

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**  
**POSSIBLE SUMMARY SUSPENSION TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL**  
**January 7, 2025**

A possible summary suspension telephone conference call of the Virginia Board of Nursing was held December 7, 2024, at 4:30 P.M.

**The Board of Nursing members participating in the call were:**

Cynthia Swineford, RN, MSN, CNE; **Chair**  
Victoria Cox, DNP, RN  
Pamela Davis, LPN  
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member  
Paul Hogan, Citizen Member  
Shantell Kinchen, LPN  
Cleopatra Kitt, PhD  
Helen Parke, DNP, FNP-BC  
Shelly Smith, PhD, DNP, ANP-BC  
Jodi Zehr, RN

**Others participating in the meeting were:**

Brent Saunders, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel  
Sean Murphy, Assistant Attorney General  
Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division  
Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN; Deputy Executive Director  
Robin Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice  
Francesca Iyengar, MSN, RN; Discipline Case Manager  
Huong Vu, Operations Manager

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 of practical nursing by **Ismail Hakki Demirtas, LMT (0019-010698)** may present a substantial danger to the health and safety of the public.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Dr. Parke 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 **Ismail Hakki Demirtas**. Additionally, Dr. Parke moved that, Ms. Bargdill, Dr. Hills, Ms. Iyengar, 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 Ms. Kinchen and carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy and Ms. Stewart left the meeting at 4:39 P.M.

**RECONVENTION:** The Board reconvened in open session at 4:46 P.M.

Mr. Murphy and Ms. Stewart re-joined the meeting at 4:46 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 Ms. Davis and carried unanimously.

Ms. Kinchen moved to summarily suspend the license of **Ismail Hakki Demirtas** to practice massage therapy in the Commonwealth of Virginia pending a formal administrative hearing and to offer a consent order for revocation of his license in lieu of a formal hearing. The motion was seconded by Ms. Davis and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 P.M.

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