

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
May 22, 2023

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 1:00 P.M., on May 22, 2023, in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:

Brandon A. Jones, MSN, RN, CEN, NEA-BC; President
Felisa A. Smith, PhD, MSA, RN, CNE; Second Vice-President
Carol Cartte, RN, BSN
Yvette L. Dorsey, DNP, RN
Margaret J. Friedenberg, Citizen Member
James L. Hermansen-Parker, MSN, RN, PCCN-K
Meenakshi Shah, BA, RN

STAFF PRESENT:

Robin Hills DNP, RN, WHNP, Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice
Lelia Claire Morris, RN, LNHA; Deputy Executive Director
Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk, Senior Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Laura A. Booberg, Assistant Attorney General
BSN Students from South University

ESTABLISHMENT
OF A PANEL:

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

FORMAL HEARINGS:

Benjamin Clark, RN **Georgia License RN288020 with
multistate privilege**

Mr. Clark did not appear.

Tammie Jones, Adjudication Consultant, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Sidney Mintz, court reporter with County Court Reporters, Inc., recorded the proceedings.

Shawn Ledger, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, and Pamela Falls, RN, Clinical Coordinator, were present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 1:40 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Benjamin Clark**. Additionally, Ms. Shah moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Morris, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Ms. Booberg, 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 by Dr. Smith and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 2:25 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 by Dr. Smith and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Dorsey moved that the Board of Nursing suspend the privilege of **Benjamin Clark** to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia for a period of not less than two years. The motion was seconded by Dr. Smith 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 2:27 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 2:45 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Roncs Ese-Etame, RN** **0001-217553**

Mr. Ese-Etame did not appear.

Tammie Jones, Adjudication Consultant, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Sidney Mintz, court reporter with County Court Reporters, Inc., recorded the proceedings.

Kevin Wolfe, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

Dr. Hills left the meeting at 3:00 P.M.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 3:00 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Roncs Ese-Etame**. Additionally, Ms. Shah moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Ms. Booberg 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 by Dr. Smith and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 3:16 P.M.

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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 by Dr. Smith and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing indefinitely suspend the license of **Roncs Ese-Etame** to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia for a period of not less than two years. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 3:17 P.M.

Robin Hills, DNP, RN WHNP
Deputy Executive Director