

**VIRGINIA**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: ABIGAIL AMUQUANDOH, L.P.N. AND R.N. APPLICANT**

**ORDER**

Pursuant to § 2.2-4019, § 2.2-4021 and § 54.2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, ("Code"), an informal conference was held before a Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on August 25, 2005, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon the application of Abigail Amuquandoh for licensure as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of practical nursing. Ms. Amuquandoh was present and was not represented by counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Committee adopted the following Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Abigail Amuquandoh holds License No. 0002-067207 issued by the Virginia Board of Nursing to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Said license will expire October 31, 2006, unless renewed or restricted.
2. By Consent Order entered July 17, 2003, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender of Ms. Amuquandoh's license to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia, based upon the fact that she falsified her application for licensure by endorsement in the Commonwealth of Virginia by stating that she graduated in June of 1986 from New York University, with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, when, in

fact, by her own admission, Ms. Amuquandoh did not graduate with that degree.

3. Ms. Amuquandoh violated § 54.1-3007(7) of the Code, in that:
  - a. On or about February 23, 2004, the University of the State of New York/New York State Education Department, Office of Professional Discipline, State Board for Nursing, granted Ms. Amuquandoh's Application for a Consent Order for the annulment of her license as a registered professional nurse in the State of New York.
  - b. On or about September 20, 2004, the New York Board of Regents recommended that Ms. Amuquandoh's application for a Consent Order regarding her license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in the State of New York be granted. Said application for a Consent Order provides for the suspension of her license as a practical nurse for twenty-four months, with the last twenty-one months of said suspension stayed, and that she be placed on probation for a period of twenty-four months under terms and conditions.
4. By application received July 1, 2005, Ms. Amuquandoh applied for licensure as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
5. On or about August 19, 2005, Ms. Amuquandoh successfully completed Southside Regional Medical Center School of Professional Nursing's two (2) year course of theory and practice.
6. In 1986, Ms. Amuquandoh successfully completed the NCLEX-RN in New York.
7. The Committee concludes that Abigail Amuquandoh, R.N. Applicant, meets the requirements of § 54.1-3017 of the Code.

**ORDER**

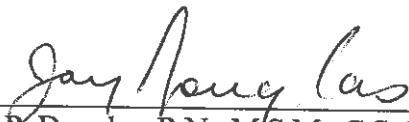
On the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this

Order, hereby imposes NO SANCTION on Ms. Amuquandoh's license to practice as a practical nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Further, the Board ORDERS that the application of Abigail Amuquandoh, for licensure as a professional nurse, be and hereby is, APPROVED, and she shall be issued an unrestricted license to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth.

Pursuant to § 2.2-4023 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.

If Ms. Amuquandoh does not consent to the Committee's decision and desires a hearing before the Board or a panel thereof, she shall notify Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, in writing at 6603 West Broad Street, Fifth Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1712 within thirty-three (33) days from the date of entry of this Order. This Order shall become final upon the expiration of the thirty-three (33) day period unless a request for a formal hearing is received within such time. Upon receiving timely request for a hearing, the Board or a panel thereof shall then proceed with a hearing as provided in § 2.2-4020 and § 2.2-4021 of the Code.

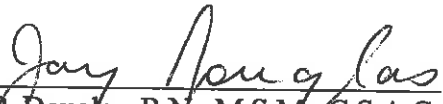
FOR THE BOARD

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

Entered: September 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2005

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Order was mailed on this date to Abigail Amuquandoh, at 12204 McKenna Circle, Midlothian, Virginia 23112.

  
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Jay F. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.  
Executive Director  
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