



May 21, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. The notice of the informal meeting was sent via regular and certified mail; and

WHEREAS, Licensee did not call and did not show up for the informal meeting.

Numerous voice mails were left for the Licensee at the telephone number that was in the Board's database, however, there was no return call from Licensee to Board staff; and

WHEREAS, Board staff also contacted the Brookings Police Department and learned that no criminal charges had been filed, because the resident stated he freely gave the financial items to Licensee and Licensee freely took them; and

WHEREAS, in review of the Employee Handbook, the facility states, "To uphold the high professional standards of [the facility], it is imperative that any and all personal gratuities be refused by the employee. All 'gifts' should be directed in the name of [thefacility]"; and

WHEREAS, based upon the affidavit of Francie Miller and the above stated conduct, the Board has concluded that Licensee's actions constitute unprofessional conduct and significant personal and ethical boundary issues require emergency action, in that Licensee's actions may endanger the health and safety of those who are, or will be, entrusted to her care in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Board, has a statutory obligation to protect the health, safety and welfare set forth in SDCL §36-9, including the protection of the public from unsafe nursing practices and practitioners.