

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
VIRTUAL FORMAL HEARINGS
May 19, 2021
Panel - B

TIME AND PLACE: The virtual Webex meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:01 A.M. on May 19, 2021.

Due to COVID-19 declared state of emergency and consistent with Amendment 28 to HB29 (Budget Bill for 2018-2020) and the applicable provision of §2.2-3708.2 in the Freedom of Information Act, the Board convened a virtual meeting to consider such regulatory and business matters as was presented on the agenda for the Board to discharge its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

**BOARD MEMBERS
PARTICIPATING
VIRTUALLY:**

Mark Monson, Citizen Member; First Vice-President
Yvette Dorsey, DNP, RN
Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA
Brandon Jones, MSN, RN, CEN, NEA-BC
Dixie McElfresh, LPN
Cynthia Swineford, RN, MSN, CNE

**STAFF PARTICIPATING
VIRTUALLY:**

Claire Morris, RN, LNHA; Deputy Executive Director
Robin Hills, RN, DNP, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice
Francesca Iyengar, MSN, RN; Discipline Case Manager
Huong Vu, Executive Assistant

**OTHERS PARTICIPATING
VIRTUALLY:**

Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Cheryl Reese Lane, Court Reporter, Veteran Reporters
Ann Tiller, Compliance Manager
Joyce S. Johnson, Senior Investigator, DHP Enforcement
Katie Land, Senior Investigator, DHP Enforcement
Gayle Miller, Senior Investigator, DHP Enforcement
Marcella Luna, Investigator Supervisor, DHP Enforcement
Cynthia Gaines, Adjudicative Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division (APD)
Grace Stewart, Adjudicative Specialist, APD
Julia Bennett, Deputy Executive Director, APD
Rebecca Ribley, Adjudication Specialist, APD

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A
PANEL:**

With six members of the Board present, a panel was established.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Branden Anthony Jackson, RMA Reinstatement Applicant
0031-007751**

Mr. Jackson participated.

Cynthia Gaines, Adjudication Specialist for the Department of Health Professions, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Cheryl Renee Lane, court reporter, Veteran Reporters, recorded the proceeding.

Joyce S. Johnson, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions, participated and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Jones moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:43 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Branden Anthony Jackson**. Additionally, Mr. Jones moved that Ms. Morris, Dr. Hills, Ms. Iyengar, Ms. Vu and Ms. Mitchell, Board counsel, attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was properly seconded by Ms. Swineford. A roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 10:08 A.M.

Mr. Jones moved that the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was properly seconded by Ms. Hershkowitz. A roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Board of Nursing to reprimand **Branden Anthony Jackson** and approve his application for reinstatement of his registration to practice as a medication aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order which will be sent to Mr. Jackson at her address of record. The motion was properly seconded by Ms. Swineford. A roll called was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decision of this formal hearing panel.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 10:11 A.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 10:19 A.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Tiffany Noel Curfman Allinson, LPN Reinstatement Applicant
0002-082286**

Ms. Allinson participated.

Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist for the Department of Health Professions, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Cheryl Renee Lane, court reporter, Veteran Reporters, recorded the proceeding.

Katie Land, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions, participated and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Jones moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:23 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Tiffany Noel Curfman Allinson**. Additionally, Mr. Jones moved that Ms. Morris, Dr. Hills, Ms. Iyengar, Ms. Vu and Ms. Mitchell, Board counsel, attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was properly seconded by Ms. Swineford. A roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 12:05 P.M.

Mr. Jones moved that the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was properly seconded by Ms. Swineford. A roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing approve the application of **Tiffany Noel Curfman Allinson** for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, suspend her license and stay the suspension of the license contingent upon Ms. Allinson's entry and compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP). In addition, prior to active practice, Ms. Allinson must submit completion of Board approved LPN refresher course. The basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order which will be sent to

Ms. Allinson at her address of record. The motion was properly seconded by Ms. Hershkowitz. A roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decision of this formal hearing panel.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 12:08 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 12:41 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Charles Edward Jacobs, RN Reinstatement Applicant
0001-257084**

Mr. Jacobs participated.

Cynthia Gaines, Adjudication Specialist for the Department of Health Professions, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Cheryl Renee Lane, court reporter, Veteran Reporters, recorded the proceeding.

Gayle Miller, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions, participated and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Jones moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:34 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Charles Edward Jacobs**. Additionally, Mr. Jones moved that Ms. Morris, Dr. Hills, Ms. Iyengar, Ms. Vu and Ms. Mitchell, Board counsel, attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was properly seconded by Ms. Swineford. A roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 2:05 P.M.

Mr. Jones moved that the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was properly seconded by Ms. Swineford. A roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Board of Nursing approve the application of **Charles Edward Jacobs** for reinstatement of his license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia and suspend his license with suspension stayed contingent upon Mr. Jacobs' continued compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP). The basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order which will be sent to Mr. Jackson at her address of record. The motion was properly seconded by Mr. Jones. A roll called was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decision of this formal hearing panel.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 2:08 P.M.

Claire Morris, RN, LNHA
Deputy Executive Director