

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
FORMAL HEARINGS  
Wednesday October 11, 2023**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:10 A.M., on October 11, 2023, in Board Room 4, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Cynthia M. Swineford, RN, MSN, CNE; President  
Delia Acuna, FNP-C  
Pamela Davis, LPN  
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member  
A Tucker Gleason, PhD, Citizen Member  
Meenakshi Shah, RN

**STAFF PRESENT:** Lelia Claire Morris, RN, LNHA; Deputy Executive Director  
Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN; Deputy Executive Director  
Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk, Senior Nursing Discipline Specialist

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Laura Booberg, Assistant Attorney General  
Students from Paul DeCamp Community College, RN Program

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A PANEL:** With six members of the Board present, a panel was established.

**FORMAL HEARINGS:** **Tammy Lynn Sonier, LPN** **0002-083712**  
Ms. Sonier, appeared.

David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Dina Lotito, court reporter, recorded the proceedings.

Meghan Wingate, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, Brittany Kitchen, Senior Investigator, Sargent Alecia Driscoll, Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office, Catherine Cartwright, Physician Assistant, was present and testified.

**RECESS:** The Board recessed at 10:26 A.M.

**RECONVENTION:** The Board reconvened at 10:35 A.M.

**RECESS:** The Board recessed at 11:17 A.M.

**RECONVENTION:** The Board reconvened at 11:50 A.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 12:40 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Tammy Lynn Sonier**. Additionally, Ms. Shah moved that Ms. Bargdill, 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 Ms. Acuna and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 1:23 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 Ms. Davis and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing Indefinitely suspend the license of **Tammy Lynn Sonier** to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia stayed contingent upon entry into and compliance with Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP). The motion was seconded by Ms. Davis 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 1:24 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 1:41 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Mitchell James William, CNA** **1401-015859**

Mr. William appeared.

Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division and Amanda Wilson, Assistant Attorney General, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Dina Lotito, court reporter, recorded the proceedings.

Christopher Moore, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, and William Russel, RN, was 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 2:22 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Mitchell William**. Additionally, Ms. Shah moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Bargdill, 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 Ms. Friedenbergs and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 3:00 P.M.

Ms. Acuna 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. Shah and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Davis moved that the Board of Nursing revoke the certificate of **Mitchell William** 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 Dr. Acuna and carried with five votes in favor. Ms. Shah opposed the motion.

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RECESS: The Board recessed at 3:01 P.M.

RECONVENTITION: The Board reconvened at 3:11 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Dimon Solomon, CNA** **1401-174073**

Ms. Solomon did not appear.

Rebecca Ribley, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Dina Lotito, court reporter, recorded the proceedings.

Diana Marsh, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Acuna moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 3:41 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Dimon Solomon**. Additionally, Ms. Acuna moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Bargdill, 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 Ms. Shah and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 3:48 P.M.

Ms. Acuna 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. Shah and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing revoke the certificate of **Dimon Solomon** to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Acuna 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 3:50 P.M.

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Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN  
Deputy Executive Director