

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:           DOREEN FACEY-BIGGS, R.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT**  
**License No.: 0001-230040**

**ORDER**

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on March 23, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon Doreen Facey-Biggs' application for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in Virginia and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Facey-Biggs may have violated certain laws governing nursing practice in Virginia. The case was presented by Anne Glick Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division. James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Facey-Biggs was present and was not represented by legal counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Board adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Doreen Facey-Biggs was issued License No. 0001-230040 to practice professional nursing in Virginia on April 13, 2011. Said license was mandatorily suspended by Order of the Virginia Department of Health Professions on December 3, 2015. Ms. Facey-Biggs submitted an application for reinstatement of her license on December 21, 2015.
2. By Order entered October 22, 2013, the Florida Board of Nursing ("Florida Board") suspended Ms. Facey-Biggs' Florida license to practice professional nursing based on findings that she had entered into mental health monitoring through the Florida Intervention Project for Nurses ("IPN") but had been terminated from the IPN due to her resignation. This suspension formed the basis for the mandatory suspension of her Virginia nursing license.

3. The Florida Board's Order of October 23, 2013 required Ms. Facey-Biggs to pay investigative costs of \$680.10 within 12 months of the date of the Order. Further, the Order required Ms. Facey-Biggs to undergo an evaluation coordinated by the IPN and to comply with any terms and conditions imposed by the IPN. The Order provided that if the IPN determined that Ms. Facey-Biggs was not in need of monitoring or treatment, no further action would be required, but if the IPN found that Ms. Facey-Biggs was in need of monitoring, the suspension of her license would be stayed and she would be required to comply with the conditions of the IPN. Finally, the Order provided that termination from the IPN would result in the immediate lifting of the stay of suspension.

4. Ms. Facey-Biggs presented evidence that she has paid the costs to the Florida Board of Nursing in the amount of \$680.10. However, she did not provide evidence that her license in Florida has been reinstated.

5. A nurse manager for Sentara HealthCare Systems stated to a Department of Health Professions investigator that there have not been any issues with Ms. Facey-Biggs' patient care and she is eligible for rehire.

6. Ms. Facey-Biggs testified that she wants to start a parish nurse program, and she was a speaker for suicide survivors. She further testified that during her four months of suspension, she completed 15 contact hours in nursing continuing education.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that:

1. Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(7) of the Code.
2. Ms. Facey-Biggs has demonstrated that she is able to resume the safe and competent practice of nursing.

### ORDER

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, by affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of the Board at the hearing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS as follows:

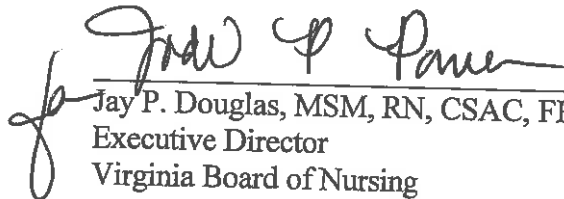
1. License No. 0001-230040, issued to Doreen Facey-Biggs to practice professional nursing in the

Commonwealth of Virginia, be and hereby is REINSTATED.

2. Ms. Facey-Biggs shall be issued a license that is valid in Virginia only.
3. Ms. Facey-Biggs shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4023 and 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 public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying on request.


FOR THE BOARD

  
Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Nursing

April 6, 2016  
ENTERED

### NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.

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