

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
Panel B - July 24, 2024 in Board Room 2

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:05 A.M., on July 24, 2024, in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Cynthia Swineford, MSN, RN, CNE; **President**
Carol Cartte, RN, BSN
Paul Hogan, Citizen Member
Shantell Kinchen, LPN
Lila Peake, RN

STAFF PRESENT:

Claire Morris, RN, LNHA; Deputy Executive Director
Ann Hardy, MSN, RN; Compliance and Case Adjudication Specialist
Tamika Claiborne, BS, Senior Licensing Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Laura Booberg, Assistant Attorney General
Students from Henrico County – St. Mary’s Hospital School of Practical Nursing

**ESTABLISHMENT
OF A PANEL:**

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

FORMAL HEARINGS:

Tova Alicisha Tinsley, LPN
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Ms. Tinsley did not appear.

David Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, and Carolann McNicole, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Julissa Jackson, County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Teresa Nolen, LPN, Unit Manager at Martinsville Health & Rehab, Cheryl Ramey, RN, DON at Mulberry Creek Nursing & Rehab Center, were present and testified.

Donna Holtsclaw, LPN testified via telephone.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 10: 11 A.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 10:22 A.M.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Kinchen moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 10:41 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Tova Alicisha Tinsley**. Additionally, Ms. Kinchen moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Hardy, Ms. Claiborne and Ms. Booberg, 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 Ms. Cartte and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 10:43 A.M.

Ms. Kinchen 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 Ms. Cartte and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Kinchen moved that the Board of nursing revoke the license of **Tova Alicisha Tinsley** to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hogan 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 11:44 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 1:06 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Malvis Esua, RN** **0001-306675**

Ms. Esua appeared.

Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal

counsel for the Board. Julissa Jackson, County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

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

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Peake moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 2:26 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Malvis Esua**. Additionally, Ms. Peake moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Hardy, Ms. Claiborne and Ms. Booberg, 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 Ms. Cartte and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 2:45 P.M.

Ms. Peake 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 Ms. Cartte and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Kinchen moved that the Board of Nursing revoke the license of **Helina Adusei** to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cartte 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 2:47 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 2:59 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Amie Sankoh, RN** **0001-303051**

Ms. Sankoh appeared and was accompanied by Ahmed Bowling, her father, and Sarah Boye, her co-worker.

Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Julissa Jackson, County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Kimberly Hyler, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Peake moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 3:57 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Amie Sankok**. Additionally, Ms. Peake moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Hardy, Ms. Claiborne and Ms. Booberg, 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 Ms. Cartte and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 4:26 P.M.

Ms. Peake 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. Hogan and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Kinchen moved that the Board of nursing revoke the license of **Amie Sankoh** to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hogan 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 4:27 P.M.

Claire Morris, RN, LNHA
Deputy Executive Director