

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**  
**FORMAL HEARINGS**  
**May 21, 2026**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on May 21, 2026, in Board Room 4, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS  
PRESENT:

Helen Parke, DNP, FNP-BC; **First Vice-President**  
Delia Acuna, FNP-C  
Pamela Davis, LPN  
Cleopatra Kitt, PhD, Citizen Member  
Dolores Valenta, LPN  
Jeanell Webb-Jones, MSN, RN  
Ann Lively, LMT – **9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. cases only**

STAFF PRESENT:

Claire Morris, RN, LNHA; Executive Director  
Jacquelyn Wilmoth, RN, MSN; Deputy Executive Director for Education  
Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN; Deputy Executive Director  
Tamika Claiborne, BS; Senior Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sara Blöse, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
PN Students from Northern Virginia Community College

ESTABLISHMENT  
OF A PANEL:

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

FORMAL HEARINGS:

**Anthony Otis Hayes, LMT** **0019-011948**

Mr. Hayes did not appear.

Amy Weiss, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Blöse was legal counsel for the Board. Juan Ortega, court reporter with Ortega International Reporting, recorded the proceedings.

Parke Slater, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, Detective Chris Roop, Christiansburg Police Department, Sara Miller, Client A, Deborah Mitchell, Client C, Kimberly Lawson, Client D, and Ryan Peterson, Client G were present and testified.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. Davis moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 11:00 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Anthony Otis Hayes**. Additionally, Ms. Davis moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Wilmoth, Ms. Claiborne, and Ms. Blöse, 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 11:17 A.M.

Ms. Davis 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. Acuna and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:** Ms. Lively moved that the Board of Nursing revoke the license of **Anthony Otis Hayes** to practice massage therapy in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Acuna and passed unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

**RECESS:** The Board recessed at 11:18 A.M.

**RECONVENTION:** The Board reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

**FORMAL HEARINGS:** **Esther Wunze Wuabe, RN** **0001-317084**

Ms. Wuabe did not appear.

Jovonni Armstead, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Blöse was legal counsel for the Board. Juan Ortega, court reporter with Ortega International Reporting, recorded the proceedings.

Kimberly Hyler, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Davis moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 1:16 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Esther Wunze Wuabe**. Additionally, Ms. Davis moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Claiborne, and Ms. Blose, 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 1:25 P.M.

Ms. Davis 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. Acuna and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Acuna moved that the Board of Nursing revoke the license of **Esther Wunze Wuabe** to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Davis and carried unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

RECESS: The Board recessed at 1:26 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 2:07 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Cuixiang Zhao, LMT** **0019-019759**

Ms. Zhao appeared, accompanied by her friend William Perry.

Aaron Timberlake, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Blose was legal counsel for the Board. Juan Ortega, court reporter with Ortega International Reporting, recorded the proceedings.

The Chair granted a continuance of the case due to the need for interpreter services.

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ADJOURNMENT:           The Board adjourned at 2:11 P.M.

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Christina Morris, BSN, MHS, RN  
Deputy Executive Director