

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
MINUTES
July 18, 2018
Panel - A

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:15 A.M. on July 18, 2018 in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA, President
Laura Cei, BS, LPN, CCRP
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member
Tucker Gleason, PhD, Citizen Member
Joyce Hahn, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP

STAFF PRESENT:

Jodi P. Power, RN, JD, Senior Deputy Executive Director
Brenda Krohn, RN, MS; Deputy Executive Director
Lisa Speller-Davis, BSN, RN, Policy Assistant
Darlene Graham, Senior Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel

ESTABLISHMENT OF A PANEL:

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

CONSIDERATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Gleason moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:17 A.M., for the purpose of consideration of the agency subordinate recommendations. Additionally, Dr. Gleason moved that Ms. Power, Ms. Krohn, Ms. Speller-Davis, Ms. Graham 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 seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:50 A.M.

Ms. Cei 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 seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Nelson did not appear.

Ms. Friedenbergh moved that the Board or Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to revoke the certificate of Michael Adam Nelson to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia and to enter a Finding of Misappropriation of patient property against him in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Esther N. Carter, CNA 1401-147136
Ms. Carter did not appear.

Ms. Cei moved that the Board of Nursing modify the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to reprimand Esther N. Carter and to indefinitely suspend the her certificate to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Sharli Calloway, CNA **1401-161673**
Ms. Calloway did not appear.

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to revoke the certificate of Sharli Calloway to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia and to enter a Finding of Abuse against her in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Raynold Dorcelus, CNA **1401-132326**
Mr. Dorcelus did not appear.

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to revoke the certificate of Raynold Dorcelus to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia and to enter a Finding of Abuse against him in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Jennifer Ann Helmick, RMA **0031-006697**
Ms. Helmick did not appear.

Dr. Hahn moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the right of Jennifer Ann Helmick to renew her registration to practice as a medication aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Chundrika Kenyetta Fulgham Pittman, RMA 0031-002686

Ms. Pittman did not appear.

Dr. Hahn moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the registration of Chundrika Kenyetta Fulgham Pittman to practice as a medication aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia for a period of not less than one year from the date of entry of the Order. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Deschelle Tenise Booker, CNA **1401-142362**
Ms. Booker did not appear.

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the right of Deschelle Tenise Booker to renew her certificate to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia for a period of not less than one year from the date of entry of the Order and to enter a Finding of Neglect based on a singular occurrence against her in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Deschelle Tenise Booker, RMA **0031-008876**
Ms. Booker did not appear.

Dr. Hahn moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the registration of Deschelle Tenise Booker to practice as a medication aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia for a period of not less than one year from the date of entry of the Order. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Gina Lepon Ornopia Tomlin, RMA **0031-008169**
Ms. Tomlin did not appear.

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to reprimand Gina Lepon Ornopia Tomlin. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Tawauna Nicole Tazewell, RN **0001-139359**
Ms. Tazewell did not appear.

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to require Tawauna Nicole Tazewell to have a mental health evaluation conducted by a psychiatrist and a neuropsych evaluation conducted by a neuropsychologist or a neuropsychiatrist and submitted to the Board within 120 days from the date of entry of the Order.

The Board may schedule an additional administrative proceeding to consider the evaluation and make a final disposition of the matter. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Jodi Kyle Grout Holmes, RN

0001-239843

Ms. Holmes did not appear.

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the right of Jodi Kyle Grout Holmes to renew her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Ashley Nicole Sowers, LPN

0002-079273

Ms. Sowers did not appear.

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to terminate the terms and conditions placed on the license of Ashley Nicole Sowers to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Kimberly Kay Cutright, RN

0001-165637

Ms. Cutright did not appear.

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to suspend the license of Kimberly Kay Cutright to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The suspension is stayed upon proof of her entry into the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP) and remaining in compliance with all terms and conditions of the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Bruce, RN

0001-253250

Ms. Bruce did not appear.

Dr. Gleason moved that the Board of Nursing modify the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the license of Kaitlyn Elizabeth Bruce to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, but stay the suspension contingent upon her continued compliance with all terms and conditions of the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP). The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Bobbie A. Alderman, RN

0001-179509

Ms. Alderman did not appear.

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to reprimand Bobbie A. Alderman and to indefinitely suspend her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Belinda V. Grady, LPN

0002-077464

Ms. Grady did not appear.

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to reprimand Belinda V. Grady and to assess a monetary penalty of \$250.00 to be paid to the Board within 90 days from the date of entry of the Order. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

Jodi P. Power, RN, JD
Senior Deputy Executive Director

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
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Panel - A**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 10:05 A.M. on July 18, 2018 in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA, President
Laura Cei, BS, LPN, CCRP
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member
Tucker Gleason, PhD, Citizen Member
Joyce Hahn, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP
Ethlyn McQueen-Gibson, MSN, RN, BC – **joined at 12:15 P.M.**

STAFF PRESENT:

Jodi P. Power, RN, JD, Senior Deputy Executive Director
Brenda Krohn, RN, MS; Deputy Executive Director
Lisa Speller-Davis, BSN, RN, Policy Assistant
Darlene Graham, Senior Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Senior Nursing Students from Fortis College

ESTABLISHMENT OF A PANEL:

With five members of the Board present, a panel was established

FORMAL HEARINGS:

Lori Ann Jenkins Miller, RN **0001-150855**
Ms. Miller appeared.

Steve Bulger, Adjudication Specialist for the Department of Health Professions, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Barrett was legal counsel for the Board. Connie Pryor, court reporter with Crane-Snead & Associates, recorded the proceedings.

Tonya James, Compliance Case Manager for Virginia Board of Nursing, was present and testified.

Ms. Speller-Davis left the meeting at 11:30 A.M.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Cei moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:39 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Miller. Additionally, Ms. Cei moved that Ms. Power, Ms. Krohn, Ms. Graham and Ms. Barrett 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 seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

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

Ms. Cei 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 seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Mr. Bulger and amended by the Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Dr. Hahn moved that the Board of Nursing reprimand Lori Ann Jenkins Miller and indefinitely suspend her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with the suspension to be stayed contingent upon her entry into the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP) and remaining in compliance with the HPMP thereafter. The motion was seconded and 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.

17 students left the meeting.

RECESS:

The Board recessed at 12:20 P.M.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened at 1:05 P.M.

Dr. McQueen-Gibson joined the meeting.

FORMAL HEARINGS:

Yllianna Ida Torres, LPN

0002-092017

Ms. Torres appeared and was accompanied by Betty Castro, her mother.

Steve Bulger, Adjudication Specialist for the Department of Health Professions, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Barrett was legal counsel for the Board. Anne Marie Nelson, court reporter with Crane-Snead & Associates, recorded the proceedings.

Megan Wingate, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions, was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Gleason moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:35 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Torres.

Additionally, Dr. Gleason moved that Ms. Power, Ms. Krohn, Ms. Graham and Ms. Barrett 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 seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened in open session at 3:19 P.M.

Dr. Gleason 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 seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Mr. Bulger and amended by the Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Cei moved that the Board of Nursing reprimand Yllianna Ida Torres and within 90 days from entry of the Order require her to provide proof of completion to the Board of the following two NCSBN courses:

- *Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses*
- *Professional Boundaries in Nursing*

The motion was seconded and 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.

FORMAL HEARINGS:

Ryan Keri Patterson, RN

0001-231454

Ms. Patterson appeared.

Tammie Jones, Adjudication Specialist for the Department of Health Professions, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Barrett was legal counsel for the Board. Anne Marie Nelson, court reporter with Crane-Snead & Associates, recorded the proceedings.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Cei moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 4:30 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Patterson. Additionally, Ms. Cei moved that Ms. Power, Ms. Krohn, Ms. Graham and Ms. Barrett 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 seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 5:05 P.M.

Ms. Cei 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 seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Ms. Jones and amended by the Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Gleason moved that the Board of Nursing reprimand Ryan Keri Patterson and within 90 days from entry of the Order require her to provide proof of completion to the Board of the following two NCSBN courses:

- *Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses*
- *Professional Boundaries in Nursing*

The motion was seconded and carried with four votes in favor of the motion. Drs. Hahn and McQueen-Gibson opposed the motion.

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The remaining students left the meeting.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Lynwood Russelle Whyte, LPN** **0002-084300**
Mr. Whyte appeared.

Tammie Jones, Adjudication Specialist for the Department of Health Professions, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Barrett was legal counsel for the Board. Anne Marie Nelson, court reporter with Crane-Snead & Associates, recorded the proceedings.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Cei moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 6:42 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Whyte. Additionally, Ms. Cei moved that Ms. Power, Ms. Krohn, Ms. Graham and Ms. Barrett 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 seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 7:01 P.M.

Dr. Gleason 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 seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Ms. Jones and amended by the Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Cei moved that the Board of Nursing deny the application of Lynwood Russelle Whyte for reinstatement of his license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded and 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 7:05 P.M.

Jodi P. Power, RN, JD
Senior Deputy Executive Director

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
MINUTES
July 18, 2018
Panel B

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:18 A.M. on July 18, 2018 in Board Room 4 Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Jennifer Phelps, BS, LPN, QMHPA; First Vice President
Marie Gerardo, MS, RN, ANP-BC; Second Vice President
Meenakshi Shah, BA, RN
Michelle Hereford, MSHA, RN, FACHE
Mark Monson, Citizen Member
Grace Thapa, DNP, FNP-BC, AE-C

STAFF PRESENT:

Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director
Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice
Amy Davis, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel

ESTABLISHMENT OF A PANEL:

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

CONSIDERATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Monson moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 9:21 A.M., for the purpose of consideration of the agency subordinate recommendations. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Ms. Douglas, Dr. Hills, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Mitchell 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 seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:05 A.M.

Mr. Monson 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 seconded and carried unanimously.

Trency Charlene Elliott, CNA **1401-170621**
Ms. Elliott did not appear.

Ms. Gerardo moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the certificate of Trency Charlene Elliott to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Adriane Monique Martin Akridge, RN **0001-237530**
Ms. Akridge did not appear.

Ms. Gerardo moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to reprimand Adriane Monique Martin Akridge. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Jessica Lynn Dillon Moore, CNA **1401-081645**
Ms. Moore did not appear.

Ms. Gerardo moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to revoke the certificate of Jessica Lynn Dillon Moore to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia and to enter a Finding of Abuse against her in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Keneshia L. Harris, CNA **1401-167401**
Ms. Harris did not appear.

Dr. Thapa moved that the Board of Nursing modify the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the certificate of Keneshia L. Harris to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia for a period of not less than one year and to enter a Finding of Neglect against her in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry. The motion was seconded and carried with four votes in favor of the motion. Mr. Monson and Ms. Shah opposed the motion.

Laura Shumaker, CNA **1401-149565**
Ms. Shumaker did not appear.

Ms. Gerardo moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to revoke the certificate of Laura Shumaker to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia and to enter a Finding of Abuse against her in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Tracy Jean Moore, RMA

0031-002311

Ms. Moore did not appear.

Ms. Hereford moved that the Board of Nursing modify the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the registration of Tracy Jean Moore to practice as a medication aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried with four votes in favor of the motion. Mr. Monson and Ms. Shah opposed the motion.

Raynold Dorcelus, RMA

0031-009106

Mr. Dorcelus did not appear.

Mr. Monson moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to revoke the registration of Raynold Dorcelus to practice as a medication aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

William Haynes, RN
Multistate Privilege

Maryland License Number: R183173 with

Mr. Haynes did not appear.

Ms. Gerardo moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the privilege of William Haynes to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Janet Eads Waltz, RN

0001-163874

Ms. Waltz did not appear.

Ms. Gerardo moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to reprimand Janet Eads Waltz and to indefinitely suspend her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Angela N. Knight, RN

0001-187030

Ms. Knight did not appear.

Ms. Gerardo moved that the Board of Nursing modify the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to delete Finding of Fact # 6 and to indefinitely suspend the license of Angela N. Knight to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

David Albert Read, RN

0001-259631

Mr. Read did not appear.

Ms. Gerardo moved that the Board of Nursing modify the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to remove §54.1-3007(2) and associated regulation from Finding of Fact # 2 and to indefinitely suspend the license David Albert Read to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Whitney Page Gibson, LPN

0002-091899

Ms. Gibson did not appear.

Mr. Monson moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to take no action at this time against the license of Whitney Page Gibson to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia contingent upon her entry into the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP) within 60 days of the entry of the Order and compliance with all terms and conditions of the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Angel Marie Hatfield, LPN

0002-087346

Ms. Hatfield did not appear.

Ms. Gerardo moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to reprimand Angel Marie Hatfield and to indefinitely suspend her license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP

Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
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Panel B**

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STAFF PRESENT: Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director
Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice
Amy Davis, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel

ESTABLISHMENT OF A PANEL:

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

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Michele Denise Prince Turner, RN** **0001-168712**
Ms. Turner appeared.

Cynthia Gaines, Adjudication Specialist, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Lori Larsen, court reporter with Crane-Snead & Associates, recorded the proceedings.

Kim Martin, RN, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions, testified via telephone. Rebecca Parrish, RN, was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Monson moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 11:27 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Turner. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Ms. Douglas, Dr. Hills, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Mitchell 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 seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 11:57 A.M.

Mr. Monson 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 seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Gerardo moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Ms. Gaines and amended by the Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Thapa moved that the Board of Nursing indefinitely suspend the license of Michele Denise Prince Turner to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and stay the suspension contingent upon her entry into the Health Practitioner's Monitoring Program (HPMP) and her continued compliance and successful completion of the program. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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

RECESS: The Board recessed at 12:01 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 1:21 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Blossom Alyssa Ignacio, RN Reinstatement** **0001-231769**
Ms. Ignacio appeared.

Cynthia Gaines, Adjudication Specialist, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Annette Imbriaco, court reporter with Crane-Snead & Associates, recorded the proceedings.

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

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Monson moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 2:22 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Ignacio. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Ms. Douglas, Dr. Hills, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Mitchell 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 seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 2:47 P.M.

Ms. Shah 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 seconded and carried unanimously.

Dr. Thapa moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Ms. Gaines and amended by the Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Monson moved that the Board of Nursing reinstate the license of Blossom Alyssa Ignacio to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia and to indefinitely suspend her license with suspension stayed contingent upon her re-entry into the Health Practitioner's Monitoring Program (HPMP) and her continued compliance and successful completion of the program. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Rebecca Lynn Cowan, RN Reinstatement** **0001-169250**
Ms. Cowan did not appear.

Holly Woodcock, Adjudication Specialist, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Annette Imbriaco, court reporter with Crane-Snead & Associates, recorded the proceedings.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Monson moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 3:15 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Cowan. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Ms. Douglas, Dr. Hills, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Mitchell 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 seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 3:35 P.M.

Mr. Monson 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 seconded and carried unanimously.

Dr. Thapa moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Ms. Woodcock and amended by the Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Gerardo moved that the Board of Nursing deny the application of Rebecca Lynn Cowan for the reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia and continue her license on indefinite suspension for a period of not less than two years. The motion was seconded and carried with five votes in favor of the motion. Mr. Monson opposed the motion.

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

RECESS:

The Board recessed at 3:40 P.M.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened at 3:48 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS:

April Michelle Witcher, CNA Reinstatement 1401-125211
Ms. Witcher appeared.

David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Annette Imbriaco, court reporter with Crane-Snead & Associates, recorded the proceedings.

Marcella Luna, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions, was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Monson moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 4:17 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Witcher. Additionally, Mr. Monson moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Mitchell 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 seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened in open session at 4:35 P.M.

Ms. Shah 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 seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Hereford moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Mr. Kazzie and amended by the Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Dr. Thapa moved that the Board of Nursing reinstate the certificate of April Michelle Witcher to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried with five votes in favor of the motion. Ms. Phelps opposed the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 4:38 P.M.

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