

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
POSSIBLE SUMMARY SUSPENSION TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
June 4, 2025

A possible summary suspension telephone conference call of the Virginia Board of Nursing was held June 04, 2025, at 4:27 P.M.

The Board of Nursing members participating in the call were:

Cynthia Swineford, RN, MSN, CNE; **Chair**
Carol Cartte, RN, BSN
Victoria Cox, DNP, RN
Pamela Davis, LPN
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member
Cleopatra Kitt, PhD, Citizen Member
Shelly Smith, PhD, DNP, ANP-BC
Jeanell Webb-Jones, MSN, RN
Jodi Zehr, RN

Others participating in the meeting were:

Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Sean Murphy, Senior Assistant Attorney General
David Robinson, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Jovonni Armstead, Adjudication Specialist, APD
Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist, APD
Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN; Deputy Executive Director
Ann Hardy, MSN, RN, Deputy Executive Director
Randall Mangrum, DNP, RN, Incoming Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice
Huong Vu, Operations Manager
Cheryl Giles, Administrative Support Specialist

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

Sean Murphy, Assistant Attorney General, presented evidence that the continued practice of professional nursing by **Agnes Njoku, RN (0001-317221)** 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 4:33 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Agnes Njoku, RN**. Additionally, Ms. Cartte moved that Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Hardy, Dr. Mangrum, Ms. Vu, Ms. Giles and Ms. Mitchell, 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. Armstead, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Robinson left the meeting at 4:33 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 4:38 P.M.

Ms. Armstead, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Robinson re-joined the meeting at 4:38 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 right of **Agnes Njoku** to renew her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia and to offer a consent order for revocation of her right to renew her license in lieu of a formal hearing. The motion was seconded by Ms. Davis and carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy and Ms. Armstead left the meeting at 4:40 P.M.

David Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, presented evidence that the continued practice of professional nursing by **Nneka Akwara, RN (0001-300002)** 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 4:46 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Nneka Akwara, RN**. Additionally, Ms. Cartte moved that Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Hardy, Dr. Mangrum, Ms. Vu, Ms. Giles and Ms. Mitchell, 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.

Mr. Robinson and Ms. Stewart left the meeting at 4:46 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 4:51 P.M.

Mr. Robinson and Ms. Stewart re-joined the meeting at 4:51 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 right of **Nneka Akwara** to renew her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia and to offer a consent order for revocation of the right to renew her license in lieu of a formal hearing. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kitt and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 P.M.

Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN
Deputy Executive Director