VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

GAY HAWKINS, R.N. License No.: 0001-194184

<u>ORDER</u>

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 10, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Gay Hawkins, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing professional nursing practice in Virginia. Ms. Hawkins was 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. Gay Hawkins, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-194184 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 7, 2005. Said license expires on February 28, 2015. Ms. Hawkins also held a professional nursing license in California that is expired. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By letter dated November 8, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Hawkins notifying her that an informal conference would be held on December 10, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to , the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

3. On her December 2012 application for employment with Sentara Healthcare, Ms. Hawkins failed to disclose her previous employment with Sentara Healthcare under another name and another social security number.

4. At the informal conference, Ms. Hawkins acknowledged that she did not disclose her previous employment with Sentara Healthcare when she applied for a new position. She stated that she changed her name and social security number to protect her location from a person who had abused her. Ms. Hawkins provided evidence that her change of name and social security number were legally obtained.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(e) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS as follows:

- 1. Gay Hawkins, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
- 2. Ms. Hawkins 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.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Hawkins may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on January 29, 2014, notify Jay P. Douglas, 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.

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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: December 27, 2013

This Order shall become final on January 29, 2014, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.