

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:                   CHRISTINA LOVE, L.P.N. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT**  
**License No.: 0002-090474**

**ORDER**

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) met on December 7, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon the application of Christina Love for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing in Virginia and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Love may have violated certain laws and regulations governing practical nursing practice. Ms. Love was not present and was not represented by legal counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Christina Love was issued License No. 0002-090474 to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on March 5, 2014. Said license was suspended by Order of the Board entered on December 5, 2014. Her primary state of residence is New Jersey.
2. By letter dated October 29, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Ms. Love notifying her that an informal conference would be held on December 7, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 380 Russell Street, Vauxhall, New Jersey 07088, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The Notice sent by certified mail was returned to the Board marked “unclaimed.” The Notice sent by first class mail was not returned. The Committee Chair concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Love and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.
3. Ms. Love submitted an application for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing which was received by the Board on May 8, 2015.

4. By Order of the Board entered on December 5, 2014, Ms. Love's license was indefinitely suspended due to her being hospitalized for treatment of schizophrenia and a history of noncompliance with medication and treatment.

5. Ms. Love was hospitalized on February 19, 2015, for psychotic symptoms, at Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth, New Jersey, and on March 4, 2015, she was transferred to Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County, New Jersey. She was discharged on March 23, 2015, with a diagnosis of schizophrenia. Ms. Love was scheduled to follow up with outpatient treatment and prescribed Risperdal.

6. Ms. Love underwent a bio-psycho-social comprehensive assessment on April 17, 2015, at Mt. Carmel Guild Integrated Case Management Services, Cranford, New Jersey. Ms. Love reported going to UCPC Outpatient and being prescribed Haldol, which she reported that she was not taking, and Risperdal.

7. On August 24, 2015, during an interview with a Department of Health Professions investigator, Ms. Love reported that she does not think she has a mental health condition, is no longer seeking mental health treatment and is not taking any prescribed mental health medications.

8. On the application for reinstatement dated May 4, 2015, and the initial application for license by endorsement dated February 28, 2014, Ms. Love answered "no" to the question, "do you have a mental, physical or chemical dependency condition which could interfere with your current ability to practice nursing," when, in fact, she has been hospitalized for mental health treatment in New Jersey on numerous occasions since 2010.

9. Ms. Love's license to practice practical nursing in the State of New Jersey was suspended by an Order entered on July 7, 2015, by the New Jersey Board of Nursing, subsequent to the suspension of her license in Virginia.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Findings of Fact Nos. 5 and 6 constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

2. Finding of Fact No. 8 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(1) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(1)(b) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.
3. Finding of Fact No. 9 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(7) of the Code.
4. The Committee concludes that Christina Love has not demonstrated satisfactory evidence that she is prepared to resume practice in a safe and competent manner.


**ORDER**

On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS that the application of Christina Love for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing in Virginia is DENIED.

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.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Love may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **January 26, 2016**, notify Jay P. 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.

FOR THE COMMITTEE:

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

ENTERED: December 23, 2015

This Order shall become final on **January 26, 2016**, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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Virginia Board of Nursing