

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE
FORMAL HEARING
MINUTES
October 12, 2022**

TIME AND PLACE: The hearing of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine was called to order at 10:38 A.M., on October 12, 2022.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE; Executive Director
Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice
Tamika Claiborne, BS, Senior Licensing Discipline Specialist
Lakisha Goode, Discipline Team Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Brent Saunders, Assistant Attorney General

ESTABLISHMENT OF
A QUORUM:

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

FORMAL HEARING:

Amy Austin Dickenson, LNP (0024-172952)

Ms. Dickenson appeared.

David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Kim Taylor, court reporter with Farnsworth & Taylor Reporting recorded the proceedings

Parke Slater, 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 11:26 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Amy Austin Dickenson**. Additionally, Ms. Buchwald moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Claiborne, Ms.

Goode, Mr. Saunders, and Ms. Mitchell, 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 12:01 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. A roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Parke moved to indefinitely suspend the license of **Amy Austin Dickenson** to practice as a nurse practitioner in the Commonwealth of Virginia with suspension stayed contingent upon entry into a contract with the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP) and remain in compliance with all terms and conditions of the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP. The motion was seconded by Dr. Williams 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 12:02 P.M.

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