

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
September 24, 2026

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:02 A.M., on September 24, 2026, in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Carol Cartte, RN, BSN; President
Pamela Davis, LPN
Cleopatra Kitt, PhD, Citizen Member
Dolores Valenta, LPN
Kathleen Ware, DNP, MSN, RN
Jodi Zehr, RN

STAFF PRESENT:

Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN; Deputy Executive Director
Randall Mangrum, DNP, RN; Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice
Jacquelyn Wilmoth, RN, MSN; Deputy Executive Director for Education
Tamika Claiborne, Senior Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sara Blose, Senior Assistant Attorney General
PN Students from Henrico

**ESTABLISHMENT
OF A PANEL:**

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

FORMAL HEARINGS:

Brian David Juhl, RN Reinstatement Applicant 0001-281612

Mr. Juhl appeared.

Amy Weiss, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Blose was legal counsel for the Board. Juan Ortega, court reporter with Ortega International Reporting, recorded the proceedings.

Joyce Johnson, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Zehr moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 9:55 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Brian**

David Juhl. Additionally, Ms. Zehr moved that Ms. Bargdill, Dr. Mangrum, Ms. Claiborne, and Ms. Blose, 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. Davis and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 10:28 A.M.

Ms. Zehr 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. Kitt and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Davis moved that the Board of Nursing reinstate the “single state” license of **Brian David Juhl** to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ware and passed unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon entry of a written Order by the Board stating the findings, conclusion, and decision of this formal hearing panel.

RECESSED: The Board recessed at 10:29 A.M.

RECONVENED: The Board reconvened at 11:07 A.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Veronica A. Kumah, CNA** **1401-116727**

Ms. Kumah appeared.

Elizabeth Dorsey, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Blose was legal counsel for the Board. Juan Ortega, court reporter with Ortega International Reporting, recorded the proceedings.

RECESSED: The Board granted continuance of Ms. Kumah’s case at 11:18 AM. Ms. Kumah was informed that she would be notified when her next formal hearing date would be held.

RECONVENED: The Board reconvened at 1:19 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Rhonda Ivory, LPN** **0002-078113**

Ms. Ivory did not appear.

Jovonni Armstead, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Blose was legal counsel for the Board. Juan Ortega, court reporter with Ortega International Reporting, recorded the proceedings.

Brittany P. Kitchen, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, and Tiffany Rouse were present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Zehr moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 2:01 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Rhonda Ivory**. Additionally, Ms. Zehr moved that Ms. Bargdill, Dr. Mangrum, Ms. Claiborne, and Ms. Blose, 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. Davis and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 2:27 P.M.

Ms. Zehr 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.

ACTION: Ms. Davis moved that the Board revoke the license of **Rhonda Ivory** to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ware and carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon entry of a written Order by the Board stating the findings, conclusion, and decision of this formal hearing panel.

RECESSED: The Board recessed at 2:28 P.M.

Dr. Mangrum left the meeting at 2:28 P.M.

RECONVENED: The Board reconvened at 2:37 P.M.

Ms. Wilmoth joined the meeting at 2:37 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Eno Kendoku Utuk, LPN Reinstatement Applicant 0002-079769**

Ms. Utuk appeared.

Avi Efreom, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Blose was legal counsel for the Board. Juan Ortega, court reporter with Ortega International Reporting, recorded the proceedings.

Alan Burton, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division testified via phone.

RECESSED: The Board recessed at 2:40 P.M.

RECONVENED: The Board reconvened at 2:48 P.M.

RECESSED: The Board recessed at 2:50 P.M.

RECONVENED: The Board reconvened at 2:51 P.M.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Zehr moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 3:47 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Eno Kendoku Utuk**. Additionally, Ms. Zehr moved that Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Wilmoth, Ms. Claiborne, and Ms. Blose, 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. Kitt and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 4:12 P.M.

Ms. Zehr 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. Kitt and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Davis moved that the Board of Nursing deny the application for reinstatement of the license of **Eno Kendoku Utuk** and continue to

indefinitely suspend her license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia for a period of not less than two years. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ware and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 4:13 P.M.

Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN
Deputy Executive Director