

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
January 30, 2025**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on January 30, 2025, in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Cynthia M. Swineford, MSN, RN, CNE; **President**
Pamela Davis, LPN
Cleopatra Kitt, PhD, Citizen Member
Lila Peak, RN
Jodi Zehr, RN

STAFF PRESENT:

Lelia Claire Morris, RN, LNHA; Executive Director
Ann Hardy, MSN, RN; Deputy Executive Director
Jacquelyn Wilmoth, RN, MSN; Deputy Executive Director for
Education
Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk, Senior Nursing Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General
CNA Students from Alexandria High School

**ESTABLISHMENT
OF A PANEL:**

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

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT ORDER:

Dana Marie Ferguson Allcock, RN

0001-142496

Ms. Davis moved that the Board of Nursing accept the consent order of Dana Marie Ferguson Allcock for voluntary surrender for indefinite suspension of her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kitt and carried unanimously.

FORMAL HEARINGS:

Patricia Louise Bell, LPN Reinstatement Applicant

0002-102564

Ms. Bell appeared.

Tammie Jones, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Rutkowski was legal

counsel for the Board. Joshua Delauter, court reporter with Veteran Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Tosha Fishetti, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Director, 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 9:54 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Patricia Louise Bell**. Additionally, Ms. Zehr moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Hardy, Ms. Wilmoth, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Mr. Rutkowski, 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 10:20 A.M.

Ms. Peake 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 approve the application for reinstatement of the license of **Patricia Louise Bell** to practice as a practical nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia, contingent upon proof of her practical nurse license in Florida. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kitt 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.

FORMAL HEARINGS:

Danielle Ruth LaFace, RN Reinstatement Applicant

0001-124024

Ms. LaFace appeared, represented by Mathias Kaseorg, her legal counsel.

Avi Efreom, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Rutkowski was legal

counsel for the Board. Joshua Delauter, court reporter with Veteran Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Katie Flores, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Director, and Danielle LaFace, were present and testified.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 12:08 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 12:20 P.M.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 1:19 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 1:27 P.M.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 1:28 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 1:38 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 1:53 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Danielle Ruth LaFace** Additionally, Ms. Zehr moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Hardy, Ms. Wilmouth, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Mr. Rutkowski, 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. Peake and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 2:09 P.M.

Ms. Peak 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 approve the application for reinstatement of the license of **Danielle Ruth LaFace** to practice as a professional nurse, valid in the Commonwealth of Virginia only. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kitt 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.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Donald Carl Ferraro, RN**
Multistate Privilege Florida license
#RN9253317

Mr. Ferraro appeared, represented by Margaret Hardy, his legal counsel.

Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Rutkowski was legal counsel for the Board. Joshua Delauter, court reporter with Veteran Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Shantae Jones, RN, CNE, Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents, and Bryan Horowitz, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, 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 4:24 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Donald Carl Ferraro**. Additionally, Ms. Zehr moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Hardy, Ms. Wilmouth, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Mr. Rutkowski, 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. Kitt and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 4:41 A.M.

Ms. Peake 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. Kitt and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Zehr moved that the Board dismiss the case against **Donald Carl Ferraro**. The motion was seconded by Ms. Peak 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 4:42 P.M.

Ann Hardy, MSN, RN
Deputy Executive Director

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