

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
MINUTES**

**November 20, 2019**

**Panel - A**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:08 A.M. on November 20, 2019 in Board Room 3, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA, President  
Margaret J. Friedenber, Citizen Member  
James Hermansen-Parker, MSN, RN, PCCN-K  
Dixie McElfresh, LPN  
Felisa A. Smith, RN, MSA, MSN/Ed, CNE

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jodi P. Power, RN, JD, Senior Deputy Executive Director  
Charlette N. Ridout, R.N., M.S., C.N.E., Deputy Executive Director  
Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk, Discipline Team Coordinator

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A PANEL:**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**#1 – Nancy Ann Tusing, LPN**

**0002-063972**

Ms. Tusing did not appear.

Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the license of Nancy Ann Tusing to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with said suspension stayed upon proof of Ms. Tusing's entry into the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP) and remaining in compliance thereafter with all terms and conditions of the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**#7 – John Henry Burton, RN**

**0001-157722**

Mr. Burton did not appear.

Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to reprimand John Henry Burton and require Mr. Burton within 90 days from the date of entry of the Order to

provide written proof satisfactory to the Board of successful completion of the following NCSBN courses: *Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know* and *Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nurses*. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**#9 – Latonya Nicole Ward, RMA**

**0031-008702**

Ms. Ward did not appear.

Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the right of Latonya Nicole Ward to renew her registration to practice as a medication aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**#11 – Nancy Lynn Rodney, RN**

**0001-216398**

Ms. Rodney did not appear.

Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the license of Nancy Lynn Rodney to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, said suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**#13 – Rochelle Katherine Moomau, RMA**

**0031-010654**

Ms. Moomau did not appear but submitted a written response.

Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the registration of Rochelle Katherine Moomau to practice as a medication aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**#14 – Rochelle Katherine Moomau, CNA**

**1401-139735**

Ms. Moomau did not appear but submitted a written response.

Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the certification of Rochelle Katherine Moomau to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**#17 – Taneisha Pittman, CNA**

**1401-188350**

Ms. Pittman did not appear.

Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to revoke the certificate of Taneisha Pittman to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia and enter a Finding of Misappropriation of Patient Property against her in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**#19 – Hollie Dawn McDaniels Riner, RN**

**0001-226544**

Ms. Riner did not appear.

Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the right of Hollie Dawn McDaniels Riner to renew her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, said suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:12 A.M., for the purpose of consideration of the agency subordinate recommendations. Additionally, Ms. McElfresh moved that Ms. Power, Ms. Ridout, 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 and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENTION:**

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

Ms. Smith 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 and carried unanimously.

**#3 – Nicole Renee Cofer, RN**

**0001-218055**

Ms. Cofer did not appear.

Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to reprimand Nicole Renee Cofer and continue the license of Nicole Renee Cofer to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, on indefinite

suspension and said suspension shall remain stayed upon Ms. Cofer's continued compliance with all terms and conditions of the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP) for the period specified by the HPMP. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**#5 – Erica Crenshaw Lawal, RN**

**0001-188174**

Ms. Lawal did not appear.

Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing modify the Recommended Findings of Facts to include information on a prior Board sanction and modify the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the license of Erica Crenshaw Lawal to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with said suspension stayed upon proof of Ms. Lawal's entry into the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP) and remaining in compliance thereafter with all terms and conditions of the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Board adjourned at 9:32 A.M.

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Jodi P. Power, RN, JD  
Senior Deputy Executive Director

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
FORMAL HEARINGS  
Panel A - November 20, 2019**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 10:02 A.M. on November 20, 2019 in Board Room 3, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA, President  
Margaret J. Friedenbergl, Citizen Member  
James Hermansen-Parker, MSN, RN, PCCN-K  
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**OTHERS PRESENT:**

James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A PANEL:**

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

**FORMAL HEARINGS:**

**Shelly Kaye Palmisano, LPN**

**0002-065940**

Ms. Palmisano did not appear.

Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist for the Department of Health Professions, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Rutkowski was legal counsel for the Board. Marie Whisenand, court reporter with Farnsworth & Taylor Reporting LLC, recorded the proceedings.

Jessica Bright, RN and Sherry Foster, Regional Manager for Department of Health Professions, Enforcement Division, were present and testified.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Ms. Smith moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:20 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Palmisano. Additionally, Ms. Smith moved that Ms. Power, Ms. Ridout, 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 and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENTION:**

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:46 A.M.

Ms. Smith 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 and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:** Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing indefinitely suspend the practical nursing license of Shelly Palmisano until such time as she can appear before Board and demonstrate sufficient evidence that she is safe and competent to resume practice. The basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order which will be sent to Ms. Palmisano at her address of record. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decision of this formal hearing panel.

**RECESS:** The Board recessed at 10:48 A.M.

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

**FORMAL HEARINGS:** **Tina Marie Battad, LPN** **0002-085969**  
Ms. Battad did not appear.

Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist for the Department of Health Professions, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Rutkowski was legal counsel for the Board. Marie Whisenand, court reporter with Farnsworth & Taylor Reporting LLC, recorded the proceedings.

Stephanie Willner, CNA and J.W. Turner Robin Carroll, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions, were present and testified.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. Smith moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:33 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Battad. Additionally, Ms. Smith moved that Ms. Power, Ms. Ridout, 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 and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENTION:** The Board reconvened in open session at 1:46 P.M.

Ms. Smith 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 and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:** Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that the Board of Nursing revoke the practical nursing license of Tina Marie Battad. The basis for this decision will be set forth in

a final Board Order which will be sent to Ms. Battad at her address of record. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decision of this formal hearing panel.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Board adjourned at 1:47 P.M.

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Jodi Power, RN, JD  
Senior Deputy Executive Director