

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES
December 4, 2019**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine was convened at 10:35 A.M., December 4, 2019 in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

CHAIR: Marie Gerardo, MS, RN, ANP-BC; Chair

COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE MEMBERS PRESENT:

A Tucker Gleason, PhD, Board of Nursing
Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA, Board of Nursing
Karen Ransone, MD, Board of Medicine
Nathaniel Tuck, DC, Board of Medicine
Kenneth Walker, MD, Board of Medicine

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Douglas, RN, MSM, CSAC, FRE; Executive Director; Board of Nursing
Terri Clinger, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC; Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice; Board of Nursing
Darlene Graham, Senior Discipline Specialist; Board of Nursing

OTHERS PRESENT: Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General; Board Counsel

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: With six members of the Committee of the Joint Boards, a quorum was established.

FORMAL HEARING: **Charles Brown, Jr., LNP** **0024-167094**
Prescriptive Authority Number: 0017-138823

Mr. Brown appeared and was accompanied by Yolanda Gule, Deputy Executive Director of Finance and Operation at Us Helping Us.

Wayne Halblieb, Senior Assistant Attorney General/Chief, and Tammie Jones, Adjudication Specialist, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Committee of Joint Boards. Andrea Pegram, court reporter, recorded the proceedings.

Me-Lien Chung, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions, and Yolanda Gule were present and testified.

Rebecca Britt, Case Manager at the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP) testified via telephone.

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RECESS: The Committee recessed at 12:30 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened at 1:03 P.M.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Gleason moved that the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:49 P.M., for the purpose to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Brown. Additionally, Dr. Gleason moved that Ms. Douglas, Dr. Clinger, Ms. Graham and Ms. Mitchell 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 and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 3:28 P.M.

Dr. Gleason 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 seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine deny the application for reinstatement of Charles Brown, Jr to practice as a nurse practitioner with prescriptive authority in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and that this decision will be set forth in a final Order that will be sent to Mr. Brown. The motion was seconded and carried with five votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Walker opposed the motion.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 P.M.

Terri Clinger, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC
Deputy Executive Director for Advance Practice