

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
AGENCY SUBORDINATE
INFORMAL CONFERENCE
June 16, 2026**

TIME AND PLACE: The informal conference held before an Agency Subordinate of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:01 a.m., on June 16, 2026, in Hearing Room 3, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

AGENCY SUBORDINATE: Brandon A. Jones, M.S.N., R.N., C.P.X.P., N.E.A.-B.C.

STAFF PRESENT: Charlette Ridout, R.N., M.S.

OTHERS PRESENT: Piero Mannino, Adjudication Specialist
Tammie Jones, Adjudication Consultant
Jovonni Armstead, Adjudication Specialist
Avi Efreom, Adjudication Specialist

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED: **Esther Ajijie, R.N. Applicant**
Ms. Ajijie appeared.

Ms. Ajijie was informed that a recommended decision will be made and mailed to her within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Ajijie unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Ajijie within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

Recessed: The informal conference recessed at 9:14 a.m.

Reconvened: The informal conference reconvened at 9:28 a.m.

CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED:

Bridget Alexander, R.N. 0001-175853

Ms. Alexander did not appear.

Based upon information provided by Ms. Jones, Mr. Jones ruled that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Alexander.

A recommended decision will be mailed to Ms. Alexander within ninety days.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Alexander unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Alexander within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

Recessed:

The conference recessed at 11:00 a.m.

Reconvened:

The conference reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED:

Julie McLeod-Smith, R.N. 0001-307790

Ms. McLeod-Smith appeared, accompanied by Andrew G.H. Miller, Esq., her attorney.

Ms. McLeod-Smith was informed that the case was dismissed.

CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED:

Amber Fortenberry, R.M.A. 0031-016400

Ms. Fortenberry did not appear.

Based upon information provided by Mr. Efreom, Mr. Jones ruled that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Fortenberry.

A recommended decision will be mailed to Ms. Fortenberry within ninety days.


This recommendation will be presented to the full Board; if accepted, an Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Fortenberry

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unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Fortenberry within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

ADJOURNMENT:

The conference concluded at 3:00 p.m.


Charlette Ridout, R.N., M.S.