

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**  
**FORMAL HEARINGS**  
**September 12, 2024**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 11:03 A.M., on September 12, 2024, in Board Room 4, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS  
PRESENT:

Cynthia M. Swineford, MSN, RN, CNE; **President**  
Victoria Cox, DNP, RN  
Pamela Davis, LPN  
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member  
Helen Parke, DNP, FNP-BC  
Jodi Zehr, RN

STAFF PRESENT:

Claire Morris, RN, LNHA; Executive Director  
Robin Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for  
Advanced Practice  
Huong Vu, Operations Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

M. Brent Saunders, Assistant Attorney General

ESTABLISHMENT  
OF A PANEL:

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

FORMAL HEARINGS:

**Sandra Denese Key, CNA**

**1401-005700**

Ms. Key appeared.

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.

Diana Marsh, MSN, RN, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, Kiren Brown, RN, Westport Rehab and Nursing Center, and Dustie Overvold, RN, BSN, DON, Westport Rehab and Nursing Center, were present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Davis moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 12:13 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Sandra Denese Key**. Additionally, Ms. Davis moved that Ms. Morris, Dr. Hills,

Ms. Vu 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 12:32 P.M.

Dr. Parke 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. Davis moved that the Board revoke the certificate of **Sandra Denese Key** to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia and enter a Finding of Abuse against Ms. Key in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry. 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.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 12:33 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 2:04 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Fatmata Kamara, LPN** **0002-100504**

Ms. Kamara appeared, was accompanied by Sulaiman Sesay, her husband, Ejiatu Jalloh, her friend, Abdul Conteh, her ex-husband, and was represented by Guy White, Esq.

David Kazzie, Deputy Executive Director, 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.

Deborah DiFalco, Regional Manager, Enforcement Division, and Abduh Conteh were present and testified.

- CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. Davis moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 3:53 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Fatmata Kamara**. Additionally, Ms. Davis moved that Ms. Morris, Dr. Hills, Ms. Vu 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 4:31 P.M.
- Dr. Parke 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. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing revoke the license of **Fatmata Kamara** to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Davis 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 4:32 P.M.

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Cynthia Swineford, MSN, RN, CNE  
President