

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE -Special
August 12, 2026

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 11:16 A.M., August 12, 2026, Board Room 4, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol A. Cartte, RN, BSN, Chairperson
Jeanell Webb-Jones, MSN, RN

STAFF PRESENT: Ann S. Hardy, MSN, RN
Jacquelyn Wilmoth RN, MSN

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS
STAFF PRESENT: Jovonni Armstead, Adjudication Specialist
Amy Weiss, Adjudication Specialist
Avi Efreom, Adjudication Specialist

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED: **Ashiatu Fonti Kanu, CNA, RMA 1401-148342, 0031-007683**
Ms. Kanu appeared, accompanied by a family member.

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 12:05 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Kanu. Additionally, Ms. Webb-Jones moved that Ms. Hardy, Ms. Wilmoth and Ms. Weiss 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 12:23 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 matter 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. Webb-Jones moved to Issue an Order to Dismiss the Case and Impose No Sanction due to insufficient evidence of a violation. The basis of this decision will be set forth in an Order which will be mailed to Ms. Kanu's address of record. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Kanu unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Kanu within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail, three

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 12:23 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened at 1:05 P.M.

CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED: **Denajah U. Hepner, C.N.A. 1401222212**
Ms. Hepner did not appear.

Based upon the information provided by Ms. Armstead, Ms. Cartte ruled that adequate notice was given to Ms. Hepner.

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 1:06 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Hepner. Additionally, Ms. Webb-Jones moved that Ms. Hardy, Ms. Wilmoth and Ms. Armstead 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 1:21 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 matter 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. Webb-Jones moved to Issue an Order of Reprimand to Ms. Hepner and require Ms. Hepner to provide proof of completion of the following Courses within 90 days of entry of the Order: “Professional Boundaries” and “Patient Rights” and “Ethics. The basis of this decision will be set forth in an Order which will be mailed to Ms. Hepner’s address of record. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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

CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED:

Tiffany Rose Gordon Perez, C.N.A. 1401-137471
Ms. Perez did not appear.

Based upon the information provided by Ms. Weiss, Ms. Cartte ruled that adequate notice was given to Ms. Perez.

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 1:24 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Perez. Additionally, Ms. Webb-Jones moved that Ms. Hardy, Ms. Wilmoth and Ms. Weiss 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 1:29 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 matter 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. Webb-Jones moved to Issue an Order to Deny Ms. Perez's Application for Reinstatement for a certificate as Certified Nurse Aide. The basis of this decision will be set forth in an Order which will be mailed to Ms. Perez's address of record. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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

CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED:

Ashley Marie Randell, CNA 1401-216867
Ms. Randell did not appear.

Based upon the information provided by Mr. Efreom, Ms. Cartte ruled that adequate notice was given to Ms. Randell.

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 1:32 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Randell. Additionally, Ms. Webb-Jones moved that Ms. Hardy, Ms. Wilmoth and Mr. Efreom 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 1:38 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 matter 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. Webb-Jones moved to Issue an Order of Reprimand to Ms. Randell and require Ms. Randell to provide proof of completion of the following Courses within 60 days of entry of the Order: “Professional Accountability & Legal Liability” and “Ethics and Professionalism in CNA Practice”. The basis of this decision will be set forth in an Order which will be mailed to Ms. Randell’s address of record. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 1:38 P.M.

____Ann S. Hardy_____
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Deputy Executive Director