

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
Panel A - July 24, 2024 in Board Room 4

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:28 A.M., on July 24, 2024, in Board Room 4, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:

Yvette Dorsey, DNP, RN; **Second Vice-President**
Victoria Cox, RN, BSN
Margaret J. Friedenberg, Citizen Member
Ann T. Gleason, PhD, Citizen Member
Helen Parke, DNP, FNP-BC
Robert Scott, RN

STAFF PRESENT:

Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE; Executive Director
Jaquelyn Wilmoth, RN, MSN; Deputy Executive Director
Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk, Senior Nursing Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

ESTABLISHMENT
OF A PANEL:

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

FORMAL HEARINGS:

Rebecca Ann Justice, RN

0001-225276

Ms. Justice did not appear.

Claire Foley and Jovonni Armstead, Adjudication Specialists, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Rutkowski was legal counsel for the Board. Colleen Gregory Gettel, County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Parke Slater, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, Ashley Lawson, RN, DON at Westminster Canterbury of Lynchburg, Holly Vaughan, RN at Westminster Canterbury of Lynchburg, Troy Childress, RN, Nurse Manager at the Summit Senior Living, and Catrice Witcher, LPN at Seven Hills Rehab & Nursing, were present and testified.

RECESS:

The Board recessed at 10: 17 A.M.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened at 10:25 A.M.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Cox moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 10:28 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Rebecca Ann Justice**. Additionally, Dr. Cox moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Wilmoth, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Mr. Rutkowski, Board Counsel, 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. Gleason and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 10:40 A.M.

Dr. Cox 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. Gleason and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Scott moved that the Board of nursing revoke the license of **Rebecca Ann Justice** to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gleason and carried unanimously.

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

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Helina Adusei, RN** **0001-298884**

Ms. Adusei appeared.

Christine Andreoli, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Rutkowski was legal counsel for the Board. Colleen Gregory Gettel, County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Beatrice Shaw, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Cox moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 12:04 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Helina Adusei**. Additionally, Dr. Cox moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Wilmoth,

Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Mr. Rutkowski, Board Counsel, 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. Gleason and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 12:23 P.M.

Dr. Cox 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. Gleason and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Cox moved that the Board of Nursing revoke the right of **Helina Adusei** to renew her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott and carried unanimously.

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

RECESS: The Board recessed at 12:24 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 1:28 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Netsanet Mekonnen Asres, RN** **0001-298388**

Ms. Asres appeared.

Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Rutkowski was legal counsel for the Board. Colleen Gregory Gettel, County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Cortney Merkel, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Cox moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 1:54 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Metsanet**

Mekonnen Asres. Additionally, Dr. Cox moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Wilmoth, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Mr. Rutkowski, Board Counsel, 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. Gleason and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 2:07 P.M.

Dr. Cox 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. Gleason and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Cox moved that the Board of nursing revoke the license of **Netsanet Mekonnen Asres** to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott and carried unanimously.

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

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Petty Nyanchama Onchonga, RN** **0001-2974040**

Ms. Onchonga appeared.

Christine Andreoli, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Rutkowski was legal counsel for the Board. Colleen Gregory Gettel, County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Joyce Johnson, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Cox moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 2:41 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Petty Nyanchama Onchonga**. Additionally, Dr. Cox moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Wilmoth, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Mr. Rutkowski, Board Counsel, 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. Gleason and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 2:48 P.M.

Dr. Cox 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. Gleason and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Scott moved that the Board of nursing revoke the right of **Petty Nyanchama Onchonga** to renew her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cox and carried unanimously.

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

RECESS: The Board recessed at 2:48 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 3:01 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Cecelia Bangura, RN** **0001-288440**

Ms. Bangura appeared and was represented by John O. Iweanoge, II, with the Iweanoges' Firm, PC..

David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Rutkowski was legal counsel for the Board. Colleen Gregory Gettel, County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Beatrice Shaw, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 4:48 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 4:59 P.M.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Cox moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 5:32 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Cecelia Bangura**. Additionally, Dr. Cox moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Wilmoth, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Mr. Rutkowski, Board Counsel, 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. Gleason and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 5:45 P.M.

Dr. Cox 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. Gleason and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Cox moved that the Board of nursing revoke the license of **Cecelia Bangura** to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott and carried unanimously.

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

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 5:46 P.M.

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