

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
Panel B
January, 26 2022**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 11:00 A.M., on January, 26 2022 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
Felisa Smith, PhD, MSA, RN, CNE; Second Vice-President
Teri Crawford Brown, RNC, MSN
Yvette Dorsey, DNP, RN
Margaret J. Friedenberg, Citizen Member
Jennifer Phelps, BS, LPN, QMHP-A, CSAC

STAFF PRESENT: Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for Advance Practice
Jacquelyn Wilmoth, RN, MSN; Deputy Executive Director for Education
Patricia Dewey, RN, BSN; Discipline Executive Director
Lakisha Goode, Discipline Team Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General
Marie Whisenand, Court Reporter, Farnsworth and Taylor Reporting, LLC

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

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Octavia Briana-Alexis Williams, CNA, RMA** 1401-177194
0031-011557
Ms. Williams did not appear.

Mandy Wilson, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Maire Whisenand, court reporter, Farnsworth and Taylor Reporting, LLC, recorded the proceedings.

Stephen Shirley, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, and Cynthia Viera, LPN were present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Crawford Brown moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 11:38 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Octavia Briana-Alexis Williams**. Additionally, Ms. Crawford Brown moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Wilmoth, Ms. Dewey, Ms. Goode and Ms. Mitchell 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 12:09 P.M.

Dr. Dorsey 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 and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Dorsey moved that the Board of Nursing dismiss cases against **Octavia Briana-Alexis Williams**. The motion was seconded by Dr. Smith and passed with five votes in favor of the motion. Ms. Friedenbergh 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 12:05 P.M.

RECONVENED: The board reconvened at 1:04 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Yvette Patrice Bridges, RMA** **0031-011557**

Ms. Bridges did not appear.

Mandy Wilson Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Marie Whisenand, court reporter, Farnsworth and Taylor Reporting, LLC, recorded the proceedings.

Shawn Ledger, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, Teri Yount, RMA, Reuben Canty, LPN and Nancy Meece, LPN were present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Crawford Brown moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 2:32 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Yvette Patrice Bridges**. Additionally, Ms. Crawford Brown moved that

Dr. Hills, Ms. Wilmoth, Ms. Dewey, Ms. Goode and Ms. Mitchell 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 2:45 P.M.

Ms. Crawford Brown 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.

Ms. Bridges joined the hearing at 2:45 pm. Ms. Bridges testified.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Crawford Brown moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 3:18 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Yvette Patrice Bridges**. Additionally, Ms. Crawford Brown moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Wilmoth, Ms. Dewey, Ms. Goode and Ms. Mitchell 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 3:58 P.M.

Ms. Crawford Brown 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:

Dr. Dorsey moved that the Board of Nursing indefinitely suspend the registration of **Yvette Patrice Bridges** to practice as medication aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia for a period of not less than two years. The motion was seconded by Dr. Smith with five votes in favor of the motion. Ms. Phelps opposed the motion.

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ADJOURNMENT: The Board Adjourned at 3:59 P.M.

Robin Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP
Deputy Executive Director