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May 27, 2016

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SENDERS RECORD

Dear Dr. Schiavone:

Enclosed is a certified true copy of the Order entered by the Virginia Board of Nursing following your informal conference.

If you object to this Order and desire a formal hearing before the Board, a written request must be received by the Board within **33 days from the date of service of the Order**. If no written request is received by **June 30, 2016**, this Order will be final.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact our office at (804) 367- 4597.

Sincerely,

Paula B. Saxby, R.N., Ph.D.  
Deputy Executive Director

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cc: Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division  
Marta Coleman, RN, Assistant Program Director  
Richelle Resto, Regional Dean  
Charlette Ridout, Senior Nursing Consultant  
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Peter Blake, Director, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: Stratford University Falls Church Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program**

**Program Code: US28502100**  
**Case Number: 172080**

**RATIFICATION AND ORDER**

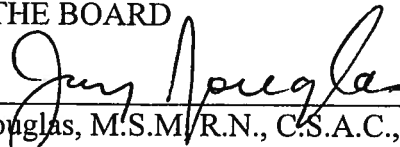
On May 17, 2016, the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Education Special Conference Committee. Stratford University Falls Church Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program ("Stratford Falls Church BSN").

In consideration whereof, the Board of Nursing ACCEPTS the attached Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Education Special Conference Committee and ADOPTS the Recommended Order in its entirety.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400.2, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2400(10), Stratford Falls Church BSN may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on June 30, 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 it 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 BOARD



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

ENTERED AND MAILED ON:

May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016

This Order shall become final on June 30, 2016, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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By *draham*  
Virginia Board Of Nursing

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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF  
EDUCATION SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

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**Jurisdiction and Procedural History**

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4012, and 54.1-3014, the Education Special Conference Committee of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”), held an informal conference on May 11, 2016 in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Stratford University Falls Church Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program (“Stratford Falls Church BSN”) may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the operation of registered nursing education programs in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Present on behalf of Stratford Falls Church BSN were Deborah Schiavone, Ph.D., R.N., P.M.H.C.N.S.-B.C., C.N.E., Program Director; Marta Coleman, R.N., Assistant Program Director, and Richelle Resto, Regional Dean. The program was not represented by counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Education Special Conference Committee makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and recommends that the Board adopt the following Order.

**Notice**

By letter dated April 7, 2016, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Dr. Schiavone notifying her that an informal conference would be held on May 11, 2016.

The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to the legal address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

### **Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law**

1. Stratford Falls Church BSN was granted approval to operate a registered nursing education program on July 24, 2009. The program was placed on conditional approval on March 24, 2015 following two years of NCLEX passage rates below 80%.
2. An NCLEX-RN focused site visit was completed by the Board on May 5, 2015.
3. Stratford Falls Church BSN violated 18 VAC 90-20-132(A)(1) and (10) and 18 VAC 90-20-151(A) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (“Regulations”) in that the program’s NCLEX passage rate for first-time test takers was below 80% for the past three calendar years, to wit:
  - a. The NCLEX pass rate in 2013 was 68%.
  - b. The NCLEX pass rate in 2014 was 74.29%.
  - c. The NCLEX pass rate in 2015 was 75%.
4. Stratford Falls Church BSN presented evidence that the program has strengthened its admission criteria and made substantial improvements to the curriculum and to the support it provides to students.

### **Recommended Order**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Education Special Conference Committee recommends that the Board issue an Order as follows:

1. Stratford Falls Church BSN shall remain on conditional approval, based upon compliance with the following terms and conditions:

a. Stratford Falls Church BSN's NCLEX passage rate for first-time test takers for Calendar Year 2016 shall be 80% or above.

b. Stratford Falls Church BSN shall provide a copy of this Order to all current and prospective students, all faculty members, and the Dean of the School of Nursing. Further, Stratford Falls Church BSN shall publish this Order on its website.

c. Stratford Falls Church BSN shall comply with the Board's regulations for maintaining an approved registered nursing education program.

2. Any violation of the terms and conditions of this Order or any law or regulation affecting the operation of nursing education programs in the Commonwealth of Virginia may constitute grounds for the withdrawal of approval of Stratford Falls Church BSN, and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such approval shall be withdrawn.

3. Upon review of compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order, the Board will further consider Stratford Falls Church BSN's approval status, which may require its appearance before a Committee of the Board. Upon receipt of evidence of Stratford Falls Church BSN's full compliance with all terms and conditions of this Order, the Committee, at its discretion, may waive Stratford Falls Church BSN's appearance before the Committee and may conduct an administrative review of this matter to determine restoring Stratford Falls Church BSN's full approval status to operate a registered nursing education program without restriction, unless there is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation involving a violation of law or regulation.

Reviewed and approved on May 17, 2016  
By Joyce A. Hahn, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP  
Education Special Conference Committee Chair

**Certified True Copy**

By *J. Graham*  
Virginia Board Of Nursing