

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
November 18, 2024

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 10:05 A.M., on November 18, 2024, in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Cynthia M. Swineford, MSN, RN, CNE; **President**
Carol Cartte, RN, BSN
Victoria Cox, DNP, RN
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member
Shantell Kinchen, LPN
Helen Parke, DNP, FNP-BC
Robert Scott, RN
Shelly Smith, PhD, DNP, ANP-BC

STAFF PRESENT:

Robin Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice
Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN; Deputy Executive Director
Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk, Senior Nursing Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

M. Brent Saunders, Assistant Attorney General
RN students from Paul D Camp Community College

**ESTABLISHMENT
OF A PANEL:**

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

FORMAL HEARINGS:

Hawanatu Kalokoh, CNA **1401-218574**

Ms. Kalokoh appeared, was accompanied by Samuel Kalokoh, her father, and was represented by Jonathan Phillips, her legal counsel.

Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Saunders was legal counsel for the Board. Joshua Delauter, court reporter with County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Melissa Pope, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Smith moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 11:02 A.M., for

the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Hawanatu Kalokoh**. Additionally, Dr. Smith moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Mr. Saunders, 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. Cox and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened in open session at 11:28 A.M.

Ms. Friedenberg 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:

Dr. Cox moved that the Board revoke the certificate of **Hawanatu Kalokoh** to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia and enter a Finding of Abuse against Ms. Kalokoh in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott and passed with 7 votes in favor. Ms. Kinchen opposed the motion.

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 11:29 A.M.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened at 1:01P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS:

Martina Chizitere Adegboyega, RN

0001-306575

Ms. Adegboyega did not appear.

Avi Efreom, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Saunders was legal counsel for the Board. Joshua Delauter, court reporter with County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Sarah Rogers, Executive Director, DHP Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Smith moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 1:15 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Martina Chizitere Adegboyega**. Additionally, Dr. Smith moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Mr. Saunders, 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 1:23 P.M.

Ms. Friedenberg 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: Mr. Scott moved that the Board of Nursing revoke and invalidate the license of **Martina Chizitere Adegboyega** to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Dr. Parke 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 1:24 P.M.

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