

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
PANEL A
November 20, 2024

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 1:04 P.M., on November 21, 2024, in Board Room 3, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Carol Cartte, RN BSN; First Vice-President
Paul Hogan, Citizen Member
Shantell Kinchen, LPN
Cleopatra Kitt, PhD, Citizen Member
Lila Peake, RN
Jodi Zehr, RN

STAFF PRESENT:

Lelia Claire Morris, RN, LNHA; Executive Director
Ann Hardy, MSN, RN; Deputy Executive Director
Breana Wilkins, Administrative Support Specialist
Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk, Senior Discipline Specialist- **Joined at 6:31 P.M.**

OTHERS PRESENT:

James Rutkowski, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**ESTABLISHMENT
OF A PANEL:**

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

FORMAL HEARINGS:

Lori Christell Burnett, RN

0001-196503

Ms. Burnett appeared.

Avi Efreom, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Rutkowski was legal counsel for the Board. Faye LaVoy, court reporter with County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Sarah Rogers, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, James Allen, Linda Miller, Occupational Therapist, Kable Pluger, RN, Danine Stoner, RN, and Witney Snipe, RN were present and testified.

RECESS:

The Board recessed at 1:20 P.M.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened at 1:23P.M.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 1:24 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 2:26 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 2:34 P.M.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 3:33 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 3:43 P.M.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Kitt moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 4:48 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Lori Christell Burnett**. Additionally, Dr. Kitt moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Hardy, Ms. Wilkins and Mr. Rutkowski, 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. Kinchen and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 5:03 P.M.

Dr. Kitt 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.

ACTION: Ms. Peake moved that the Board revoke the license of **Lori Christell Burnett** to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kitt 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 5:04 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 5:25 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Begahacha Folebe, RN** **0001-298725**

Ms. Folebe appeared, accompanied by Awunganyi Atabongankeng, her husband.

Meliss “Lisa” Gray, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Rutkowski was legal counsel for the Board. Faye LaVoy, court reporter with County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Lisa Hyler, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, and Awunganyi Atabongankeng, respondents husband, were present and testified.

Ms. Wilkins left the meeting at 6:31 P.M.

Ms. Tamayo-Suijk joined the meeting at 6:31 P.M.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Kitt moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 6:54 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Begahacha Folebe**. Additionally, Dr. Kitt moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Hardy, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Mr. Rutkowski, 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. Kinchen and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 7:29 P.M.

Dr. Kitt 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.

ACTION: Ms. Kinchen moved that the Board of Nursing revoke and invalidate the license of **Begahacha Folebe** to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zehr 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 7:30 P.M.

Ann Hardy, MSN, RN
Deputy Executive Director

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