

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
PANEL A
May 24, 2023**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:26 A.M., on May 24, 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
Felisa A. Smith, PhD, MSA, RN, CNE; Second Vice-President
Margaret J. Friedenberg, Citizen Member
Dixie L. McElfresh, LPN
Meenakshi Shah, BA, RN

STAFF PRESENT: Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE; Deputy Executive Director
Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice
Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk, Senior Nursing Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura A. Booberg, Assistant Attorney General

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

FORMAL HEARING: **Michael Allen Slaydon, RN Reinstatement Applicant 0001-170269**

Mr. Slaydon appeared.

David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Joshua Delauter, court reporter with Court Reporting Services, recorded the proceedings.

Gary Bailey, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division was present and testified.

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

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 10:45 A.M

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Smith moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 11:04 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Michael Allen Slaydon**. Additionally, Dr. Smith moved that Ms. Douglas, Dr. Hills, 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 Ms. Shah and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 11:32 A.M.

Dr. Smith 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: Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing deny the application of **Michael Allen Slaydon** for reinstatement of his license to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia and continue on indefinite suspension. The motion was seconded by Ms. Friedenber 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 HEARING: **Melanie Dooley Ausburne, LPN Reinstatement Applicant**
0002-079692

Ms. Ausburne appeared.

Michael Parsons, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Joshua Delauter, court reporter with Court Reporting Services, recorded the proceedings

Beatrice Shaw, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

RECESS: The Board recesses at 12:46 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 12:50 P.M

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Smith moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 1:07 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Melanie Dooley Ausburne**. Additionally, Dr Smith moved that Ms. Douglas, Dr. Hills, 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 Ms. Shah and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 1:35 P.M.

Dr. Smith 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: Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing approve the application of **Melanie Dooley Ausburne** for reinstatement of her license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. 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 1:36 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 2:11 P.M.

FORMAL HEARING: **Melynda Hope Clark, RN Reinstatement Applicant** **0001-225345**

Ms. Clark appeared.

Melissa Gray, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Joshua Delauter, court reporter with Court Reporting Services, recorded the proceedings.

Marissa Snyder, Senior investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Smith moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(16) of the Code of Virginia at 2:50 P.M., for the purpose of medical record review of **Melynda Hope Clark**. Additionally, Dr. Smith moved that Ms. Douglas, Dr. Hills, 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 Ms. Shah and carried unanimously

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 3:26 P.M.

Dr. Smith 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: Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing approve the application of **Melynda Hope Clark** for reinstatement to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia and indefinitely suspend her license with the suspension contingent upon entry into and compliance with the Virginia 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.

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