

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
POSSIBLE SUMMARY SUSPENSION TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
April 29, 2024

A possible summary suspension telephone conference call of the Virginia Board of Nursing was held April 29, 2024, at 4:30 P.M.

The Board of Nursing members participating in the call were:

Cynthia Swineford, RN, MSN, CNE; **Chair**
Carol Cartte, RN, BSN
Victoria Cox, DNP, RN
Pamela Davis, LPN
Yvette Dorsey, DNP, RN
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member
Ann Tucker Gleason, PhD, Citizen Member
Shantell Kinchen, LPN
Helen Parke, DNP, FNP-BC
Robert Scott, RN

Others participating in the meeting were:

Laura Booberg, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Melissa Gray, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division
Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division
Jovonni Armstead, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division
Sean Murphy, Assistant Attorney General
David Robinson, Assistant Attorney General
William Scott Daisley, III, legal counsel for Ms. Johnson
Dekara Johnson, RN
Jay Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE; Executive Director
Robin Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice
Lelia Claire Morris, RN, LNHA; Deputy Executive Director
Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN; Deputy Executive Director
Huong Vu, Operations Manager

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Swineford. With 10 members of the Board of Nursing participating, a quorum was established.

Sean Murphy, Assistant Attorney General, presented evidence that the continued practice of practical nursing by **Dekara Johnson, RN (0001-316039)** may present a substantial danger to the health and safety of the public.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Gleason moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 4:37 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Dekara Johnson**. Additionally, Dr. Gleason moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Morris, Dr. Hills, Ms. Vu, and Ms. Booberg attend the closed meeting because their presence

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in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dorsey and carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Gray, Mr. Armstead, Mr. Daisley III, and Ms. Johnson left the meeting at 4:37 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 4:51 P.M.

Mr. Murphy, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Gray, Mr. Armstead, and Mr. Daisley III re-joined the meeting at 4:51 P.M.

Dr. Gleason 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 by Dr. Cox and carried unanimously.

Dr. Dorsey moved to summarily suspend the license of **Dekara Johnson** to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia pending a formal administrative hearing and to offer a consent order for revocation of her license in lieu of a formal hearing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott and carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy and William Scott Daisley, III left the meeting at 4:51 P.M.

David Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, presented evidence that the continued practice of professional nursing by **Amie Sankoh, RN (0001-303051)** may present a substantial danger to the health and safety of the public.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Gleason moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 5:01 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Amie Sankoh**. Additionally, Dr. Gleason moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Morris, Dr. Hills, Ms. Vu, and Ms. Booberg 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 by Dr. Dorsey and carried unanimously.

Mr. Robinson, Ms. Stewart and Ms. Gray left the meeting at 5:01 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 5:05 P.M.

Mr. Robinson, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Gray re-joined the meeting at 5:05 P.M.

Dr. Gleason 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 by Dr. Parke and carried unanimously.

Dr. Dorsey moved to summarily suspend the license of **Amie Sankoh** pending a formal administrative hearing and to offer a consent order for revocation of her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia in lieu of a formal hearing. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cox and carried unanimously.

Ms. Stewart left the meeting at 5:05 P.M.

David Robison, Assistant Attorney General, presented evidence that the continued practice as a massage therapist by **Cecelia Bangura, RN (0001-288440)** may present a substantial danger to the health and safety of the public.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Gleason moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 5:13 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Cecelia Bangura**. Additionally, Dr. Gleason moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Morris, Dr. Hills, Ms. Vu, and Ms. Booberg 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 by Dr. Parke and carried unanimously.

Mr. Robinson and Ms. Gray left the meeting at 5:13 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 5:17 P.M.

Mr. Robinson and Ms. Gray re-joined the meeting at 5:17 P.M.

Dr. Gleason 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 by Dr. Parke and carried unanimously.

Dr. Dorsey moved to summarily suspend the license of **Cecelia Bangura** to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia pending a formal administrative hearing and to offer a consent order for revocation of her license in lieu of a formal hearing. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cox and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 P.M.

Robin Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP;
Deputy Executive Director for Advanced
Practice