

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
PANEL B
March 22, 2023**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on March 22, 2023 in Board Room 3, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Felisa A. Smith, PhD, MSA, RN, CNE; Second Vice-President
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member
James L. Hermansen-Parker
Helen Parke, DNP, FNP-BC
Meenakshi Shah, BA, RN

STAFF PRESENT: Lelia Claire Morris, RN, LNHA; Deputy Executive Director
Breana Wilkins, Administrative Support Specialist
Ann Hardy, MSN, RN, Compliance and Case Adjudication Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Brent Saunders, Assistant Attorney General

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

FORMAL HEARING: **Chatera Nashe Easton, LPN Reinstatement Applicant 0002-092046**

Ms. Easton appeared.

Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Saunders was legal counsel for the Board. William H. Darden Jr., court reporter, County Court Reporters Inc., recorded the proceedings.

Gary Bailey, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division and Jay Paff, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, were present and testified.

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 9:59 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Chatera Nashe Easton**. Additionally, Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Wilkins, Ms. Hardy 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. Parke and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 10:32 A.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 Dr. Parke and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing deny the application of **Chatera Nashe Easton** for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia and continue suspension order. 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.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 10:33 A.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 11:00 A.M.

FORMAL HEARING: **Cassandra Michelle Wilson, CNA** **1401-096752**

Ms. Wilson did not appear.

Mandy Wilson, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Saunders was legal counsel for the Board. William H. Darden Jr., court reporter with County Court Reporters Inc., recorded the proceedings.

Meghan Wingate, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, Maria Joson, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, and Gwen Dublin, Resident Care Aide were present and testified.

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 11:44 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Cassandra Michelle Wilson**. Additionally, Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Wilkins, Ms. Hardy 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. Parke and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 12:20 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. Shah and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing indefinitely suspend the Nurse Aide Certification and the Medication Aide Registration of **Cassandra Michelle Wilson** for a period of not less than one year. 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.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 12:22 P.M.

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

FORMAL HEARING: **Amber Pinkard, CNA** **1401-173684**

Ms. Pinkard appeared, accompanied by her husband.

Mandy Wilson, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Saunders was legal counsel for the Board. William H. Darden Jr., court reporter with County Court Reporters Inc., recorded the proceedings.

Stephen Shirley, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, Amy Ressler, Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP) were present and testified.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 2:00 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 2:04 P.M.

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 2:52 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Amber Pinkard**. Additionally, Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Wilkins, Ms. Hardy 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 Ms. Shah and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 3:11 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: Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing indefinitely suspend the certificate of **Amber Pinkard** to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia with suspension stayed contingent upon entry into and compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP). 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

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 3:12 P.M.

Lelia Clare Morris, RN, LNHA
Deputy Executive Director