

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
October 29, 2024

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:05 A.M., on October 29, 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**
Delia Acuna, FNP-C
Victoria Cox, DNP, RN
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member
Paul Hogan, Citizen Member
Shantell Kinchen, LPN
Cleopatra Kitt, PhD, Citizen Member
Robert Scott, RN
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
Jacqueline Wilmouth, RN, MSN; Deputy Executive Director for
Education- **joined at 1:30 P.M.**

OTHERS PRESENT:

James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

ESTABLISHMENT
OF A PANEL:

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

FORMAL HEARINGS:

Josephine Omone Onuaku, RN Reinstatement Applicant
0001-302500

Ms. Josephine Omone Onuaku appeared, 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. Juan Ortega, Freelance Court Reporter, recorded the proceedings.

Katie Land, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified. Josephine Onuaku, testified on her behalf.

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 11:08 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Josephine Omone Onuaku**. Additionally, Dr. Kitt 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. Acuna and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 11:29 A.M.

Ms. Acuna 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: Mr. Scott moved that the Board deny the reinstatement application and invalidate the license of Josephine **Omone Onuaku** to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia. 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 11:30 A.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 11:49 A.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Margaret Taylor Orehowsky, RN Reinstatement Applicant**
0001-203433

Ms. Orehowsky appeared.

Melissa Gray, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Rutkowski was legal counsel for the Board. Juan Ortega, Freelance Court Reporter, recorded the proceedings.

Beatrice Shaw, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

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 12:50 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Margaret Taylor Orehowsky**. Additionally, Dr. Kitt 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 12:58 P.M.

Ms. Acuna 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. Cox moved that the Board of Nursing deny the application of **Margaret Taylor Orehowsky** for reinstatement of her license to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia. 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.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 1:00 P.M.

Ms. Bargdill left the meeting at 1:00 P.M.

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

Ms. Wilmoth joined the meeting at 1:30 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Florence Nightingale College of VA Nurse Aide Education Program
141410095**

Ms. Patricia Ndubueze, Program Coordinator of Florence Nightingale College of VA Nurse Aide Education Program, did not appear.

Melissa Gray, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Rutkowski was legal counsel for the Board. Juan Ortega, Freelance Court Reporter, recorded the proceedings.

Charlette Ridout, RN, (previously Board of Nursing Nurse Education Program Inspector), Kimberly Glazier, RN, Board of Nursing Nurse Education Program Inspector, Christine Smith, RN, MSN, Nurse Aide/Medication Aide Program Inspector, were present and testified.

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 2:21 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Florence Nightingale College of VA Nurse Aide Education Program**. Additionally, Dr. Kitt moved that Ms. Hardy, Ms. Wilmouth 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 2:29 P.M.

Ms. Acuna 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. Cox moved that the Board of Nursing withdraw approval effective immediately of the **Florence Nightingale College of VA Nurse Aide Education Program**. 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.

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ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

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