

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE
FORMAL HEARING
MINUTES
June 14, 2023**

TIME AND PLACE: The hearing of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine was called to order at 10:37 A.M., on June 14, 2023 in Board Room 4.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT:

Brandon A. Jones, MSN, RN, CEN, NEA-BC; **Chair**
Laurie Buchwald, MSN, WHNP, FNP
Helen M. Parke, DNP, FNP
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STAFF PRESENT: Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE; Executive Director
Robin Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director
for Advanced Practice
Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk, Senior Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Booberg, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel

ESTABLISHMENT OF
A QUORUM:

Mr. Jones called the meeting to order and established that a quorum consisting of 4 members was present.

FORMAL HEARING:

Winter Marie McFarland, LNP **0024-176125**

Ms. McFarland appeared and was represented by Nora Ciancio, Esq. and Andrew Miller, Esq., her legal counsel.

Tammie Jones, Adjudication Consultant, DHP Administrative Proceedings Division, and David Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, represented the Commonwealth. Laura Booberg was legal counsel for the Committee. Juan Ortega, court reporter with Ortega International Reporting, recorded the proceedings.

Stephen Shirley, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division; Lee Marie Santos, former practice administrator at James River Family Practice (JRFP); Dr. James Halverson, Owner of JRFP; Donna Greenfield, LNP, former nurse practitioner at JRFP; Robin Fields, RN, former employee at JRFP; and Christine McManus, RN, Walter Reed Convalescent Center were present and testified.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 12:18 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 12:28 P.M.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 1:35 P.M.

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RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 2:18 P.M.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 3:31 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 3:36 P.M.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Parke moved that the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2- 3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 4:17 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Winter Marie McFarland**. Additionally, Dr. Parke moved that Ms. Douglas, 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 Committee in its deliberations. The motion was properly seconded by Ms. Buchwald and the motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 4:50 P.M.

Dr. Parke moved that the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine 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 properly seconded by Ms. Buchwald. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Buchwald moved that the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine reprimand **Winter Marie McFarland** and place her nurse practitioner license on probation with terms for a period of not less than six months from the date of entry of the Order. The motion was seconded by Dr. Parke and carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon entry of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decision of this formal hearing committee.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 P.M.

Robin L. Hills
Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice