

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
POSSIBLE SUMMARY SUSPENSION TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
December 26, 2024

A possible summary suspension telephone conference call of the Virginia Board of Nursing was held December 26, 2024, at 4:30 P.M.

The Board of Nursing members participating in the call were:

Cynthia Swineford, RN, MSN, CNE; **Chair**
Delia Acuna, FNP-C
Carol Cartte, RN, BSN
Victoria Cox, DNP, RN
Pamela Davis, LPN
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member
Paul Hogan, Citizen Member
Shantell Kinchen, LPN
Cleopatra Kitt, PhD
Jodi Zehr, RN

Others participating in the meeting were:

James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Amanda Padula-Wilson, Assistant Attorney General
David Robinson, Assistant Attorney General
Sean Murphy, Assistant Attorney General
Jovonni Armstead, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceeding Division
Tammie Jones, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division
Piero Mannino, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division
Christinia Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN; Deputy Executive Director
Robin Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice
Ann Hardy, MSN, RN; Deputy Executive Director
Breana Wilkins, Administrative Support Specialist

The meeting was called to order by Cynthia Swineford. With ten members of the Board of Nursing participating, a quorum was established.

Sean Murphy, Assistant Attorney General, presented evidence that the continued practice as a nurse aide by **DeShawnda Levoone Allen, CNA (1401-170983)** may present a substantial danger to the health and safety of the public.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Cartte moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 4:39 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **DeShawnda Levoone Allen**. Additionally, Ms. Cartte moved that, Ms. Bargdill, Dr. Hills, 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 Dr. Cox and carried unanimously.

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Ms. Padula-Wilson, Ms. Jones, Mr. Mannino, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Armstead left the meeting at 4:39 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 4:52 P.M.

Ms. Padula-Wilson, Ms. Jones, Mr. Mannino, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Armstead re-joined the meeting at 4:53 P.M.

Ms. Cartte 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.

Dr. Cox moved to summarily suspend the certificate of **DeShawnda Levoone Allen** to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia pending a formal administrative hearing and to offer a consent order for indefinite suspension of her certificate in lieu of a formal hearing for a period of not less than two years. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kinchen and carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy and Ms. Jones left the meeting at 5:00 P.M.

David Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, presented evidence that the continued practice as a nurse aide by **Vernelle Hall, CNA (1401-231839)** may present a substantial danger to the health and safety of the public.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Cartte moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 5:10 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Vernelle Hall**. Additionally, Ms. Cartte moved that, Ms. Bargdill, Dr. Hills, 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 Dr. Cox and carried unanimously.

Ms. Padula-Wilson, Mr. Robinson, Jovonni Armstead and Piero Mannino left the meeting at 5:10 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 5:22 P.M.

Ms. Padula-Wilson, Mr. Robinson, Jovonni Armstead and Piero Mannino re-joined the meeting at 5:22 P.M.

Ms. Cartte 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.

Ms. Kinchen moved to summarily suspend the certificate of **Vernelle Hall** to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia pending a formal administrative hearing and to offer a consent order for revocation of his certificate in lieu of a formal hearing with a finding of abuse. The motion was seconded by Ms. Davis and carried unanimously.

Davis Robinson and Jovonni Armstead left the meeting at 5:22 P.M.

Amanda Padula-Wilson, Assistant Attorney General, presented evidence that the continued practice of massage therapy by **Li Li, LMT (0019-016727)** may present a substantial danger to the health and safety of the public.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Cartte moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 5:30 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Li Li**. Additionally, Ms. Cartte moved that, Ms. Bargdill, Dr. Hills, 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 Dr. Cox and carried unanimously.

Ms. Padula-Wilson and Mr. Mannino left the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 5:36 P.M.

Ms. Padula-Wilson and Mr. Mannino re-joined the meeting at 5:36 P.M.

Ms. Cartte 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.

Ms. Zehr moved to summarily suspend the license of **Li Li** to practice massage therapy in the Commonwealth of Virginia pending a formal administrative hearing and to offer a consent order for revocation of her license in lieu of a formal hearing. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kitt and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 P.M.

Christinia Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN
Deputy Executive Director