

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE C
October 6, 2026**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 10:30 A.M., on October 6, 2026, in Training Room 1, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jodi Zehr, R.N., Chair
Jeanell Webb-Jones, M.S.N., R.N.
Tracey Walker, L.M.T.

STAFF PRESENT: Christina Bargdill, B.S.N., M.H.S., R.N.

ADMINISTRATIVE
PROCEEDINGS: Giovanni Armstead, Adjudication Specialist
Qiana Brandon, Adjudication Specialist
Piero Mannino, Adjudication Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Candice Merrick
Bobbie Gatlin

CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED: **Purvi Arvindbhai Vyas, L.M.T. 0019018086**
Ms. Vyas appeared, accompanied by Tori Bramble, Esquire, her attorney, and Vijay Patel, her husband.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Webb-Jones moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:05 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Vyas. Additionally, Ms. Webb-Jones moved that Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Armstead, and Ms. Brandon attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:11 P.M.

Ms. Webb-Jones moved that the Special Conference Committee of 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 and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Walker moved to issue an Order to require Ms. Purvi Arvindbrha Vyas, within sixty (60) days of order entry, to provide proof of completion of the following two (2) courses, three (3) hours each, in business practices, and issues and ethics for massage therapists. The basis of this decision will be set forth in a Board Order which will be mailed to Ms. Vyas at the address of record with the Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such order on Ms. Vyas unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Vyas within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

RECESS: The Committee recessed at 2:12 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened at 2:24 P.M.

**CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED:** **Nathaniel Petit, L.M.T. Applicant**
Mr. Petit appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Webb-Jones moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2- 3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 3:10 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Petit. Additionally, Ms. Webb-Jones moved that Ms. Bargdill and Mr. Mannino attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 3:20 P.M.

Ms. Webb-Jones moved that the Special Conference Committee of 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 and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Walker moved to issue an Order to Approve Nathaniel Petit's Application for licensure as a massage therapist and to issue an unrestricted license. The basis of this decision will be set forth in a Board Order which will be mailed to Mr. Petit at the address of record with the Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such order on Mr. Petit unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Petit within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

**CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED:**

Ericka Jav Long, L.M.T. 0019014822

Ms. Long did not appear. The Chair ruled that adequate notice was provided.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Webb-Jones moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2- 3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 3:26 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Long. Additionally, Ms. Webb-Jones moved that Ms. Bargdill and Mr. Mannino attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 3:38 P.M.

Ms. Webb-Jones moved that the Special Conference Committee of 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 and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Walker moved to offer Ericka Jav Long a Consent Order for the Indefinite Suspension of her license as a massage therapist for not less than two (2) years. The basis of this decision will be set forth in a Consent Order which will be mailed to Ms. Long at the address of record with the Board. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. Long and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 3:39 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Christina Bargdill", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Christina Bargdill, B.S.N., M.H.S., R.N.
Deputy Executive Director