

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
January 24, 2022**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 1:07 P.M., on January 24, 2022 in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Brandon A. Jones, MSN, RN, CEN, NEA-BC; President
Felisa A. Smith, PhD, MSA, RN, CNE; Second Vice President
Ann T. Gleason, PhD, Citizen Member
James L. Hermansen-Parker, MSN, RN, PCCN-K
Dixie L. McElfresh, LPN
Jennifer Phelps, BS, LPN, QMHP-A, CSAC

STAFF PRESENT:

Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for Advance Practice
Claire Morris, RN, LNHA, Deputy Executive Director
Patricia Dewey, RN, BSN, Discipline Case Manager
Francesca Iyengar, MSN, RN, Discipline Case Manager
Lakisha Goode, Discipline Team Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Kim Taylor, Court Reporter with Farnsworth & Taylor Reporting
Julia Bennett, Administrative Proceedings Division
Anthony Morales, Licensing Manager for Board of Nursing

**ESTABLISHMENT OF
A PANEL:**

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

FORMAL HEARINGS:

**Tamara Danielle Winston, CNA Reinstatement, LPN Applicant
1401-123838**

Ms. Winston appeared.

Rebecca Ribley, Adjudication Consultant, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Kim Taylor, court reporter with Farnsworth & Taylor Reporting recorded the proceedings.

Gayle Miller, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

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 1:49 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Tamara Danielle Winston**. Additionally, Ms. McElfresh moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Morris, Ms. Goode, Mr. Morales and Ms. Mitchell 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 2:11 P.M.

Dr. Gleason 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: Dr. Gleason moved that the Board of Nursing reprimand and reinstate the certificate of Tamara **Danielle Winston** to practice as a certified nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Dr. Gleason moved that the Board of Nursing approve the application of Tamara **Danielle Winston** to practice as a licensed practical nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded 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 2:13 P.M.

Claire Morris, RN, LNHA
Deputy Executive Director