

VIRGINIA

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: ROBERT R. MEADOWS, C.M.T. APPLICANT

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(7) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, ("Code"), an informal conference was held before a Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing ("Committee") and one member of the Massage Therapy Advisory Board on December 15, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon the application of Robert R. Meadows for certification by examination as a massage therapist in the Commonwealth of Virginia and to inquire into evidence that Mr. Meadows may have violated certain laws governing the practice of massage therapy in Virginia. Mr. Meadows was present and was not represented by legal counsel.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. By application received July 28, 2014, Robert R. Meadows applied for certification by examination as a massage therapist in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. By letter dated October 30, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Mr. Meadows notifying him that an informal conference would be held on December 15, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 4637 Manhunt Court, Alexandria, Virginia 22312, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. On November 19, 2009, in the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, Virginia, Mr. Meadows was convicted of felony distribution of marijuana. He was sentenced to two years imprisonment, suspended, and placed on three years probation.

4. On July 9, 2008, August 24, 2009 and August 28, 2012, Mr. Meadows was convicted of misdemeanor possession of marijuana and/or possession of drug paraphernalia. Mr. Meadows has paid all fines and court costs associated with these charges.

5. In a letter to the Board dated September 3, 2014, Mr. Meadows' probation officer reported that Mr. Meadows completed probation on December 12, 2012, without violation. He successfully completed substance abuse treatment and all of his drug screens were negative.

6. Mr. Meadows successfully completed the NCETM examination on July 14, 2014.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of 54.1-3007(4) of the Code.
2. The Committee concludes that Mr. Meadows otherwise meets the requirements of § 54.1-3029 of the Code.

ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing hereby ORDERS that the application of Robert R. Meadows for certification by examination is APPROVED and he shall be issued an unrestricted certificate to practice as a massage therapist in the Commonwealth.


Mr. Meadows shall maintain a course of conduct in his capacity as a massage therapist commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 et seq. of the Code and the Regulations Governing the Certification of Massage Therapists.

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, Mr. Meadows may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **February 19, 2015**, 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 he/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:



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

ENTERED: January 14th, 2015

This Order shall become final on **February 19, 2015**, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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