

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
September 13, 2021**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 12:45 P.M., on September 13, 2021 in Board Room 4, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT: Marie Gerardo, MS, RN, ANP-BC; President
Margaret Friedenber, Citizen Member
Tucker Gleason, PhD, Citizen Member
James Hermansen-Parker, MSN, RN, PCCN-K
Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA
Felisa Smith, RN, MSA, MSN/Ed, CNE, PhD

STAFF PRESENT: Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE; Executive Director – **left at 12:51 P.M.**
Claire Morris, RN, LNHA; Deputy Executive Director
Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP, Deputy Executive Director – **left at 12:51 P.M.**
Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN, Deputy Executive Director
Francesca Iyengar, MSN, RN, Discipline Case Manager
Patricia Dewey, RN, BSN, Discipline Case Manager
Cathy Hanchey, Senior Licensing/Discipline Specialist
Lakisha Goode, Discipline Team Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Breana Renick, Administrative Support Specialist – **joined at 1:00 P.M.**
Julia K. Bennett, Administrative Proceedings Division
David Robinson, Administrative Proceedings Division
Christine Ludwig, Enforcement Division

ESTABLISHMENT OF
A PANEL: With six members of the Board present, a panel was established.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT ORDER:

Jennifer McCarron Toler, RN **0001-264926**

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 12:46 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Jennifer McCarron Toler**. Additionally, Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Morris, Dr. Hills, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Iyengar, Ms. Dewey, Ms. Hanchey, Ms. Goode, 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 by Ms. Smith and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 12:50 P.M.

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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. Friedenbergl and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Hershkwitz moved to accept the consent order for suspension for a period of not less than two (2) years of her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith and carried unanimously.

FORMAL HEARING: **Courtney Lynn Johnson, LPN** **0002-089351**

Ms. Johnson did not appear.

Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Renee M. Cordero Larkin, court reporter with Veteran Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Sandee Brandon, RN was present and testified. Meghan Wingate, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, testified via phone.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 1:40 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Courtney Lynn Johnson**. Additionally, Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Iyengar, Ms. Hanchey, Ms. Goode, 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 1:56 P.M.

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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. Smith and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Board of Nursing indefinitely suspend the license of **Courtney Lynn Johnson** to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with the suspension stayed contingent upon entry into and compliance with HPMP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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 1:57 P.M.

Claire Morris, RN, LNHA
Deputy Executive Director