

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
September 11, 2024

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:17 A.M., on September 11, 2024, in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Cynthia M. Swineford, MSN, RN, CNE; **President**
Carol Cartte, RN, BSN
Victoria Cox, DNP, RN
Pamela Davis, LPN
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member
Helen Parke, DNP, FNP-BC
Robert Scott, RN
Shelly Smith, PhD, DNP, ANP-BC
Jodi Zehr, RN

STAFF PRESENT:

Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN; Deputy Executive Director
Ann Hardy, MSN, RN; Deputy Executive Director
Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk, Senior Nursing Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

**ESTABLISHMENT
OF A PANEL:**

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

FORMAL HEARINGS:

Rebecca Saidi Kayiji, CNA

1401-201770

Ms. Kayiji appeared, accompanied by Bernard Kayiji, her husband, and was represented by Elizabeth Coleman, Esq.

Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Rutkowski was legal counsel for the Board. Earlina King, court reporter with County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Monique Davis, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

RECESS:

The Board recessed at 10:35 A.M.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened at 10:42 A.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 11:00 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Rebecca Saidi Kayiji**. Additionally, Mr. Scott moved that Ms. Bargdill, 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 Dr. Cox and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 11:30 A.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. Cartte and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Scott moved that the Board indefinitely suspend the certificate of **Rebecca Saidi Kayiji** to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia for a period of not less than one year and enter a Finding of Neglect against Ms. Kayiji in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cartte 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 11:32 A.M.

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

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Ta'Shanda Vedette Butler, LPN** **0002-096035**

Ms. Butler did not appear.

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

Sarah Roger, DHP Enforcement Director (former Senior Investigator) was present and testified.

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 11:54 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Ta'Shanda Vedette Butler**. Additionally, Mr. Scott moved that Ms. Bargdill, 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. Cartte and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 12:03 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. Cartte and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Cox moved that the Board of Nursing reprimand **Ta'Shanda Vedette Butler** with terms. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott 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 12:04 P.M.

Cynthia Swineford, MSN, RN, CNE
President