

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
POSSIBLE SUMMARY SUSPENSION TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
September 24, 2024

A possible summary suspension telephone conference call of the Virginia Board of Nursing was held September 24, 2024, at 4:29 P.M.

The Board of Nursing members participating in the call were:

Cynthia Swineford, RN, MSN, CNE; **Chair**
Delia Acuna, FNP-C
Carol Cartte, RN, BSN
Victoria Cox, DNP, RN
Pamela Davis, LPN
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member
Paul Hogan, Citizen Member
Shantell Kinchen, LPN
Cleopatra Kitt, PhD, Citizen Member
Lila Peake, RN
Shelly Smith, PhD, DNP, ANP-BC
Jodi Zehr, RN

Others participating in the meeting were:

Brent Saunders, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Amanda Padula-Wilson, Assistant Attorney General
David Robinson, Assistant Attorney General
Jovonni Armstead, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceeding Division
Melissa Gray, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division
David Kazzie, Deputy Executive Director, Administrative Proceedings Division
Claire Morris, RN, LHNA; Executive Director
Ann Hardy, MSN, RN; Deputy Executive Director
Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN; Deputy Executive Director
Huong Vu, Operations Manager

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Swineford. With 12 members of the Board of Nursing participating, a quorum was established.

David Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, presented evidence that the continued practice professional nursing by **Stella Ijang Fobid Cho, RN (Md License# R190099 with multistate privilege)** may present a substantial danger to the health and safety of the public.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Cartte moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 4:51 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Stella Ijang Fobid Cho**. Additionally, Ms. Cartte moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Hardy, Ms. Vu and Mr. Saunders 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.

Ms. Paula-Wilson, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Kazzie, Ms. Gray and Ms. Armstead left the meeting at 4:51 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 5:01 P.M.

Ms. Cartte 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.

Ms. Paula-Wilson, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Kazzie, Ms. Gray and Ms. Armstead re-joined the meeting at 5:01 P.M.

Ms. Cartte moved to summarily suspend the privilege of **Stella Ijang Fobid Cho** to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia pending a formal administrative hearing and to offer a consent order for revocation of her privilege to practice professional nursing in lieu of a formal hearing. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cox and carried unanimously.

Mr. Robinson and Ms. Armstead left the meeting at 5:05 P.M.

Amanda Padula-Wilson, Assistant Attorney General, presented evidence that the continued practice of practical nursing by **Rebecca Jean Searles, LPN (0002-094522)** may present a substantial danger to the health and safety of the public.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Cartte moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 5:10 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Rebecca Jean Searles**. Additionally, Ms. Cartte moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Hardy, Ms. Vu and Mr. Saunders 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.

Ms. Paula-Wilson, Mr. Kazzie and Ms. Gray left the meeting at 5:10 P.M.

Ms. Peake left the meeting at 5:15 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 5:18 P.M.

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Ms. Cartte 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.

Ms. Paula-Wilson, Mr. Kazzie and Ms. Gray re-joined the meeting at 5:18 P.M.

Dr. Cox moved to summarily suspend the license of **Rebecca Jean Searles** to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia pending a formal administrative hearing and to offer a consent order for revocation of her license in lieu of a formal hearing. The motion was seconded by Ms. Acuna and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 P.M.

Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN;
Deputy Executive Director