

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
FORMAL HEARINGS  
March 21, 2013**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:03 A.M. on March 21, 2013 in Board Room 3, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:  
Jane R. Ingalls, RN, PhD; President  
Jeanne Holmes, Citizen Member  
Patricia C. Lane, RN, BSN  
Trula Minton, MS, RN  
William Traynham, LPN, CSAC

STAFF PRESENT: Jay P. Douglas, RN, MSM, CSAC; Executive Director  
Jodi P. Power, RN, JD; Deputy Executive Director  
Gloria D. Mitchell, RN, MSN, MBA; Deputy Executive Director (joined later)  
Amy Davis, Executive Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Erin Barrett, Assistant Attorney General  
Nurse aide students from Adult Career Development Center (joined later)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:  
With five members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Tanja M. Pruitt, RMA 0031-001215**  
Ms. Pruitt did not appear

Tammie Jones, Adjudication Specialist, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Barrett was legal counsel for the Board. Denise Holt, court reporter with Crane-Snead Reporting, recorded the proceedings.

Kimberly Whittemore, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Holmes moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:16 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Pruitt. Additionally, Ms. Holmes moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Power, Ms. Davis and Ms. Barrett 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 9:31 A.M.

Ms. Holmes 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.

Mr. Traynham moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Ms. Jones and amended by the Board.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:**

Ms. Lane moved that the Board of Nursing indefinitely suspend the medication aide registration of Tanja Pruitt for a period of not less than two years and until such time as she can appear before the Board and demonstrate she is safe and competent to resume practice. 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.

**RECESS:**

The Board recessed at 9:35 A.M.

**RECONVENTION:**

The Reconvened at 9:55 A.M.

The nurse aide students from Adult Career Development Center joined the meeting.

**FORMAL HEARINGS:**

**Margaret Phillips, RN Reinstatement Applicant 0001-114915**

Ms. Phillips appeared, accompanied by a friend, Barbara McNeely.

Cynthia Gaines, Adjudication Specialist, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Barrett was legal counsel for the Board. Denise Holt court reporter with Crane-Snead Reporting, recorded the proceedings.

Vicky Fox, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions; Barbara McNeely, friend and coworker at Micah Ministry were present and testified.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Ms. Holmes moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:46 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Phillips. Additionally, Ms. Holmes moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Power, Ms. Davis and Ms. Barrett 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 11:09 A.M.

Ms. Holmes 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.

Mr. Traynham moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Ms. Gaines and amended by the Board.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:**

Ms. Lane moved that the Board of Nursing issue a reprimand to Margaret Phillips and reinstate her license practice professional nursing contingent upon her continued compliance with the Health Practitioners Monitoring Program. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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Ms. Power left the meeting, Ms. Mitchell joined the meeting.

**RECESS:**

The Board recessed at 11:12 A.M.

**RECONVENTION:**

The Board reconvened at 11:30 A.M.

**FORMAL HEARINGS:**

**Ameigh Morris, RN 0001-209331**

Ms. Morris appeared.

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

Lynne Austin, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions; Tom Remy, Director of Surgery, UVA Medical Center were present and testified.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Ms. Holmes moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 12:53 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Morris. Additionally, Ms. Holmes moved that Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Douglas, Ms. Davis and Ms. Barrett 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 1:09 P.M.

Ms. Holmes 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.

Mr. Traynham moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Mr. Kazzie and amended by the Board.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:**

Ms. Lane moved that the Board of Nursing issue an order of reprimand to Ameigh Morris. 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 1:13 P.M.

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Jodi P. Power, RN, JD  
Deputy Executive Director