

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
PANEL B
November 20, 2024**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:06 A.M., on November 20, 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**
Victoria Cox, DNP, RN
Pamela Davis, LPN
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member
Helen Parke, DNP, FNP-BC
Dawn Hogue, LMT

STAFF PRESENT:

Robin Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for
Advanced Practice
Ann Hardy, MSN, RN; Deputy Executive Director
Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN; Deputy Executive Director- **Joined
at 10:16 A.M.**
Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk, Senior Discipline Specialist
Tamika Claiborne, Senior Licensing Discipline Specialist- **Joined at
12:30 P.M.**

OTHERS PRESENT:

M. Brent Saunders, Senior Assistant Attorney General
RN Students from Riverside Nursing Program

**ESTABLISHMENT
OF A PANEL:**

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

FORMAL HEARING:

Jeffrey Scott Baker, LMT

Mr. Baker appeared.

Christine Andreoli, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Saunders was legal counsel for the Board. Kandi Oliver, court reporter with County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Gayle Miller, 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 9:45 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Jeffrey Scott Baker**. Additionally, Dr. Cox moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Hardy, 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. Davis and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 10:06 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 Dr. Cox and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Hogue moved that the Board approve the application of **Jeffrey Scott Baker** and issue an unrestricted license to practice massage therapy 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.

Ms. Hardy left the meeting at 10:07 A.M.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 10:07 A.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 10:16 A.M.

Ms. Bargdill joined the meeting at 10:16 A.M.

FORMAL HEARING: **Brenden Stuart Schnabel, LMT** **0019-016014**

Mr. Schnabel appeared.

Christine Andreoli, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Saunders was legal counsel for the Board. Kandi Oliver, court reporter with County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Sherita Jones, Grace Humberger, Christine Feducia, LMT, and Jennifer Challis, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, were present and testified.

Ms. Tamayo-Suijk left the meeting at 12:30 P.M.

Ms. Claiborne joined the meeting at 12:30 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 12:16 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Brendan Schnabel**. Additionally, Dr. Cox moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Bargdill, 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. Davis and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 1:21 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 Dr. Cox and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Hogue moved that the Board of Nursing indefinitely suspend the license of **Brendan Schnabel** to practice as a massage therapist in the Commonwealth of Virginia for a period of not less than two years. 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.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Micha Johnathan Todd, LMT** **0019-018518**
Mr. Todd appeared.

Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, Piero Mannino, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Saunders

was legal counsel for the Board. Kandi Oliver, court reporter with County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Client "A" and Client "B" were 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 3:02 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Micha Johnathan Todd**. Additionally, Dr. Cox moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Claiborne 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. Davis and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 3:42 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 Dr. Cox and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Cox moved that the Board dismiss the case against **Micha Johnathan Todd**. The motion was seconded by Ms. Davis and passed with 4 votes in favor. Ms. Hogue and Ms. Friedenberg 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.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 3:44 P.M.

Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN
Deputy Executive Director