

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
June 16, 2009**

A telephone conference call meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was held June 16, 2009 at 8:43 A.M. The Board members participating in the meeting were Lynne M. Cooper, Citizen Member, President; Florence Jones-Clarke, R.N., M.S.; Brenda Hale, R.N.; Joyce A. Hahn, PhD., APRN, NEA- BC; Patricia Lane, R.N., B.S.N.; Judith E. Piersall, R.N., B.S.N.; G. Maxine Ponn, L.P.N.

Others participating in the meeting were Howard M. Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General; Wayne Halbleib, Assistant Attorney General; Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director; Gloria D. Mitchell, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A., Deputy Executive Director; Jodi P. Power, R.N., J.D., Deputy Executive Director; Linda Kleiner, R.N., Discipline Case Manager; Ann Tiller, Compliance Manager; Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Cooper. With seven members of the Board participating, a quorum was established. A poll of those participating showed that a good faith effort to convene a regular meeting within the week was not possible.

Wayne Halbleib, Assistant Attorney General, presented evidence that the continued nursing practice of Bassam Karim, R.N. 0001-185771 may present a substantial danger to the health and safety of the public.

Ms. Ponn moved to summarily suspend the license of Bassam Karim pending a formal administrative hearing and to offer a consent order for indefinite suspension of his license in lieu of a formal hearing. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 A.M.

Gloria D. Mitchell, R.N., M.S.N., M.B.A.
Deputy Executive Director