

were admitted without objection. Exhibits 6 through 8 were introduced into evidence by the Licensee and admitted without objection. The entire hearing was audio recorded.

At the close of testimony, the Board moved into executive session, pursuant to SDCL § 1-25-2 on motion duly made and unanimously carried, to deliberate regarding it's decision.

At the close of deliberation, the Board came back into open session with parties present where one motion was made by the Board: "That the South Dakota Board of Nursing reinstate the R.N. license of Ann Mechtenberg on probationary status with quarterly reports from self, employer, and treating professional. We will re-evaluate in 1 year". This motion was adopted on a vote of 7 to 0.

The Board considered the evidentiary testimony of the witness, the Exhibits admitted into evidence, and other documents on file, and being charged with the statutory obligation to protect the public safety and welfare as set forth in SDCL chapter 36-9, the Board hereby makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. That Ann M. Mechtenberg ("Licensee") is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the state of South Dakota and holds license number R-028205.
2. That the Licensee received her associate RN degree from Dakota Wesleyan University on July 1, 1995.