

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
FORMAL HEARINGS  
Wednesday October 16, 2023**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:05 A.M., on October 16, 2023, in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** A Tucker Gleason, PhD, Citizen Member; **Chair**  
Delia Acuna, FNP-C  
Victoria Cox, DNP, RN  
Pamela Davis, LPN  
Yvette Dorsey, DNP, RN  
Shantell Kinchen, LPN

**STAFF PRESENT:** Robin L. 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:** Laura Booberg, Assistant Attorney General  
Students from Henrico County, St. Mary's School of Practical Nursing

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A PANEL:** With six members of the Board present, a panel was established.

**FORMAL HEARINGS:** **Lavonna Harrell, LPN** **0002-087289**

Ms. Harrell appeared, represented by Taylor Brewer, Esq., legal counsel.

David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Dina Lotito, court reporter, recorded the proceedings.

Heather Dean, RMA, CNA, former employee of Harrisonburg Health and Rehab Center, was present and testified. Charles Propst, CNA, former employee of Harrisonburg Health and Rehab Center, testified via telephone.

**RECESS:** The Board recessed at 10:29 A.M.

**RECONVENTION:** The Board reconvened at 10:38 A.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 12:03 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Lavonna Harrell**. Additionally, Dr. Cox moved that Ms. Bargdill, Dr. Hills, 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 12:49 P.M.

Dr. Cox 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. Acuna and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Dorsey moved that the Board of Nursing dismiss the case of **Lavonna Harrell** and impose no sanction. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kinchen 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 12:50 P.M.

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Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP  
Executive Director for Advanced Practice