

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
June 30, 2026

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 10:35 A.M., on June 30, 2026, in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:

Carol Cartte, RN, BSN; **President**
Pamela Davis, LPN
Helen Parke, DNP, FNP-BC
Dolores Valenta, LPN
Kathleen Ware, DNP, MSN, RN

STAFF PRESENT:

Randall Mangrum, DNP, RN; Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice
Ann Hardy, MSN, RN; Deputy Executive Director
Tamika Claiborne, BS, Senior Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sara A. Blose, Senior Assistant Attorney General

ESTABLISHMENT
OF A PANEL:

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

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT ORDERS

Courtney Elizabeth Downs, RN Reinstatement Applicant
0001-46175

Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing accept the consent order to grant the application of **Courtney Elizabeth Downs** for reinstatement of her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia and indefinitely suspend her license with suspension stayed upon receipt of proof of Ms. Downs' entry into a contract with the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP) and comply with all terms and conditions of the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP. The motion was seconded by Ms. Davis and carried unanimously.

Dustin James Whitesell, CNA

1401-113504

Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing accept the consent order for voluntary surrender for revocation of the right to renew the certificate of

Dustin James Whitesell 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. Davis and carried unanimously.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Gloria Emeka-Kalu, RN** **0001-300569**

Ms. Emeka-Kalu did not appear.

Elizabeth Dorsey, 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.

Gayle Miller, 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 11:21 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Gloria Emeka-Kalu**. Additionally, Ms. Davis moved that Dr. Mangrum, Ms. Hardy, 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 Dr. Parke and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 11:25 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 Dr. Parke and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Parke moved that the Board revoke the right of **Gloria Emeka-Kalu** to renew her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Davis and carried unanimously.

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.

RECESSED: The Board recessed at 11:26 A.M.

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

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Maude Charles, RN** **0001-308452**

Ms. Charles did not appear.

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.

Katie Land, 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 1:20 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Maude Charles**. Additionally, Ms. Davis moved that, Dr. Mangrum, Ms. Hardy, 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 Dr. Parke and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 1:26 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 Dr. Ware and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing revoke the right of **Maude Charles** to renew her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Davis and passed unanimously.

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RECESSED: The Board recessed at 1:27 P.M.

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

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Mark Agyeman, RN** **0001-315403**

Mr. Agyeman did not appear.

Jovonni Armstead, 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.

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 2:08 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Mark Agyeman**. Additionally, Ms. Davis moved that, Dr. Mangrum, Ms. Hardy, 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 Dr. Parke and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 2:13 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 Dr. Parke and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Parke moved that the Board revoke the license of **Mark Agyeman** to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Davis and passed unanimously.

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RECESSED: The Board recessed at 2:14 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 2:22 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Abdul Karim Tarawalie, RN** **0001-304305**

Mr. Tarawalie appeared, represented by Dylan Beck, and accompanied by Fattu Sesay, his wife, and Mohammed Tarawalie, his son.

Pierro Mannino, 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.

Sean Ennis, 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 3:02 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Abdul Karim Tarawalie**. Additionally, Ms. Davis moved that Dr. Mangrum, Ms. Hardy, 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 Dr. Parke and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 3:35 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 Dr. Parke and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Parke moved that the Board revoke the right of **Abdul Karim Tarawalie** to renew his license practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Davis and passed unanimously.

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RECESSED: The Board recessed at 3:35 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 3:51P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Evelyn Bih Ndifang, RN** **0001-301461**

Ms. Ndifang appeared and accompanied by Malakia Ndifang, her daughter, and Earnest Ndifang, her husband.

Avi Efreom, 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.

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 4:12 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Evelyn Bih Ndifang**. Additionally, Ms. Davis moved that Dr. Mangrum, Ms. Hardy, 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 Dr. Parke and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 4:19 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 Dr. Parke and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Parke moved that the Board revoke the license of **Evelyn Bih Ndifang** to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Davis and passed unanimously.

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.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 4:25 P.M.



Randall Mangrum, DNP, RN
Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice

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