

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
PANEL A
January 25, 2023**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:06 A.M., on January 25, 2022 in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Cynthia M. Swineford, MSN, RN, CNE; First Vice President
Felisa A. Smith, PhD, MSA, RN, CNE; Second Vice-President
Carol Cartte, RN, BSN
Ann T. Gleason, PhD, Citizen Member
James L. Hermansen-Parker, MSN, RN, PCCN-K
Dixie L. McElfresh, LPN
Paul Hogan, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director
Lelia Claire Morris, RN, LHNA; Deputy Executive Director
Breana Wilkins, Administrative Support Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Brent Saunders, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Longwood University Nursing Students

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

FORMAL HEARING: **Lauren Wells King, RN** **0001-223536**

Ms. King appeared.

Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Saunders was legal counsel for the Board. Colleen Gregory-Gettel, court reporter with County Court Reporters Inc., recorded the proceedings.

Jennifer Challis, Senior investigator, Enforcement Division, Nakea Callender, RN and Jeanette Groome, were present and testified. Tammy Levy testified via telephone.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 10:40 A.M.

RECONVENITION: The Board reconvened at 10:54 A.M.

Ms. Morris left the meeting at 12:00 P.M.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Cartte moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 12:00 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Lauren Wells King**. Additionally, Ms. Cartte moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Wilkins and Mr. Saunders, 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 Mr. Hogan and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 12:43 P.M.

Ms. Cartte 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 Dr. Smith and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that the Board of Nursing suspend the license of **Lauren King Wells** to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia for not less than one year. The motion was seconded by Dr. Smith and was carried with four votes in favor of the motion. Ms. Cartte, Dr. Gleason and Mr. Hogan opposed the motion.

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.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 12:44 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 1:21 P.M.

Ms. Morris re-joined the meeting at 1:21 P.M.

FORMAL HEARING: **Charmin Hinton-France, LPN Reinstatement Applicant
0002-072836**

Ms. Hinton-France did not appear.

David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Saunders was legal counsel

for the Board. Colleen Gregory-Gettel, court reporter with County Court Reporters Inc., recorded the proceedings.

Gary Bailey, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Cartte moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(16) of the Code of Virginia at 1:41 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to review the medical records of **Charmin Hinton-France**. Additionally, Ms. Cartte moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Morris, Ms. Wilkins and Mr. Saunders, 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 Dr. Smith and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 2:06 P.M.

Ms. Cartte 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 Mr. Hermansen-Parker and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Smith moved that the Board of Nursing deny the application of **Charmin Hinton-France** for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia and continue her license on indefinite suspension. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hermansen-Parker and carried with six votes in favor of the motion. Mr. Hogan opposed the motion.

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 2:07 P.M.

Claire Morris, RN, LNHA
Deputy Executive Director