



## **Background**

On June 15, 2023, the Complaints Investigation Committee (“the Committee”) determined it was willing to enter into an undertaking with Ms. Gauthier, (the “Registrant”). The undertaking required the Registrant to participate in a practice audit to determine if the Registrant is meeting the Practice Direction: Self-Employed Practice.

On July 31, 2023, the Registrant contacted the College and provided that as of July 1, 2023, she had retired from registered nursing practice and no longer engaged in self-employed practice. The Registrant also provided, that it is not her intent to return to the practice of registered nursing. As such she is not able or willing to complete the terms of the undertaking and would not be able to sign the undertaking for this reason.

Professional Conduct staff informed the Registrant that as the Registrant had an active certificate of practice she was required to engage with the Committee. The Registrant was informed that if she is unable or unwilling to comply with the terms of the undertaking, the Committee may consider an offer from the Registrant to voluntarily surrender her certificate of practice. The Registrant offered the Committee her voluntary surrender.

### **Decision:**

On August 17, 2023, the Committee accepted the Registrant’s voluntarily surrender of her certificate of practice. The Committee believes that the voluntary surrender ought to be published to demonstrate transparency, as well to educate the public and Registered Nurses (RN) concerning the expectations that RNs comply with conditions, undertakings or orders issued by the College.