

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE
FORMAL HEARING
MINUTES
February 22, 2023**

TIME AND PLACE: The hearing of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine was called to order at 12:42 P.M., on February 22, 2023.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT:

Brandon A. Jones, MSN, RN, CEN, NEA-BC; **Chair**
Laurie Buchwald, MSN, WHNP, FNP
Helen M. Parke, DNP, FNP
Joel Silverman, MD
L. Blanton Marchese
Ryan P. Williams, MD

STAFF PRESENT: Robin Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director
for Advanced Practice
Claire Morris, RN, LNHA; Deputy Executive Director
Lakisha Goode, Discipline Team Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Laura Booberg, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Kim Taylor, Court Reporter

ESTABLISHMENT OF
A QUORUM:

Mr. Jones called the meeting to order and established that a quorum consisting of 6 members was present.

FORMAL HEARING:

Melanie Dorion, LNP **0024-047673**
Ms. Dorion appeared and was represented by Nathan Kottkamp and Troy Johnson.

Tammie Jones, Adjudication Consultant, DHP Administrative Proceedings Division, and Sean Murphy, Office of the Attorney General, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Rutkowski and Laura Booberg were legal counsel for the Committee. Kim Taylor, court reporter with Farnsworth & Taylor Reporting, recorded the proceedings.

WITNESSES PRESENT: Megan Braverman, PT, DPT, provided telephone testimony. Kim Lynch, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Buchwald moved that the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2- 3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 3:25 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Melanie Dorion**. Additionally, Ms. Buchwald moved that Ms. Morris, Ms. Goode, and Mr. Rutkowski 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 Committee in its deliberations. The motion was properly seconded by Dr. Williams and the motion carried unanimously.

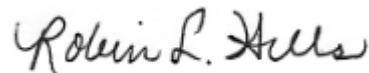
RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 4:14 P.M.

Ms. Buchwald moved that the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine 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 properly seconded by Mr. Marchese. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Williams moved to reprimand **Melanie Dorion, LNP** and to place her on probation for not less than one year subject to terms and conditions. The motion was seconded by Dr. Parke and carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon entry of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decision of this formal hearing committee.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 P.M.



Robin Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP
Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice