

FINAL/APPROVED
VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY
FORMAL HEARING

Monday, December 10, 2025
Commonwealth Conference Center
Second Floor
Board Room 4

Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive
Henrico, Virginia 23233

Orders/Consent Orders referred to in these minutes are available upon request

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of a panel of the Board of Pharmacy ("Board") was called to order at 1:57 PM for the purpose of convening a formal hearing.

PRESIDING: Larry Kocot, Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shannon Dowdy, PharmD, Vice Chair (by telephone)
Kelly Hasty Kale, RPh
Wendy Nash, PharmD
Tim Robertson, RPh
Michelle Hoffer Wilgus, JD

STAFF PRESENT: Mykl D. Egan, Discipline Case Manager
Sorayah Haden, Executive Assistant
Caroline Juran, Executive Director, Board of Pharmacy
James Rutkowski, Sr. Assistant Attorney General

QUORUM: With six (6) members of the Board present, a quorum of the board was established.

GEORGE APPIAH
License. no. 0202-207279

A formal hearing was held in the matter of George Appiah, pharmacist, to discuss his request for reinstatement of his pharmacy license and to discuss allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy in Virginia as provided in the notice dated November 17, 2025.

Jess Weber, Adjudication Specialist, presented the case for the Commonwealth. Mr. Appiah was present at the hearing and was not represented by counsel.

WITNESSES: Courtney D. Merkel, DHP Senior Investigator, testified in person on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Appiah testified on his own behalf.
Akosu Appiah, Mr. Appiah's wife also testified on Mr. Appiah's Behalf

CLOSED MEETING:

Upon a motion by Dr. Dowdy, and duly seconded by Mrs. Hoffer-Wilgus, the Board voted 6-0, to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision regarding the matter of George Appiah. Additionally, she moved that Caroline Juran, Mykl Egan, Jim Rutkowski, and Sorayah Haden attended the closed meeting.

RECONVENE:

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed meeting met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board reconvened an open meeting and announced the decision. (Dowdy/Robertson)

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Mr. Robertson, and duly seconded by Mrs. Kale, the Board voted 6-0 to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as presented by the Commonwealth. Upon a motion by Mr. Robertson, and duly seconded by Ms. Kale, the Board voted 6-0 to deny the reinstatement of Mr. Appiah's pharmacist license.

DEPARTURE OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Kelly Kale departed at 4:10 p.m.

PANEL:

With five (5) members of the Board present, a panel of the board was established.

SHANNON HOCKADAY
Registration no. 0245-013730

A formal hearing was held in the matter of Shannon Hockaday, pharmacy technician trainee, to discuss allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy technician trainees in Virginia as provided in the notice dated October 21, 2025.

Jess Weber, Adjudication Specialist, presented the case for the Commonwealth. Ms. Hockaday was not present at the hearing and was not represented by counsel.

WITNESSES:

Steven Shirley, DHP Senior Investigator testified in person on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Kanae DiMaggio, Pharmacist-in-Charge of CVS/Pharmacy #2537 testified in person on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Rameshwar Singh, District Asset Protection Leader for CVS testified by telephone on behalf of the Commonwealth.

CLOSED MEETING:

Upon a motion by Dr. Dowdy, and duly seconded by Mr. Robertson, the Board voted 5-0, to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision regarding the matter of Shannon Hockaday. Additionally, she moved that Caroline Juran, Mykl Egan, Jim Rutkowski, and Sorayah Haden attended the closed meeting.

RECONVENE:


Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed meeting met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board reconvened an open meeting and announced the decision. (Dowdy/Hoffer Wilgus)

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Dowdy, and duly seconded by Mr. Robertson, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as presented by the Commonwealth. Upon a motion by Dr. Dowdy, and duly seconded by Mr. Robertson, the Board voted 5-0 to indefinitely suspend the pharmacy technician trainee registration of Shannon Hockaday for not less than two (2) years.

ADJOURNED:

4:50 PM



Mykl D. Egan, Discipline Case
Manager

3/20/26

Date