

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
PANEL B
July 22, 2025**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on July 22, 2025, in Board Room 4, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:

Carol Cartte, RN, MSN; **First Vice-President**
Margaret J. Friedenberg, Citizen Member
Shantell Kinchen, LPN
Helen Parke, DNP, FNP-BC
Jeanell Webb-Jones, MSN, RN, AMD-RN
Jodi Zehr, RN

STAFF PRESENT:

Claire Morris, RN, LNHA; Executive Director
Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN; Deputy Executive Director
Tamika Claiborne, Senior Discipline Specialist
Shannon Alexander, Licensing/Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

M. Brent Saunders, Senior Assistant Attorney General

ESTABLISHMENT
OF A PANEL:

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

CONSIDERATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE RECOMMENDATIONS:

#4 - Napoleon Alston, Jr., LPN

0002-066187

Mr. Alston appeared and addressed the Board.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Webb-Jones moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:08 A.M. for the purpose of considering the agency subordinate recommendations regarding **Napoleon Alston, Jr., LPN**. Additionally, Ms. Webb-Jones moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Claiborne, Ms. Alexander, 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 properly seconded by Ms. Kinchen and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 9:13 A.M.

Ms. Webb-Jones moved that the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed and 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 properly seconded by Dr. Parke and carried unanimously.

Ms. Kinchen moved that the Board of Nursing modify the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to suspend the license of Napoleon Alston, Jr., to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia until he has completed with all terms of the Board Order entered June 7, 2024. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zehr and carried unanimously.

The following Agency Subordinate Recommendations were accepted by the Board as presented:

#6 – Grace N. Nortey, RN Applicant **Case # 238968**
Ms. Nortey did not appear.

Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to deny the application of **Grace N. Nortey** for licensure to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Webb-Jones and carried unanimously.

#8 – Geraldine Osuagwa, RN Applicant **Case # 235313**
Ms. Osuagwa did not appear.

Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to deny the application of **Geraldine Osuagwa** for licensure to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Webb-Jones and carried unanimously.

#10 - Ghazaleh Dastouri, RN **0001-319099**
Ms. Dastouri did not appear.

Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to reprimand **Glazaleh Dastouri** and, within 60 days from the date of entry of the Order, to require Ms. Dastouri to provide written proof of successful completion of Board-approved course(s) of at least three (3) contact hours in the subject of professional

accountability and legal liability for nurses. The motion was seconded by Ms. Webb-Jones and carried unanimously.

#12 - Thelma Addequaye, RN Applicant **Case # 232721**
Ms. Addequaye did not appear.

Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to deny the application of **Thelma Addequaye** for licensure to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Webb-Jones and carried unanimously.

#14 - Evangline Gyesaw, RN Applicant **Case # 232718**
Ms. Gyesaw did not appear.

Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to deny the application of **Evangline Gyesaw** for licensure to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Webb-Jones and carried unanimously.

#16 - Lyrae S. Tinsley, CNA **1401-112199**
Ms. Tinsley did not appear.

Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to reprimand **Lyrae S. Tinsley** and continue Ms. Tinsley on probation with terms and conditions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Webb-Jones and carried unanimously.

#18 - Kenneth Whipple, Jr., CNA **1401-108453**
Mr. Whipple did not appear.

Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to revoke the right of **Kenneth Whipple, Jr.**, to renew his certificate to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia and to enter a Finding of Abuse against him in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry. The motion was seconded by Ms. Webb-Jones and carried unanimously.

#20 - Paula D. Brodis, CNA **1401-226690**
Ms. Brodis did not appear.

Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to revoke the certificate of **Paula D.**

Brodis to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia and to enter a Finding of Abuse against him in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry. The motion was seconded by Ms. Webb-Jones and carried unanimously.

#22 - Brianna Cofield, CNA

1401-161854

Ms. Cofield did not appear.

Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to reprimand **Brianna Cofield** and to indefinitely suspend her certificate to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Webb-Jones and carried unanimously.

#24 - Khadija Lucy Koroma, LPN Applicant Case # 233130

Ms. Koroma did not appear.

Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to deny the application of **Khadija Lucy Koroma** for licensure to practice as a practical nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Webb-Jones and carried unanimously.

#26 - Sherri Marie Gray, RN

**North Dakota License # R43109
With Multistate Privileges**

Ms. Gray did not appear.

Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to reprimand **Sherri Marie Gray** and to indefinitely suspend her privilege to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Webb-Jones and carried unanimously.

#28 - Casey Marie Leonhardt, RN

0001-210810

Ms. Leonhardt did not appear.

Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to reprimand **Casey Marie Leonhardt** and to indefinitely suspend her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Webb-Jones and carried unanimously.

#34 - Kayla Hughson, CNA

1401-220325

Ms. Hughson did not appear.

Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the certificate of **Kayla Hughson** to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia and to enter a Finding of Neglect against her in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry. The motion was seconded by Ms. Webb-Jones and carried unanimously.

#36 - Vernelle Hall, RMA Applicant

Case # 241749

Ms. Hall did not appear.

Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to deny the application of **Vernelle Hall** for registration to practice as a medication aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Webb-Jones and carried unanimously.

The Board went into closed session to consider the remaining agency subordinate recommendations:

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Webb-Jones moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:20 A.M. for the purpose of considering the remaining agency subordinate recommendations regarding **#2, 30 and 32**. Additionally, Ms. Webb-Jones moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Claiborne, Ms. Alexander, 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 properly seconded by Ms. Kinchen and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 9:30 A.M.

Ms. Webb-Jones moved that the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed and 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 properly seconded by Ms. Zehr and carried unanimously.

#2 - Rita Abena Addae, LPN

0002-089901

Ms. Addae did not appear.

Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to deny the application of Rita Albena Addae,

LPN, a single-state licensee, for multistate privileges under the Nurse Licensure Compact. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kinchen and carried unanimously.

#30 - Yuliya Buliga, RN
Ms. Buliga did not appear.

0001-328416

Ms. Cartte moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to reprimand **Yuliya Buliga** and to indefinitely suspend her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia for a period of not less than one (1) year from the date of entry of the Order. The motion was seconded by Dr. Parke and carried unanimously.

#32 - Jenny Peguero-Perez, RN Maryland License # R213626
With Multistate Privileges

Ms. Peguero-Perez did not appear.

Ms. Kinchen moved that the Board of Nursing modify the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the privilege of **Jenny Peguero-Perez** to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia for the period of not less than one (1) year from the date of entry of the Order. The motion was seconded by Dr. Parke and carried unanimously.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 9:34 A.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 10:01 A.M.

FORMAL HEARING: **Hannah West, CNA** **1401-180200**

Ms. West did not appear.

Tammie Jones, Adjudication Consultant, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Saunders was legal counsel for the Board. Jacqueline Denlinger, court reporter with County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

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

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Webb-Jones moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(16) of the Code of Virginia at 10:31 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation of the medical records of **Hannah West**. Additionally, Ms. Webb-Jones moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Claiborne, Ms. Alexander 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.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 10:43 P.M.

Ms. Webb-Jones 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. Kinchen and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing revoke the certificate of **Hannah West** to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. 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.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 10:44 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Sarah Ellen Walts, LPN Reinstatement Applicant** **0002-098505**

Ms. Walts appeared.

Jovonni Armstead, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Saunders was legal counsel for the Board. Jacqueline Denlinger, court reporter with County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Courtney Merkel, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Webb-Jones moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 1:40 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Sarah Ellen Walts**. Additionally, Ms. Webb-Jones moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Claiborne, Ms. Alexander 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.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 2:00 P.M.

Ms. Webb-Jones 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. Kinchen and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Kinchen moved that the Board of Nursing reinstate the license of **Sarah Ellen Walts** to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia with terms. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zehr 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 2:02 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 2:14 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Jacob Price, RN Reinstatement Applicant** **0001-306839**

Mr. Price appeared.

Tammie Jones, Adjudication Consultant, Administrative Proceedings, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Saunders was legal counsel for the Board. Jacqueline Denlinger, court reporter with County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Tosha Foschetti, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

- CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. Webb-Jones moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 2:41 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Jacob Price**. Additionally, Ms. Webb-Jones moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Claiborne, Ms. Alexander 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. Zehr and carried unanimously.
- RECONVENTION:** The Board reconvened in open session at 2:55 P.M.
- Ms. Webb-Jones 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. Kinchen and carried unanimously.
- ACTION:** Ms. Zehr moved that the Board of Nursing reinstate the “single state” license of **Jacob Price** to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Dr. Parke 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 2:55 P.M.

Claire Morris, RN, LNHA
Executive Director