

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
FORMAL HEARINGS  
March 20, 2017**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:00 A.M. on March 20, 2017 in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joyce A. Hahn, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP; President  
Guia Caliwagan, RN, MAN, EdS  
Trula Minton, MS, RN  
Jennifer Phelps, LPN, QMHPA  
Rebecca Poston, PhD, RN, CPNP-PC  
Dustin S. Ross, DNP, MBA, RN (**joined at 10:40 AM**)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Brenda Krohn, RN, MS; Deputy Executive Director  
Jane Elliott, RN, PhD, Discipline Staff  
Darlene Graham, Senior Discipline Specialist

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel  
Senior Nursing Students from George Washington University

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A PANEL:**

With six members of the Board present, a panel was established

**FORMAL HEARINGS:**

**Shannon Denise Drummond, RN 0001-900576**

Ms. Drummond appeared accompanied by Michael Marshall, her fiancé.

David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Denise Holt, court reporter with Crane-Snead & Associates, recorded the proceedings.

Lisa Elgin, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions, testified via telephone.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Dr. Poston moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(15) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:20 A.M., for the purpose of consideration and discussion of medical records of Ms. Drummond that are excluded from the Freedom of Information Act by Virginia Code Section 1 of 2.2-3705.5. Additionally, Dr. Poston moved that Dr. Elliott, Ms. Krohn, Ms. Graham, Ms. Mitchell, Mr. Kazzie, and Ms. Holt 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 10:08 P.M.

Dr. Poston 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 and carried unanimously.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Dr. Poston moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:08 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Drummond. Additionally, Dr. Poston moved that Ms. Krohn, Dr. Elliott, 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 10:37 P.M.

Dr. Poston 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 and carried unanimously.

Ms. Minton moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact as presented by Mr. Kazzie and amended by the Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:** Ms. Phelps moved the Board of Nursing take no action against Ms. Drummond's license to practice as a registered nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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

Dr. Ross joined the hearings at 10:40 A.M.

**FORMAL HEARINGS:** **Elizabeth Marie Robertson Dunham, CNA Reinstatement 1401-123528**  
Ms. Dunham did not appear.

Amy Weiss, Adjudication Specialist represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Denise Holt, court reporter with Crane-Snead & Associates, recorded the proceedings.

Joyce Shelton-Jones, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions, was present and testified.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Dr. Poston moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:04 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Dunham. Additionally, Dr. Poston moved that Dr. Elliott, 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 11:10 A.M.

Dr. Poston 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 and carried unanimously.

Ms. Minton moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Ms. Weiss. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Phelps moved that the Board of Nursing deny Ms. Dunham's application for reinstatement as a certified nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia and continue her on indefinite suspension for not less than one year and until such time she can appear before the Board and prove that she is safe and competent to practice. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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FORMAL HEARINGS: **Philip Lynn Thomas, RN 0001-132117**  
Mr. Thomas appeared.

Carla Boyd, Adjudication Specialist represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Denise Holt, court reporter with Crane-Snead & Associates, recorded the proceedings.

James Wall, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions, testified via telephone.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Poston moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 12:34 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Thomas. Additionally, Dr. Poston moved that Ms. Krohn, 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 1:01 P.M.

Dr. Poston 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 and carried unanimously.

Ms. Minton moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Ms. Boyd and amended by the Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:**

Ms. Phelps moved that the Board of Nursing indefinitely suspend the license of Phillip Lynn Thomas to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia with the suspension stayed contingent upon his entry into the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP) and remaining in compliance thereafter. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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**RECESS:**

The Board recessed at 1:05 P.M.

**RECONVENTION:**

The Board reconvened at 1:40 P.M.

**FORMAL HEARINGS:**

**Kristin L. Smith, RN 0001-169552**

Ms. Smith appeared.

David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Denise Holt, court reporter with Crane-Snead & Associates, recorded the proceedings.

Naima Fellers, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions, was present and testified.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Dr. Poston moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 3:15 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Smith. Additionally, Dr. Poston moved that Ms. Krohn, Dr. Elliott, 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 3:40 P.M.

Dr. Poston 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 and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:**

Ms. Caliwagan moved the Board of Nursing dismiss the case due to a lack of clear and convincing evidence. The motion was seconded and carried with four votes in favor. Ms. Phelps and Dr. Poston opposed the motion.

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**FORMAL HEARINGS:**

**April D. Standfield, LPN 0002-069238**

Ms. Standfield appeared accompanied her daughter, Angel Standfield.

Tammy Jones, Adjudication Specialist represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Denise Holt, court reporter with Crane-Snead & Associates, recorded the proceedings.

Gayle Miller, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions, was present and testified.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Dr. Poston moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 4:48 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Standfield. Additionally, Dr. Poston moved that Ms. Krohn, 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 5:13 P.M.

Dr. Ross 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 and carried unanimously.

Ms. Minton moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Ms. Boyd and amended by the Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:**

Dr. Poston moved the Board of Nursing approve the application of April D. Standfield for reinstatement to practice practical nurse contingent upon satisfactory completion of Maryland Board Order entered October 6, 2015. The motion was seconded and carried with five votes in favor. Ms. Phelps opposed the motion.

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

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Angela Nowak Stinson, RN Reinstatement 0001-235340**  
Ms. Stinson appeared accompanied by Bridgette Jones, former supervisor at Carrington Place.

Steve Bulger, Adjudication Specialist represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Denise Holt, court reporter with Crane-Snead & Associates, recorded the proceedings.

Joyce Shelton-Jones, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions, and Bridgette Jones, former Director at Carrington Place, were present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Poston moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 6:16 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Stinson. Additionally, Dr. Poston moved that Ms. Krohn, Dr. Elliott, 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 6:32 P.M.

Dr. Ross 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 and carried unanimously.

Ms. Caliwagan moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Ms. Bulger and amended by the Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Poston moved the Board of Nursing reprimand Angela Nowak Stinson, approve her application for reinstatement of her registered nurse license, and require her to provide proof of successful completion of the NCSBN course called "Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses" within 90 days of the entry of the Order . The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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FORMAL HEARINGS: **Tara Elizabeth Dolan, RN 0001-236827**  
Ms. Dolan appeared accompanied by Dennis Bania, former supervisor.

Steve Bulger, Adjudication Specialist represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Denise Holt, court reporter with Crane-Snead & Associates, recorded the proceedings.

Kimberly Martin, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions, and Dawn France, Case Manager, Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program, were present and testified.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Dr. Poston moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 7:50 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Dolan. Additionally, Dr. Poston moved that Ms. Krohn, 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 8:19 P.M.

Dr. Ross 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 and carried unanimously.

Dr. Poston moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Mr. Bulger and amended by the Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:** Ms. Phelps moved that the Board of Nursing indefinitely suspend the license of Tara Elizabeth Dolan to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia for a period of not less than two years. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

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Brenda Krohn, RN, MS  
Deputy Executive Director