

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: MARY K. CUMMINGS, R.N.
License No.: 0001-081858

ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) issues the following Order affecting the license of Mary K. Cummings, R.N., to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

The Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Mary K. Cummings, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-081858 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on September 1, 1981. Said license is set to expire on March 31, 2016. Ms. Cummings’ primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By Order of the Board of Nursing entered June 10, 2014 (“Board’s Order”), Ms. Cummings was reprimanded and her license was suspended pending payment of a monetary penalty. Once payment of the penalty was made, Ms. Cummings’ license was reinstated and placed on INDEFINITE PROBATION for not less than one year employment as a professional nurse under certain terms and conditions.
3. Ms. Cummings paid the monetary penalty on August 25, 2014, and she was issued a license valid in Virginia only on September 4, 2014.
4. Pursuant to Term 3(d) of the Board’s Order, Ms. Cummings’ employer was to submit quarterly performance evaluations. A performance evaluation due October 24, 2014, was not received by the Board.
5. Pursuant to Term 3(e) of the Board’s Order, Ms. Cummings was to submit quarterly self reports. A self-report due October 24, 2014, was not received by the Board.
6. When interviewed about the timeliness of the reports, Ms. Cummings stated that she had mailed the documents and could not understand why the documents had not been received by the Board.

7. On December 29, 2014, Ms. Cummings requested to be released from the terms of her probation. She was informed that she could not be released from probation until after August 25, 2015.

8. On August 20, 2015, Ms. Cummings' compliance case manager notified the Board that Ms. Cummings had completed her probationary period and while she may be in violation of Terms 3(d) and 3(e) of the Board's Order on one occasion, she is substantially compliant with the remaining terms of the Board Order.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

The Board concludes that while Mary K. Cummings violated Terms 3(d) and 3(e) of the Board's Order on one occasion, she has substantially complied with the terms and conditions of the Board's Order.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS that:

1. Mary K. Cummings, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Cummings' probation shall be TERMINATED and that she be issued an unrestricted license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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 upon request.

FOR THE BOARD:

for Melina Mitchell-Lively
Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: September 30, 2015

Certified True Copy

By: [Signature]
Virginia Board of Nursing