

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
Monday January 22, 2024

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:16 A.M., on January 22, 2024, in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:

Ann T. Gleason, PhD, Citizen Member; **First Vice-President**
Carol Cartte, RN, BSN
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member
Shantell Kinchen, LPN
Robert Scott, RN
Meenakshi Shah, BA, RN

STAFF PRESENT:

Robin Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP, Deputy Executive Director
Lelia Claire Morris, RN, LNHA; Deputy Executive Director
Lakisha Goode, Discipline Team Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Laura A. Booberg, Assistant Attorney General
Students from Randolph Macon College

ESTABLISHMENT
OF A PANEL:

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

FORMAL HEARINGS:

Angel Owens, RMA, CNA **0031-01356, 1401-157911**

Ms. Owens appeared.

David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Suzy Gearing, court reporter with Veteran Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Megan Wingate, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Scott moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 10:18 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Angel Owens**. Additionally, Mr. Scott moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Morris, Ms. Goode 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 11:05 A.M.

Mr. Scott 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 issue an order of reprimand to **Angel Owens** and impose terms on her privilege to practice as a certified nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia and dismiss the case against the medication aide registration. 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 11:06 A.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 11:20 A.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Henry Edward Easton, Jr., RMA** **0031-012746**

Mr. Easton appeared.

Melissa Gray, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Suzy Gearing, court reporter with Veteran Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Jay Paff, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified. Lois Beale, PCA, testified via telephone.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Scott moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 12:27 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Henry Edward Easton**. Additionally, Mr. Scott moved that Dr. Hills, Ms.

Morris, Ms. Goode and Ms. Booberg 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 1:02 P.M.

Mr. Scott 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. Kinchen and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing issue an order of reprimand to **Henry Edward Easton, Jr.** and impose terms on his privilege to practice as a medication aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. 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 1:03 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 1:43 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Hannah West, CNA** **1401-180200**

Ms. West appeared.

Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Suzy Gearing, court reporter with Veteran Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Kimberly Martin, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, Jonny Galbraith, LPN and Nancy McLain, RN 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 2:32 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Hannah**

West. Additionally, Ms. Kinchen moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Morris, Ms. Goode and Ms. Booberg 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. Cartte and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened in open session at 3:40 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 Mr. Scott and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing issue an order of reprimand to **Hannah West** and impose terms on her privilege to practice as a certified nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cartte and passed with 5 votes in favor of the motion. Ms. Kinchen 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.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 3:42 P.M.

Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP
Deputy Executive Director