was signed by Ms. Jones and returned to the Board office. The Notice sent by first class mail was not returned to the Board office. Accordingly, the Committee Chair concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Jones and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the Order contained herein.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Elizabeth Jones was issued License No. 0002-055290 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on September 25, 1997.
2. By Order of the Board entered August 14, 2008, Ms. Jones' license was indefinitely suspended for a period of not less than two years. The Board's Order was based upon findings that, between November 2006 and April 2007, Ms. Jones fraudulently called in multiple prescriptions for hydrocodone (C-III) and clonazepam (C-IV) for her own personal and unauthorized use by using the name of a nurse who worked for her personal physician after he denied her refills of these medications. Ms. Jones admitted that she became addicted to narcotic pain medications in 2006. Ms. Jones was also convicted of misdemeanor check fraud in the General District Court of Nottaway County, Virginia, in January of 2006.
3. On April 4, 2017 the Board received Ms. Jones' application for reinstatement of her practical nursing license.
4. Ms. Jones violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(4) in that on August 17, 2009, she was convicted of two counts of obtaining drugs by fraud, both felonies, in the Circuit Court of Chesterfield County, Virginia.
5. As the applicant, Ms. Jones had the burden to demonstrate to the Board that she is safe and competent to practice practical nursing and she did not appear.
6. Ms. Jones has not demonstrated that she is able to resume the safe and competent practice of practical nursing.

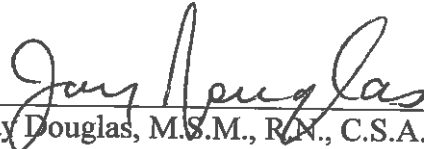
ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Board of Nursing hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. The application of Elizabeth Jones for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing is DENIED. Should she petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether Ms. Jones is able to return to the safe and competent practice of practical nursing. Ms. Jones shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and/or renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

FOR THE BOARD



Jay Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED AND MAILED: November 17th, 2017

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Jones may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on December 20, 2017, notify Jay Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that she desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated. This Order shall become final on December 20, 2017, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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