

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
July 25, 2024

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:27 A.M., on July 25, 2024, in Board Room 4, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:

Cynthia Swineford, MSN, RN, CNE; **President**
Delia Acuna, FNP-C
Yvette Dorsey, DNP, RN
Shantell Kinchen, LPN
Lila Peake, RN
Robert Scott, RN

STAFF PRESENT:

Christina Bagdill, BSN, MHS, RN; Deputy Executive Director
Ann Hardy, MSN, RN; Compliance and Case Adjudication Specialist
Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk, Senior Nursing Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Laura Booberg, Assistant Attorney General
Sonia Bapoungue, French Interpreter, Syncroz Language Solutions

ESTABLISHMENT
OF A PANEL:

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

FORMAL HEARINGS:

Augustin Kamto, CNA **1401-210910**

Mr. Kamto appeared and was accompanied by his wife.

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

Scott Dillon, Senior Investigator, DHP Enforcement Division, Maria Lantz, RN, DON at Harrisonburg Health & Rehab, Andrea Strawderman, RN, Harrisonburg Health & Rehab, Tammy Johnson, RN, Forensic Nurse Examiner, Sentara RMH Medical Center, and Lauren Braithwaite (now Shockley), RN, Nurse Examiner, Sentara RMH Medical Center, were present and testified.

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RECESS: The Board recessed at 10: 15 A.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 10:27 A.M.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 11: 31 A.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 11:42 A.M.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 1: 02 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 2:18 P.M.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 3:00 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 3:18 P.M.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 4:21 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 4:37 P.M.

Jay Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director, and Claire Morris, RN, LNHA joined the meeting at 4:37 P.M.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Dorsey moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(8) of the Code of Virginia at 4:38 P.M., for the consultation with and the provision of legal advice by the Assistant Attorney General in the matter of settlement of two cases. Additionally, Dr. Dorsey moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Morris, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Hardy, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk 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. Acuna and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 4:57 P.M.

Dr. Dorsey 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. Kinchen and carried unanimously.

Ms. Douglas and Ms. Morris left the meeting at 4:57 P.M.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Scott moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 7:17 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Augustin Kamto**. Additionally, Mr. Scott moved that Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Hardy, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk 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 Dr. Dorsey and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:26 P.M.

Mr. Scott 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. Dorsey and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Acuna moved that the Board of nursing revoke the certificate of **Augustin Kamto** to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia and enter a Finding of Abuse against him in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott and carried with four votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Dorsey and 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.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN
Deputy Executive Director