

Tennessee Board of Nursing  
665 Mainstream Drive  
Iris Room  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Informal Hearing following December 6, 2016, Summary Suspension re:  
Jennifer Edwards, RN No. 198401 and  
Summary Suspension Hearing re: Sharley Stith, RN No.155438

MINUTES  
December 6, 2016

Call to Order

Ms. Turnipseed called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call and Quorum

Elizabeth Lund called roll:

Present: Juanita Turnipseed, APRN, Panel Chair; Leeann Stearnes, APRN; Leslie Akins, APRN; Arthur Thompson, LPN

Elizabeth Lund declared a panel quorum present.

Introduction/Announcement

Mr. Mark Waters, Board Legal Counsel, opened the hearing thanking the panel members for agreeing to serve and turned the meeting over to Mr. Mark Cole, Assistant General Counsel. Mr. Cole announced that Ms. Jennifer Edwards, RN # 198401 contacted the Office of General Counsel today and waived her right to an informal hearing.

Summary Suspension Hearing

Ms. Hannah Lanford, Assistant General Counsel, opened the next matter before the panel stating the necessity for the emergency meeting of the panel of the board for the summary suspension of Ms. Sharley Stith RN# 155438. No panel member declared any prior knowledge of this matter.

Ms. Lanford presented the case for summarily suspending the license of Ms. Stith. Following presentation and testimony and discussion by the panel, Ms. Akins moved to accept the findings of fact 1 through 5 on the proposed final order. Ms. Stearnes seconded the motion; motion carried. Ms. Stearnes moved to accept the conclusions of law found in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the proposed final order, specifically T.C.A 63-7-115 (a) (1) (C) and (D) and (F) and rule 1000-01-.13 (1) (d) (e) (f) (g) (w). Arthur Thompson seconded the motion; motion carried. Ms. Stearnes moved that the preliminarily findings of the severity of the misconduct by Ms. Stith imperatively requires emergency action and moved to

summarily suspend the RN license # 155438 of Ms. Sharley Stith. Ms. Akins seconded the motion; motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn

Ms. Turnipseed adjourned the meeting of the panel of the Tennessee Board of Nursing at 7:24 p.m.