

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
POSSIBLE SUMMARY SUSPENSION TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
April 10, 2023

A possible summary suspension telephone conference call of the Virginia Board of Nursing was held April 10, 2023, at 4:32 P.M.

The Board of Nursing members participating in the call were:

Brandon Jones, MSN, RN, CEN, NEA-BC; **Chair**
Carol Cartte, RN
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member
A. Tucker Gleason, PhD, Citizen Member
James Hermansen-Parker, MSN, RN, PCCN-K
Paul Hogan, Citizen Member
Dixie L. McElfresh, LPN
Helen Parke, DNP, FNP-BC
Meenakshi Shah, BA, RN
Cynthia Swineford, RN, MSN, CEN

Others participating in the meeting were:

Laura Booberg, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Rebecca Ribley, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division
David Robinson, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Jay Douglas, RN, MSM, CSAC, FRE; Executive Director
Robin Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice
Claire Morris, RN, LNHA; Deputy Executive Director
Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN; Deputy Executive Director
Huong Vu, Operations Manager
Breana Wilkins, Administrative Support Specialist

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

David Robinson, Senior Assistant Attorney General, presented evidence that the continued practice of professional nursing by **Ta-Hesha Tawanna Hopkins-Collins, RN (0001-290366)** may present a substantial danger to the health and safety of the public.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 4:59 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Ta-Hesha Tawanna Hopkins-Collins**. Additionally, Dr. Parke moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Morris, Ms. Bardgill, 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 Mr. Hogan and carried unanimously.

Mr. Robinson, Ms. Ribley and Ms. Wilkins left the meeting at 4:59 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 5:14 P.M.

Mr. Robinson and Ms. Rebley re-joined the meeting at 5:15 P.M.

Dr. Parke 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 Mr. Hermansen-Parker and carried unanimously.

Dr. Parke moved to summarily suspend the license of **TaHesha Tawanna Hopkins-Collins** to practice professional nursing pending a formal administrative hearing and to offer a consent order for indefinite suspension of her license in lieu of a formal hearing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hogan and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 P.M.

Jay Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE
Executive Director