

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**  
**FORMAL HEARINGS**  
**March 20, 2023**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:01 A.M., on March 20, 2023 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  
Carol Cartte, RN, BSN  
Ann T. Gleason, PhD, Citizen Member  
James L. Hermansen-Parker, MSN, RN, PCCN-K  
Meenakshi Shah, BA, RN

STAFF PRESENT:

Robin Hills DNP, RN, WHNP, Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice  
Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN; Deputy Executive Director  
Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk, Senior Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Laura A. Booberg, Assistant Attorney General  
Students from Riverside

ESTABLISHMENT  
OF A PANEL:

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

FORMAL HEARINGS:

**Darlington Tobenna Mochaa-Uchefunna, RN 0001-262697**

Mr. Mochaa-Uchefunna appeared.

Tammie Jones, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Juan Ortega, court reporter with Ortega International Reporting, recorded the proceedings.

David Cowras, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, and Julius Fautleroy were present and testified.

RECESS:

The Board recessed at 10:56 A.M.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened at 11:04 A.M.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Gleason moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 11:18 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Darlington Tobenna Mochaa-Uchefunna**. Additionally, Dr. Gleason moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Ms. Booberg, 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. Hermansen-Parker and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 12:46 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 by Mr. Hermansen-Parker and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing reprimand **Darlington Tobenna Mochaa-Uchefunna** with terms. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gleason 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.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 12:47 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 1:32 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Candace Michelle McNeil, LPN** **0002-069483**

Ms. McNeil appeared.

Christine Andreoli, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Juan Ortega, court reporter with Ortega International Reporting, recorded the proceedings.

Tonya James, Compliance Case Manager, and Quincey Harvey, former coworker, were present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Gleason moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 2:33 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Candace Michelle McNeil**. Additionally, Dr. Gleason moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Tamayo- Suijk and Ms. Booberg 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. Hermansen-Parker and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 2:54 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 by Mr. Hermansen-Parker and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing reprimand and indefinitely suspend the license of **Candace Michelle McNeil** to practice Practical Nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. 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.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Tammie Lasharn Puryear, CNA**                      **1401-155930**

Mr. Puryear appeared.

Christine Andreoli, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Juan Ortega, court reporter with Ortega International Reporting, recorded the proceedings.

Chris Moore, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, and Lori Hall, Assistant Director, Lakewood Retirement Community were present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Gleason moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 4:04 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Tammie Lasharn Puryear**. Additionally, Dr. Gleason moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Ms. Booberg, 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. Hermansen-Parker and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 4:19 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 by Mr. Hermansen-Parker and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Cartte moved that the Board of Nursing dismiss the case against **Tammie Lasharn Puryear**. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shah 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: **Meredith Miller Siever Stimson, RMA**                      **0031-005750**

Ms. Stimson did not appear.

Rebecca Ribley, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Juan Ortega, court reporter with Ortega International Reporting, recorded the proceedings.

Scott Dillon, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division was present and testified. Connie Guajardo testified by phone.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Gleason moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 4:51 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Meredith Miller Siever Stimson**. Additionally, Dr. Gleason moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Ms. Booberg 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. Hermansen-Parker and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 5:16 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 by Mr. Hermansen-Parker and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Cartte moved that the Board of Nursing indefinitely suspend the right to renew the Medication Aide registration of **Meredith Miller Siever Stimson**. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shah 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: **Nicolette White, LPN** **0002-087408**

Ms. White did not appear.

Tammie Jones, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Juan Ortega, court reporter with Ortega International Reporting, recorded the proceedings.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Gleason moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 5:29 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Nicolette White**. Additionally, Dr. Gleason moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Ms. Booberg 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. Shah and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 5:49 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 by Mr. Hermansen-Parker and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:**

Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing reprimand and indefinitely suspend the license of **Nicolette White** to practice Practical Nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia for a period of not less than one year. 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 5:50 P.M.

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Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN  
Deputy Executive Director