

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
Panel B
November 15, 2023

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:02 A.M., on November 15, 2023, in Board Room 1, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

A. Tucker Gleason, PhD, Citizen Member; **First Vice President**
Laurie Buchwald, MSN, WHNP, FNP
Carol Cartte, RN, BSN
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member
Shantell Kinchen, LPN
Meenakshi Shah, BA, RN

STAFF PRESENT:

Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE; Executive Director
Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for
Advanced Practice
Breana Wilkins, Administrative Support Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

ESTABLISHMENT
OF A PANEL:

With six members of the Board present, a panel was established.

FORMAL HEARINGS:

Jonathan Lee Davis, RN Reinstatement Applicant 0001-266292

Mr. Davis appeared and was represented by Eileen Talamante and Brian Vieth, his legal counsel.

Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Rutkowski was legal counsel for the Board. Mona Brooks, court reporter with Veteran Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Gary Bailey, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, and Parke Slater, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, were present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Kinchen moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 11:40 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Jonathan Lee Davis**. Additionally, Ms. Kinchen moved that Ms. Douglas, Dr.

Hills, Ms. Wilkins and Mr. Rutkowski, 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. Buchwald and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 12:45 P.M.

Ms. Kinchen 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. Buchwald and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing approve the reinstatement of the license of **Jonathan Lee Davis** to practice as a professional nurse valid in the Commonwealth of Virginia only. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kinchen 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 12:45 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 1:26 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Boyblue Turkasua, CNA** **1401-177265**

Mr. Turkasua appeared accompanied by his mother, Beatrice Kocsis.

Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Rutkowski was legal counsel for the Board. Mona Brooks, court reporter with Veteran Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Maria Josen, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division; Erikka Hallback, Nursing Home Administrator (NHA); and Johnathan Terrell, NHA, were present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Kinchen moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 2:11 P.M., for

the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Boyblue Turkasua**. Additionally, Ms. Kinchen moved that Ms. Douglas, Dr. Hills, Ms. Wilkins, and Mr. Rutkowski, 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. Buchwald and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 2:28 P.M.

Ms. Kinchen 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. Buchwald and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Buchwald moved that the Board of Nursing revoke the nurse aide certification of **Boyblue Turkasua** with a finding of abuse. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cartte 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 2:29 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 4:42 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Kristin Hope Rhody, LPN** **0002-078966**

Ms. Rhody did not appear.

Christine Andreoli, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Rutkowski was legal counsel for the Board. Mona Brooks, court reporter with Veteran Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Teresa Turner, RN, Administrator at Pulaski Health and Rehab; Christina Collins, RN, Director of Nursing, Pulaski Health and Rehab; and Carole Steele, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, were present and testified. Paula A. Linkous, Corporal with Pulaski Police Department, testified via telephone.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Kinchen moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 4:00 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Kristin Hope Rhody**. Additionally, Ms. Kinchen moved that, Ms. Douglas, Dr. Hills, Ms. Wilkins and Mr. Rutkowski, 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. Buchwald and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 4:25 P.M.

Ms. Kinchen 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: Ms. Cartte moved that the Board of Nursing indefinitely suspend the license of **Kristin Hope Rhody** to practice as a practical nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia for a period of not less than two years. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buchwald 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 4:26 P.M.

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