

VIRGINIA:

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA COMMITTEE OF
THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE**

**IN RE: SUZANNE E. RICHARDSON
License No.: 0024-168612**

ORDER

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Virginia Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine ("Committee of the Joint Boards") on September 23, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia. Suzanne E. Richardson, L.N.P., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Allison Gregory, M.S., R.N., F.N.P.-B.C., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Committee of the Joint Boards, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On April 13, 2016, a quorum of the Committee of the Joint Boards met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Richardson was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

Based upon its review of the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate, the Committee of the Joint Boards makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Suzanne E. Richardson, L.N.P., was issued License No. 0024-168612 to practice as a nurse practitioner in Virginia on January 12, 2010, as a certified registered nurse anesthetist. The license is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2016.
2. By letter dated August 31, 2015, the Virginia Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing

and Medicine sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Richardson notifying her that an informal conference would be held on September 23, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 132 Kingsland Way, Piedmont, South Carolina 29673, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. Ms. Richardson accepted the Notice sent by certified mail on September 16, 2015. As of September 23, 2015, the Notice sent by first class mail had not been returned to the Board office. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Richardson and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. When she renewed her nurse practitioner license on December 24, 2014, Ms. Richardson failed to attest to the fact that she had obtained the required hours of continuing education for the 2013-2014 renewal period or that she held a current professional certificate in the area of her specialty practice from one of certifying agencies designated in 18 VAC 90-30-90 of the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners. Further, Ms. Richardson failed to submit evidence of completion of the required hours when subsequently requested by the Board of Nursing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of 18 VAC 90-30-105(B) of the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. License No. 0024-168612 of Suzanne E. Richardson to practice as a nurse practitioner is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.
2. The license will be recorded as suspended.
3. At such time as Ms. Richardson shall provide evidence that she has completed the required continuing education hours or that she holds a current professional certificate in the area of her


specialty practice from a certifying agency required for the renewal of her license, the license shall be reinstated without restriction. Said hours shall be in addition to any hours required for the next renewal of her license.

4. Ms. Richardson shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

Pursuant to § 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, 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.

Since Ms. Richardson failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Richardson has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Richardson has 30 days from the date of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three days are added to that period.

FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT
BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE



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

Entered: April 22nd, 2016

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