

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**  
**FORMAL HEARINGS**  
**August 2, 2023**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:07 A.M., on August 2, 2023, in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS  
PRESENT:

Ann T. Gleason, PhD, Citizen Member  
Carol Cartte, RN, BSN  
Margaret J. Friedenberg, Citizen Member  
Dixie L. McElfresh, LPN  
Helen Parke, DNP, FNP-BC

STAFF PRESENT:

Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE; Executive Director  
Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN; Deputy Executive Director  
Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk, Senior Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

ESTABLISHMENT  
OF A PANEL:

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

FORMAL HEARINGS:

**Ta’Hesha Tawanna Hopkins-Collins, RN 0001-290366**

Ms. Hopkins-Collins did not appear.

Rebecca Ribley, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Rutkowski was legal counsel for the Board. Juan Ortega, court reporter with Ortega International Reporting, recorded the proceedings.

Kim Martin, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, Kerri Revill, RN charge nurse at Chesapeake Regional Healthcare, Sarah Webb, RN charge nurse at Memorial Regional Medical Center, and Jennifer Wagoner, RN Team Coordinator at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, were present and testified.

RECESS:

The Board recessed at 10:07 A.M.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened at 10:16 A.M.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 11:08 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Ta’Hesha Tawanna Hopkins-Collins**. Additionally, Dr. Parke moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Mr. Ruktowski 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 Ms. McElfresh and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 11:26 A.M.

Dr. Parke 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 Ms. Cartte and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing indefinitely suspend the license of **Ta’Hesha Tawanna Hopkins-Collins** to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia for a period of not less than two years. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cartte 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 11:27 A.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 2:00 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Corey Jamar Bennett, CNA** **1401-207031**

Mr. Bennett did not appear.

Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Rutkowski was legal counsel for the Board. Juan Ortega, court reporter with Ortega International Reporting, recorded the proceedings.

Ka Ning Yu-Chen, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, Michael Trammell, Resident Aide at Hickory Hill Retirement Community, and Colleen Lobb, RN, DON at The Virginia Home were present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 2:41 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Corey Jamar Bennett**. Additionally, Dr. Parke moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Mr. Rutkowski 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 Ms. Cartte and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 2:49 P.M.

Dr. Parke 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 Ms. Cartte and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing revoke the certificate of **Corey Jamar Bennett** to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia and enter a Finding of Abuse against him in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cartte 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 2:50 P.M.

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Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN  
Deputy Executive Director