

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:       ALENA FARREN, R.N.**  
**License Number:   0001-260319**  
**Case Number:       173022**

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**ORDER**

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**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 April 11, 2017, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Alena Farren, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Alena Farren, R.N. appeared at this proceeding and was represented by Nicholas Balland, Esquire.

**NOTICE**

By letter dated January 6, 2017, the Board sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Farren notifying her that an informal conference would be held on February 7, 2017. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board. Through her attorney, Ms. Farren requested and was granted a continuance in this matter, and the informal conference was rescheduled for April 11, 2017.

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. Alena Farren, R.N., was issued License Number 0001-260319 to practice professional nursing on July 24, 2015, which is scheduled to expire on July 31, 2017. At all times relevant to the

findings contained herein, said license was current and active. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. Ms. Farren violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(5) in that during the course of her employment with Lorien Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Columbia, Maryland, on April 8, 2015, she roughly moved a resident while the resident was sitting in a wheelchair, and caught the resident's legs under the wheelchair. As a result of this incident, her employment with Lorien Nursing and Rehabilitation Center was terminated on April 10, 2015.

3. Ms. Farren violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (currently found at 18 VAC 90-19-230(A)(2)(e) effective February 24, 2017), in that on the application for employment with Cambridge Healthcare System dated September 10, 2015, Ms. Farren falsely indicated that she resigned employment from Lorien Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, when, in fact, her employment was terminated on April 10, 2015.

4. Ms. Farren was not disciplined by the Maryland Board of Nursing for the incident at Lorien Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

5. Ms. Farren stated to the Committee that she has been employed with HealthSouth Rehabilitation since April 2016, and has not been the subject of any disciplinary action.

6. Ms. Farren provided evidence of completion of ten courses of continuing education, for a total of 24 hours.

7. Ms. Farren was able to articulate to the Committee that she has learned from her experiences, and has educated herself and feels that she is a better nurse.

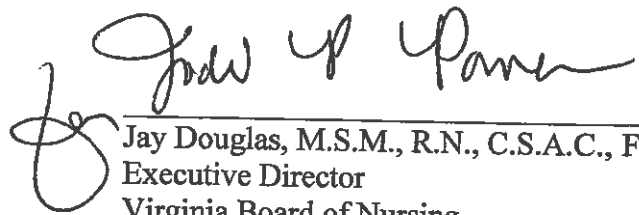
**ORDER**

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

1. Alena Farren, R.N., is REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Farren is assessed a MONETARY PENALTY of \$500.00. This penalty shall be paid to the Board by within 90 days from the date of entry of this Order. Failure to pay the full monetary penalty by the due date may cause the matter to be sent for collection and constitutes grounds for an administrative proceeding and further discipline.
3. Ms. Farren shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
4. Any violation of the foregoing terms and conditions of this Order or any statute or regulation governing the practice of nursing shall constitute grounds for further disciplinary action.

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

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

ENTERED AND MAILED:

May 1, 2017

Certified True Copy

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Virginia Board Of Nursing

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Ms. Farren may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on June 3, 2017, notify Jay Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., 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 June 3, 2017, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.